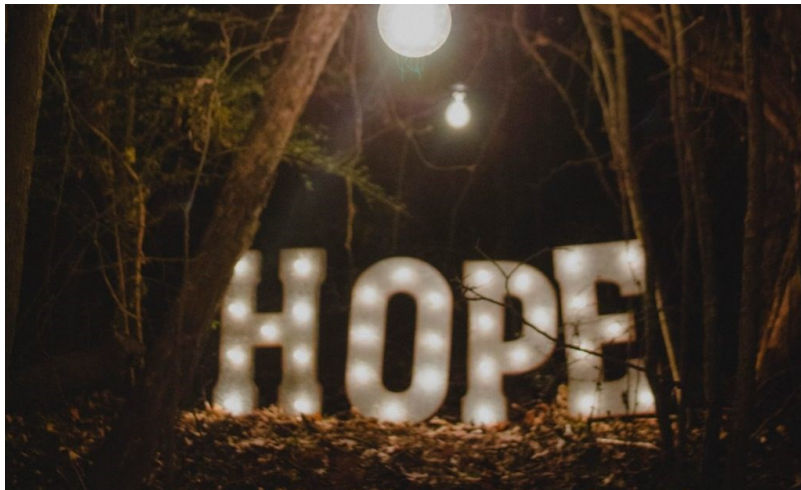




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# DECEMBER 2023



## PASTOR'S NOTES



*I appeal to you therefore, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. –Romans 12:1 (esv)*

Have you finished all your Christmas shopping yet? Some get it done early, while others are last minute. Some folks search year for that perfect gift; others wait for the right thing to pop up. Regardless of how you do it, Christmas gifts are an integral part of the celebration, ever since the wise men first brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the child born King of the Jews. This year, how about taking these weeks of Advent to do a different kind of Christmas shopping; how about searching your heart and the scriptures for the perfect gift to bring to your King, the resurrected Jesus? The verse above suggests that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, the scripture portions below provide some areas of our lives that might make a perfect gift...there is something for everyone! The list might to help you find the perfect Christmas gift Jesus might be hoping for from you this year (you may want to read their verse's context, too):

**Your speech:** *Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up... that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29*

**Your attitude:** *Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 1 Peter 4:9*

**Your relationships:** *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another... Ephesians 4:32*

**Your witness:** *...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem...and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8b*

**Your pride:** *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18*

**Your giving:** *Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:6-7*

**Your prayers:** *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.. 1 Thess 5:16-18*

**Your sin:** *...make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Romans 13:14*

**Your focus:** *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Phil 2:4*

**Your joyfulness:** *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of*

various kinds, James 1:2

**Your application:** *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ...James 1:22*

**Your humility:** *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ...Psalm 51:17*

**Your enemies:** *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ... Matthew 5:44*

**Your gratitude:** *giving thanks always and for everything to God... Ephesians 5:20*

**Your compassion:** *Is not this the fast that I choose...to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him...Isaiah 5:6-7*

**Your tone:** *Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ...Philippians 2:14*

**Your gifts:** *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards... 1 Peter 4:10*

**Your support:** *...pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored... 2 Thessalonians. 3:1*

**Your church involvement:** *...stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together....encouraging one another ...Hebrews 10:24-25*

**Your love:** *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ...1 Corinthians. 13:4-7*

If you have soul-searched well, I'm sure the Lord will be pleased with the gift you bring.



**Let's Dine Out!**  
**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP**  
*Join Us as We Head to Omaha*  
 Saturday | December 2<sup>nd</sup> | Van Leaves @ 5pm  
 RSVP by calling the office 402-721-1265

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 For  
 unto  
 you is  
 born this  
 day in the  
 city of David  
 a Savior which  
 is Christ the Lord  
 Luke  
 2:11



## Senior Residential/ Homebound



### **NYE SQUARE APTS**

650 W 21st St. Fremont 402-721-9224

Dalton Benson 402-721-7717

Joan Sorensen 402-830-6519

#126

#178

### **SHALIMAR GARDENS**

749 E. 29th St. Fremont, 402-721-1616

Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046)

#207

### **Edgewood Vista**

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Mary Ann Paulger

#7

### **NYE SQUARE**

655 W 23rd St. Fremont 402-721-9224

Esther and Leonard Bechtel

#601

### **Joyce Jokumsen**

1731 Oxford Circle, Derby, KS 67307

### **December Bible Puzzle**

We are recognizing the roles of angels for Advent. In keeping with that theme, how many different people did the angel Gabriel appear to in the Bible, and who were they? Bonus question: what other angels are mentioned by name in the Bible?



### **December People Puzzle**

In our church family this month we offer an individual that loves to fish who has ridden a bicycle along Nebraska's Cowboy Trail.

### **November Bible Puzzles Answers**

The first record of someone actually giving thanks to God in the Bible is found in 1 Chronicles 16:4-7, associated with the arrival of the ark in Jerusalem. The last record of giving thanks to God is found, of course, in Revelation where, in 11:16-17 the 24 elders around the throne offer thanks at the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet.

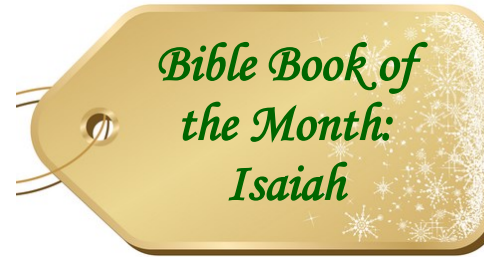
According to the Bible are we supposed to give thanks FOR, IN, or ABOUT all things? Well, it is a mixed answer. First, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 instructs us to give thanks IN all things...with the Greek word translated as "in" meaning the very location or situation we are "in." However, when you come to Ephesians 5:20, we are told to give thanks FOR all things, using a different preposition in Greek which has the sense of "concerning" all things...so about all things isn't a far stretch either. Bottom line, make giving thanks the rule of your life, not the exception! (We can give thanks "for" all things. Even evil things *because* as God used the awful cross of Christ for incredible good, he promises to do the same with us.

### **November People Puzzle Answer**



It was Mary Lamberty who celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday at the LA Zoo with her friends and she was the only one brave enough to ride an elephant! Seems like just yesterday!

| Birthdays         | Phone        | Date | Anniversary              | Phone        |
|-------------------|--------------|------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Kathy Mackey      | 402-727-4367 | 1    |                          |              |
| Tom Peterson      | 402-719-5408 | 2    |                          |              |
| Harlan Waugh      | 402-753-8046 | 3    |                          |              |
| Larry Hill        | 402-727-5171 | 4    |                          |              |
| Emily Schollmeyer | 402-677-2933 | 9    |                          |              |
|                   |              | 10   | Mike & Lynda Raasch      | 402-727-6854 |
| Shirley Angermund | 402-727-1937 | 12   |                          |              |
| Nick Raasch       |              | 12   |                          |              |
| Jerry Adams       | 402-720-4269 | 13   |                          |              |
|                   |              | 20   | Bryan & Kelly Regier     | 308-458-7907 |
| Vicki Anderson    | 402-727-0740 | 22   |                          |              |
| Marcia Hill       | 402-727-5171 | 23   |                          |              |
| Kelly Adams       | 402-720-4269 | 24   |                          |              |
| Ethan Peterson    |              | 25   |                          |              |
|                   |              | 29   | Don & Dorothy Charleston | 402-657-0171 |



December 7, 2023  
 ABWM @ 1:30  
 Hostess: All Circles

Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging's

Meals on Wheels



Please call 402-444-6539

If you are interested

**IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

**Helps us deliver:**

**Nutrition**

The Meals on Wheels program provides 650+ hot, balanced meals daily to homebound older adults.

**Support**

The program allows older adults to stay safely in their own home.

**Security**

Meals on Wheels not only delivers a meal to our participants, but the program is also set up as a safety net for individuals that do not answer the door.

**A Smile**

For some of our participants, we are the only face they see that day. Help spread a smile in our community!

The Meals on Wheels program is looking for individuals as well as businesses to help us deliver a nutritious meal to our community's older individuals.



**We deliver Monday-Friday Deliveries start at 11am**

We are looking for regular volunteers to help Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as well as volunteers to be on our substitute list.

Volunteer 1-1 1/2 hours of your time to help us deliver a meal.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A POINSETTIA PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW BEFORE DEC. 8TH**

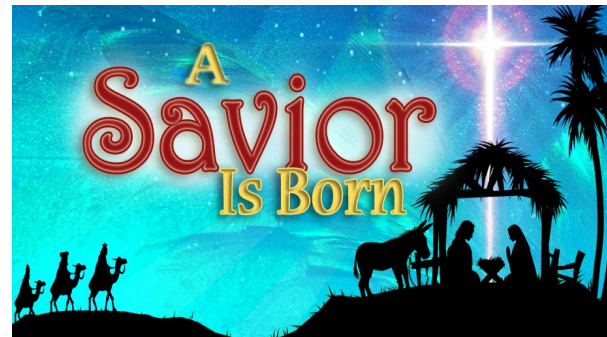


Monthly Meetings

December 11 - Esther Circle - 11:00 a.m.

December 12 - Hannah Circle - 11:30 p.m.

December 28 - Naomi Circle - 12:30 p.m.



American Baptist  
**Women's**  
 MINISTRIES

## VISION TEAM MEETING: November 11, 2023



The meeting was attended by Pastor Richard, Marcia Hill, Mary Weldon, Marilyn Pueppke, Eileen Cash, Betty Laughlin, Randy Cash, Joel Foreman, Mike Raasch, John Mitchell and Dorothy Charleston.

Mike opened with a devotion from The Book of Psalms(1:37) entitled “Looking ahead” followed by prayer. The meeting today will focus on the Budget for 2024.

Sasha began with an explanation of obtaining grants. Applications are due by January 2. Coats and tennis shoes for Linden school, and testing treats will be requested along with transportation for weekly meals at the church for 40 to 50 people at a cost of \$80 to \$100. A “mission statement “ will be needed. ‘Build, Love, Grow, and Serve’ was suggested. This will be discussed for a vote on December 9.

Outreach to Linden School includes winter clothes, coats, hats, and especially gloves. Canned fruit and vegetables are also to be gathered.

The 2024 budget was discussed. Worship Team expenses were increased \$250. Discipleship increase was \$500. Events Team increase (\$600 for budget and Stewardship, Grandparents Day - \$250, Holiday Gifts - \$200 ). Office Supplies and maintenance -increase \$200 to \$7,000. Sabbatical cut from \$5,000 to \$500 from Endowment.

Randy reported the bank balance at the end of October was \$51,906.43. Memorial Fund \$15,784.18 Buildings account \$12,189.52.

The Youth will have a lock- in on the 18th of November. The combined Musical service at 10:00 followed by the Harvest Dinner will be the 19th.

There being no further business, Mike closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Charleston, clerk



**ANNUAL REPORT**

Time to start thinking about the Annual Report.

Please get your report to Amity as soon as you have it ready! Thank you



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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Day 1: James 1:17             | Day 17: Psalm 68:9-11         |
| Day 2: Luke 11:9-13           | Day 18: Psalm 68:19-21        |
| Day 3: John 4:7-10            | Day 19: Matthew 5:23-24       |
| Day 4: John 4:11-15           | Day 20: 1 Corinthians 16:1-3  |
| Day 5: 1 Samuel 1:17          | Day 21: Hebrews 11:24         |
| Day 6: Romans 5:15-16         | Day 22: 1 Timothy 6:6-8       |
| Day 7: Romans 6:23            | Day 23: 1 Timothy 6:17-19     |
| Day 8: Psalm 76:11            | Day 24: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 |
| Day 9: 2 Corinthians 9:6-9    | Day 25: Jeremiah 33:6         |
| Day 10: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 | Day 26: 1 Peter 1:18-19       |
| Day 11: Ephesians 2:4-7       | Day 27: Hebrews 9:15          |
| Day 12: Ephesians 2:8-10      | Day 28: Matthew 5:11-12       |
| Day 13: Ecclesiastes 5:19     | Day 29: Matthew 6:38          |
| Day 14: John 3:16             | Day 30: 1 Timothy 3:15-16     |
| Day 15: Revelation 2:10       | Day 31: Romans 5:8-11         |
| Day 16: Psalm 68:3-6          |                               |

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.  
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*



# FBYouth

## LOCK-IN



You may remember that last year FBYouth headed to Benson First Baptist for a youth lock-in. This year FBC had the blessing of hosting it right here at home! The kids and volunteers seen in the picture were **LOCKED IN** to Play Games, have a Bible Lesson, Eat Pizza, Snacks and Drink Soda until the sun came up. My son Asa told me about all the FUN they had playing Hide and Seek in the dark, and roaming around such a big church. I am so thankful to witness the building of these relationships and further witnessing the growing kingdom of God. Thank you to everyone involved who helped make this such a special and memorable event. Amity Bruce - Ministry Assistant

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. – Isaiah 7:14*



FBC Fremont 🌲 Family Christmas, Event

# "Follow the Star"

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 6, 2023 - DINNER 6:00 - ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 6:45

Bring your family and walk through the story of the Nativity with interactive activities and a community service project. The evening begins with a dinner of chili and cinnamon rolls, enjoy a variety of family activities and finish with Christmas Caroling.



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**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. –Isaiah 9:6**

*What is your best Christmas Memory? Why?*

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# DECEMBER 2023

*It's always a good idea to verify times and places,  
Thanks!*

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among  
those with whom he is pleased!" – Luke 2:13-14*

| SUN  | MON  | TUE   | WED   | THU  | FRI  | SAT   |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|
|  |  |   |   |  | 1<br>9am - Men's Coffee  | 2<br>7am - ABM Bible Study<br>8am - ABM Breakfast<br>9am - Property Team<br>10:30am - Prayer Room w/<br>Pastor Richard<br>5pm - Fun & Fellowship<br>Dine Out in Omaha |
| 3<br>9:30am - Traditional Service<br>11am - Casual Service   | 4<br>9am - Men's Coffee<br><br>7pm - Woodcarvers   | 5<br><br>7pm - AA Meeting                                 | 6<br>9:30am - Women's Coffee<br><br>6pm - Christmas Family<br>Event "Follow the Star" | 7<br>1:30pm - ABWM Meeting                                 | 8<br>9am - Men's Coffee<br><br><b>Get your Poinsettia<br/>Order in</b> | 9<br>8:50am - Personnel Team<br>9:30am - Vision Team<br>11am - Prayer Tour  |
| 10<br>9:30am - Traditional Service<br>11am - Casual Service<br>6pm - Brown Bag Fellowship<br>6:30 pm - Movie Starts<br><br><b>★MOVIE NIGHT★</b><br>Admit One | 11<br>9am - Men's Coffee<br>11am - Esther Circle   | 12<br><br>11:30am - Hannah Circle<br><br>7pm - AA Meeting | 13<br>9:30am - Women's Coffee<br><br>NO FBKids   FBYouth                              | 14<br>2:30pm - Pastor Led Bible<br>Study - Fellowship Hall | 15<br>9am - Men's Coffee   | 16  |
| 17<br>9:30am - Traditional Service<br><b>Business Meeting<br/>Between Services</b><br>11am - Casual Service  | 18<br>9am - Men's Coffee<br><br>7pm - Woodcarvers  | 19<br><br>7pm - AA Meeting                                | 20<br>9:30am - Women's Coffee<br><br>NO FBKids   FBYouth                              | 21   | 22<br>9am - Men's Coffee   | 23  |
| 24 10am Combined Service<br>main Sanctuary<br>6pm - Christmas Eve Service<br><hr/> 31 10am Combined Service<br>in Family Center                              | 25 Office Closed<br><br> | 26<br><br>7pm - AA Meeting                                | 27<br>9:30am - Women's Coffee<br><br>NO FBKids   FBYouth                              | 28<br>12:30pm - Naomi Circle                               | 29<br>9am - Men's Coffee   | 30<br>NO ABW Bible Study  |

**Cookies and Coffee**  
3 - Naomi Circle  
10 - ABM  
17 - Hannah  
24 - Esther  
31 - Naomi

**Movie Night  
December 10th**  
  
**6pm Brown Bag  
Fellowship**  
  
**6:30 Movie**