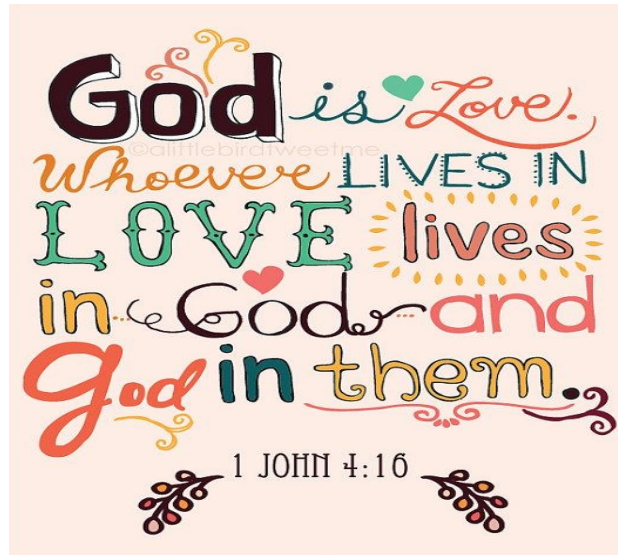




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FEBRUARY 2021

But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?" Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. -Isaiah 49:14-16

It is hard to believe that we are quickly coming to the point that it has been almost a year since the pandemic started and our worship services first closed down. Now, after all these months, there are still many of you who have not yet attended worship again, choosing a more cautious path for personal health reasons during this pandemic. Perhaps, as you have spent so much time at home, maybe even suffering a bad case of "cabin fever", you have had days when you have felt forgotten.

Throughout the year last year, the leadership serving on the Vision Team sought to find tangible ways to make sure that each of you knows that you are not forgotten by your church. More than once we have heard how much it meant to be remembered. I would like to join the many of you who have expressed appreciation for those who have done so much to let our congregation know they are not forgotten, even during a time of isolation.

More importantly, it is important to be reminded that even if nobody else notices, God never forgets you. This month's passage makes clear how important we are to Him. We are engraved on the palms of His hands. He is more mindful of us than a new mother is of her baby. We are never out of His sight. God is never more than a breath away. God will not, does not, indeed cannot forget YOU!

Now God can forget because he chooses to forget in certain instances. This passage in Jeremiah (quoted also in Hebrews) tells us exactly what it is God forgets:

And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."
 --Jeremiah 31:34



I think God forgets our sins better than we do, because all too often we carry around a load of guilt and regret over past sins and mistakes. But do you realize that once God has forgiven you, He doesn't remember them against you? Imagine going before God and praying, "God, I know you forgave me, but I still feel badly about that time I let you down, and hurt others, with my sin. Then God would reply, "I don't know what you are talking about. I don't remember you letting me down, you are hurting others, your sinning. I have forgotten them, and I refuse to remember them!"

I am grateful for God's forgetfulness, but I am just as grateful for his promise to NOT forget me, to NOT forget you. Could I offer you a little challenge for the month of February? Let's review one more scripture:

Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. – 1 Corinthians 11:2

If you are one of the people who have felt isolated and been cheered by the little things the Vision Team and their helpers have done to make sure you know you are not forgotten, then could I make a suggestion to you? Paul was on the flip side of the situation, he asked the churches to remember HIM, their leader, their founder, their teacher! If you are isolating there at home, perhaps there are some others in the church or community who need to know that THEY are not forgotten as well. Not just the others who are isolated, but even the people who are out and about some, who attend worship and see one another. Those people miss seeing YOU and might be thrilled to know that YOU have not forgotten THEM either! Find a way to let someone know you are thinking of them, even while you are living in isolation. Make that phone call, send that text, mail that letter, post a note on Facebook.... you know how important it feels to not be forgotten; give someone else that same feeling. **Use the card provided with this delivery to mail to one of those people.**

Remembering you all,



February Bible Puzzle:

In the Garden of Eden, God told Adam and Eve they could eat of all of the fruit of the plants in the Garden. Moses gave laws about which meat was clean and which unclean, as the Israelites ate their meat. When did God include meat as an appropriate food for people?

February Peoples Puzzle:

This member recalls visiting grandmother every summer down in Grove Springs, Missouri, where he/she enjoyed the luxuries of an outhouse and pumping for water.

(Answers provided next month)

January Answers

Bible Puzzle

What famous explorer later claimed to have visited the tombs of these wise men?

Marco Polo records visiting the tombs in his The Travels. If you want to read it, in the Penguin version it is found on pp 58-60. We have some copies of the relevant section at the church as well if you want to see one there.


Peoples Puzzle


This church member, though suffering a concussion in a car accident with his/her spouse, proceeded to care for that spouse for over a year while the spouse was in a body cast, while also keeping the household running and caring for the children, leaning on God for the needed strength.


Geneva (Genny) Peterson

Saint Valentine: Who Was He?

Saint Valentine was a priest near Rome in about the year 270 A.D. At that time the Roman Emperor was imprisoning Christians for not worshipping the Roman gods.

During this persecution Valentine was arrested. Some write that he was arrested because he was performing Christian marriages, but others say it was for helping Christians escape prison. 

During the trial they asked Valentine what he thought of the Roman gods Jupiter and Mercury. Valentine said they were false gods and that the God whom Jesus called father was the only true God. So the Romans threw him in prison for insulting the gods. 

While in prison, Valentine continued to minister. He witnessed to the guards. One of the guards was a good man who had adopted a blind girl. He asked Valentine if his God could help his daughter. Valentine prayed and the girl was given her sight. The guard and his whole family, 46 people, believed in Jesus and were baptized. Because these people had come to know Jesus, Valentine praised God right there in his prison cell. When the emperor heard about this, he was furious that Valentine was still making converts even in prison, so he had Valentine beheaded. 

Valentine knew that he might get caught in his Christian activities. He knew that if he told the court the truth about the Roman gods that he would be thrown in prison, And he knew that if he continued to witness of Christ in the prison he would make his captors angry. But he continued, because he loved the Lord and his fellow humans. He was willing to risk his life to free the prisoners and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who needed to hear it.

Dear Church Member,

Don't wait until the hearse hauls you to church.

If you do, you will go regardless of the weather. There will be beautiful flowers there, but you won't enjoy them. The Pastor may say good things about you, but you won't be able to hear them. There will be beautiful music, but you won't be enjoying it. There will be heartfelt prayers, but they will not touch your heart. There will be friends and relatives there, but you won't get to worship with them. You will go no matter how many hypocrites are there. You will go no matter how much you are needed at home. You won't be concerned about the weather, you're dressed right. After the final trip you will never have to decide whether to attend church or not. You'll never get another chance. Aren't you glad to be alive and well and have the choice of whether or not to go to church?

Newspaper article submitted by Jill Pochop

If you know of someone in our church family whose name should be on this birthday and/or anniversary list and it is not, please call the office at 402-721-1265 to let us know.

Birthdays	Phone	Date	Anniversary	Phone
Marilyn Pueppke	402-721-0714	2	♡	
Ron Hornberger	701-852-5244	3		
Eileen Cash	402-721-6418	4		
Taylor Mittura		4		
Jill Pochop	402-727-1295	6	Ron & Beryl Hornberger	701-852-5244
Shelly Bowen	402-720-4559	10		
June Cardwell	402-478-4593	15		
Arienne Summers ♡		18	♡	
Lori Smith	402-727-6561	18		
		19	Jerry & Robin Liesche	402-753-1024
Trudy Reiss	308-258-1533	24		



February 4, 2021
 ABWM @ 1:30
 FBC Parlor
 Hostess: Esther

American Baptist
Women's
 MINISTRIES



NO CIRCLE MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY



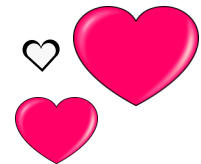
I have loved you with an everlasting love

-Jeremiah 31:3esv

Senior Residential/ Homebound

<u>NYE POINTE</u>	
2700 Laverna St.	402-727-4900
Sharlene Wilkinson	# 203
<u>NYE LEGACY</u>	
3210 N Clarkson St.	402-721-9300
Margie Poole	#113
<u>NYE SQUARE APTS</u>	
650 W 21st St.	402-721-9224
Vivian Meyer	402-753-4229 #150
Dalton Benson	402-721-7717 #126
Charlie Wild	402-721-2158 #130
Wes Howe	402-721-4163 #133
Dick & Bev Holmen	402-721-9123 #176
Joan Sorenson	402-830-6519 #178

<u>NYE COURT</u>	
652 W 21st St	402-721-9224
Genny Peterson	#213
<u>SHALIMAR GARDENS</u>	
749 E. 29th St.	402-721-1616
Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046)	#207
<u>PROVIDENCE PLACE 749 E 32nd</u>	
Dona Laten	#11
<u>AT HOME</u>	
Leola Armstrong	402-719-3278
501 N 13st #103	
Fort Calhoun NE 68023	



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

-John 3:16 esv



FBC ANNUAL MEETING:

January 24, 2021

Following a combined Worship at 10:00, a congregational meeting was called by Pastor Crooks.

Mike Raasch opened the meeting with his usual humor. The Vision format trial was first to be discussed. A motion was made by Shelly Bowen to continue using the format. Second was made by Marcia Hill. A voice vote was unanimous to approve for 2021.

Page 4 in the Annual Report Lists the roster of elected offices. Mary Weldon made a motion to accept the roster. It was seconded by Mary Lamberty. Motion carried.

A question about the Staff Relations Committee was asked. Mike reported the Personnel team replaced the Staff Relations Committee and the Personnel Team members are Shelly Bowen, Joel Foreman, Marcia Hill, Mike Raasch, and Mary Weldon. He also reported they interviewed and selected Amity Bruce for our Ministry Associate. Their report is on page 12 of the Annual Report booklet.

The 2021 budget was voted upon and approved by the Vision Team on December 12. Pledges will not be taken this year.

All committee reports can be seen in the Annual Report.

Pastor reported we can do some help with the schools—wrapped snacks and coats and gloves if allowed by the schools.. He thanked all those who helped with outreach activities.

There being no other reports, Mike closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Charleston, clerk



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EVERY ACT OF



Giving



For those that like to keep current with missions

We will be receiving the America for Christ offering in March.



OF Worship



♥ A few short months ago Pastor Richard Crooks challenged the FBC Congregation to adopt a cabin, at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center, to raise money for a cabin remodel. The cost was not cheap... \$15,000 to be exact. We gathered in prayer, and asked God to provide a way to make this happen. Wouldn't you know our prayers were answered!!!! On January 24, 2021 we were able to present a check to Caleb Cornelius of MMCCC, in the amount of \$16,445, that more than covered the renovation and also gave a little extra towards the remodel of another cabin. We are so fortunate to have such a giving church family. Thank you!! ♥



2021

Date January 24, 2021

Pay to the order of Moses Merrill \$ 16,445.00

Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred & Forty-Five Dollars

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If you're interested in reservations or have questions about Moses Merrill, please email us: contact@campmerrill.com



February

The Love of God

- Day 1 – John 3:16-17
- Day 2 – Romans 5:8
- Day 3 – 1 John 4:7-8
- Day 4 – Romans 8:35-39
- Day 5 – Zephaniah 3:17
- Day 6 – Galatians 2:20
- Day 7 – 1 John 4:16-19
- Day 8 – 1 John 3:1
- Day 9 – Jeremiah 31:3
- Day 10 – Ephesians 2:4-5
- Day 11 – 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Day 12 – John 15:13
- Day 13 – Ephesians 3:14-19
- Day 14 – Psalm 86:15
- Day 15 – Isaiah 54:10
- Day 16 – Psalm 136
- Day 17 – Romans 5:5
- Day 18 – 1 John 4:9-11
- Day 19 – John 13:34-35
- Day 20 – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- Day 21 – Deuteronomy 7:9
- Day 22 – Isaiah 49:15-16
- Day 23 – John 15:9-11
- Day 24 – Lamentations 3:22-23
- Day 25 – Psalm 103:8-17
- Day 26 – Titus 3:4-5
- Day 27 – Luke 12:6-7
- Day 28 – Ephesians 1:3-6



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

February 2021

Van Driver

Bob Marsh

Video Ministry

**Alan & Shelly
Holzerland**

Prayer Emphasis

**Bring Our Nation
Together**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:30 Zoom Fellowship 6:30 Kids Club & FBY Groups 7:00 Bible Study	4	5	6
7 Communion 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service	8	10 7:00 Young Peoples AA	11 6:30 Kids Club & FBY Groups 7:00 Bible Study	12	13 10:00 Nye Bible Study	14 Valentine's Day 8:00 Property Team 9:10 Personnel Team 9:30 Vision Team 
15 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service	16	17 7:00 Young Peoples AA	18 5:30 Zoom Fellowship 6:30 Kids Club & FBY Groups 7:00 Bible Study	19	20	21
22 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service	23	24 7:00 Young Peoples AA	25 6:30 Kids Club & FBY Groups 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Sober & Crazy	26	27 10:00 Nye Bible Study	28

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
-1 Corinthians 13:4

