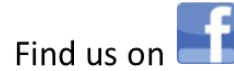




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God,  
 Bless all the fathers in the world.  
 Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.  
 Amen



June 2021



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Fremont, NE

## Pastor's Notes

*"Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable."  
 -1 Corinthians 9:25 (ESV)*



As warmer weather moves in, have you noticed what I have noticed, sidewalks and streets filled with joggers and power-walkers and bicyclists, all out working hard to get (or keep) their bodies in shape? It is a big deal in our culture...perhaps more emphasized because so many jobs entail sitting dormant behind a desk for so long that the only time their bodies get any exercise at all is when they intentionally do these things. Gyms for people to work out in have become big, big business. Equipment for exercise at home is also a big business. Those of you who grew up or live on a farm know that to get exercise, all you have to do there is go out and take care of the farm and the livestock! But for city dwellers, it is a different matter.

If you add to that, the emphasis on eating healthy, you discover a whole other realm of big business, including health food stores, diet supplements, organic foods in groceries and more. Then turn to the world of sports and all the energy spent in practice and training to give the athlete peak performance status. In our culture, there are a great many people who prioritize their time, energy, and money on physical activities to keep their bodies trim, healthy, feeling good and looking good.

Others in our culture prioritize exercising their minds, again to make the most of what they have. Nationally, we have a priority on education, with schools anyone can attend and legal requirements for children to attend to a certain age. We have just come through the period of graduation, where we honor high school, college, graduate school and more. We recognize the importance of learning and exploring, and the ongoing adventure of discovering more about our world, about science, about the universe. Our cities have libraries and now, of course, online learning materials are widely available. We print crossword puzzles and word searches and other puzzles to keep our minds active, something strongly encouraged as people age.

Then there are still others who have pushed for the need to nourish our

emotions, to take time away to focus on inner peace and tranquility, to work through troubling memories and emotions, or time to listen to music or appreciate art as a way to nurture the self. There are workshops, museums, tranquility gardens, counselors, mood therapy methods, shiatsu massages...so much to help us in these ways.

All the above are considered important priorities in our culture. But I suspect if we could see people in the way God sees us, what we would see would be a nation full of people with strong bodies and filled with earthly knowledge who focus on healthy relationships with themselves and others, but whose eternal spiritual being is malnourished and deformed through neglect, inactivity, and misuse. Paul points out in 1 Corinthians that all these other things, which have become such priorities for folks today are, in fact, pursuing merely earthly goals, all of which will decay and perish over time. We are called to something more. I wonder what our churches would be like if people put as much time, money, and effort into their spiritual life with Christ as they do in all these earthly pursuits. It is so important that we not allow ourselves to be distracted by lesser things. As Jesus puts it--

*"For what does it benefit a person to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?" --Mark 8:36 (ESV)*

Don't neglect your spiritual discipline and growth!

*Richard*




**Pastor's Puzzle- June**

There is an odd word that occurs in the Bible, not really even translated. It is the word: "Selah". Where is it found, and what does it mean?

**People's Puzzle- June**

This church member, who has moved only 3 times in life, all within half a mile of each other, tells the story of sharing a bicycle ride with sister on their way to Vacation Bible School, one was pedaling and the other sitting on the seat....until the bag carrying their Bibles got caught in the wheel and flipped the bike over. This member can still show you the scar left from the fall.

 (Answers provided next month)

**May Pastor's Puzzle:**

Matthias was the apostle not personally appointed by Jesus in Acts 1:21-26; he was chosen through prayer before casting lots to decide between him and Joseph. The apostle Paul, while not appointed by Jesus during his earthly ministry, was given his apostleship via a vision of Jesus calling to him. (There were others who were listed as apostles as well, but not in the unique sense the term is used for the 12 and for Paul.)

**May People Puzzle:**

The member helpful with an elderly woman's mail was her mail carrier, Red Bechtel.




<i>Ron McKenzie</i>	<i>July 14, 2020</i>
<i>Milton Pochop</i>	<i>July 22, 2020</i>
<i>Betty Coates</i>	<i>Sept. 26, 2020</i>
<i>Bonnie Ranslem</i>	<i>Oct. 7, 2020</i>
<i>Marguerite Smith</i>	<i>Oct. 12, 2020</i>
<i>Colleen Wild</i>	<i>Oct. 30, 2020</i>
<i>Margie Poole</i>	<i>March 8, 2021</i>

**Our Friends Away from Home**

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<b>NYE COURT</b>		
652 W 21st St.	402-721-9224	
Genny Peterson		#213
<b>NYE SQUARE APTS</b>		
650 W 21st St. Fremont	402-721-9224	
Vivian Meyer	402-753-4229	#150
Dalton Benson	402-721-7717	#126
Wes Howe	402-721-4163	#133
Joan Sorensen	402-830-6519	#178
Charlie Wild	402-721-2158	#130
<b>PROVIDENCE PLACE 749 E 32nd</b>		
Dona Laten		#11
<b>SHALIMAR GARDENS</b>		
749 E. 29th St, Fremont,	402-721-1616	
Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046)		#219

"Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you shining stars!" Psalm 148:3



I want to thank everyone for the kind words, thoughts, and prayers. I have enjoyed working at First Baptist both for the daycare and the church. I appreciated the assistance when my family and I needed it. I will always remember FBC! Again, Thank You!! Dave Manzer 

**Calling ALL Prayer Warriors...FBC needs You!**

We will be restructuring our "Prayer Chain", and need your help. Whether your new to this program, have been wanting to join or have been involved for years, we encourage you to be part of this import ministry of intercession. All you have to do is pass the word and pray. Let the church office know by June 17th.



*"Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - 1 Thessalonians 17-18 esv*

Happy Birthday

& Anniversary



Celebrate!

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Nicole Schlueter  
Jerry Bales 402-724-0390

3 Larry & Marcia Hill 402-727-5171  
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9 Jerry & Kelly Adams 402-720-4269  
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10 Leland & Jean Foreman 402-721-1384  
11 Mark & Vicki Anderson 402-727-0740



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Lee Holzerland 402-720-9006  
Esther Bechtel 402-721-7260  
Leonard Bechtel 402-721-7260

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Welcome to FBC!!

Congratulations Tom & Melody Scott



Deakon Dale Scott

Congratulations to our 2021 Graduate **Rachel Adams**, from North Bend. She will be attending UNL in the fall to study Agriculture Education. She has received numerous scholarships that will cover her full tuition.

Her parents David and Ashley want to express their appreciation to FBC for all the support given to Rachel over the years.

Cards can be sent to:  
320 East 10th St  
North Bend, NE 68649



American Baptist  
Women's  
MINISTRIES

Bible Book of the Month:  
Numbers

ABWM  
Thursday | June 3  
@ 1:30



The LORD is GOD  
and He has made  
His LIGHT SHINE  
on us. -Psalm 118:27

Monthly Meetings

June 8 - @ 1:30  
Hannah Circle  
June 14 - @ 11:30  
Esther Circle  
June 24 - @ 12:30  
Naomi Circle



## Vision Team Meeting: May 8, 2021

Members present: Pastor Richard, Joel Foreman, Mary Weldon, Shelly Bowen, June Cardwell, Eileen Cash, Marcia Hill, Mary Lamberty, Randy Cash, Don Charleston, and Dorothy Charleston.

*Called to serve*

Pastor Richard opened the meeting with a devotion from Guideposts and prayer.

Randy reviewed the balance sheet for April the bank balance in the checking account was \$15,871.29 at the end of April. The Memorial Fund had \$30,000. Endowment was \$353,488.76. Youth Endowment was \$38,931.10 Both had increased. He reported the complex loan is being paid down a little each month and \$8500 is the current balance amount. The parking lot repair fund has reached \$4800. \$10,000 has been pledged. Cost for repair will be about \$40,000. Concrete and asphalt will be used. Bills paid this month were \$410 more than contributions. The windows bill for the Parsonage was \$2790. Installation is almost complete.

Don reported the roof leaks have been repaired and the painting of the ceilings will be completed. He said Fifth Season had to replace a sprinkler valve while installing the new sprinkler system. The cost will be about \$2200. He made a motion to have that taken from Memorial Fund. Second was made by Mary, and the vote carried Joel said ABMen had donated \$175 toward that bill.

Mert Olsen asked for the handrail payment to be taken from his wife's memorial.

Don and Amity set up an insurance folder file in the office. The insurance will be due August 1.

August 14 has been reserved for Lifeline Screening at the Family Center.

June reported the last night for Kids Club and FBY was May 5 with a BBQ. About 50 kids attended along with many volunteers. A big rainbow appeared revealing God's presence. Rachel Adams is the only senior known to be graduating. Scholarships were discussed. She thanked all those who helped make the evening successful.

The Midland students who attend the second service will be helping with VBS.

Personnel Team reported David Manzer has been given full disability from the military. He will not be coming back. Amity has been helping with cleaning.

Pastor Richard reported the people he calls on have all



# June

## BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

1. Psalm 47:1-9
2. 1 Peter 1:3-9
3. Romans 15:7-13
4. Nehemiah 8:5-10
5. John 16:17-24
6. Psalm 30:1-5
7. Hebrews 12:1-6
8. Psalm 4:1-8
9. Ecclesiastes 5:12-20
10. Isaiah 35:1-4
11. Jeremiah 15:10-16
12. Matthew 2:1-10
13. Psalm 51:7-12
14. Psalm 65:1-13
15. Habakkuk 3:12-19
16. John 15:5-11
17. Galatians 5:22-26
18. Psalm 92:1-8
19. Philippians 2:1-11
20. 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10
21. James 1:1-6
22. Jude 1:20-25
23. Psalm 84:1-7
24. Psalm 97:1-12
25. Ecclesiastes 2:22-26
26. Isaiah 29:13-19
27. Isaiah 35:5-10
28. Psalm 119:105-112
29. Ecclesiastes 8:12-17
30. Psalm 126:1-6
31. Isaiah 9:1-7

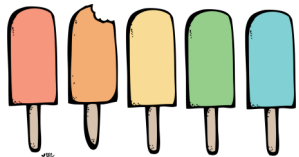




# Kids Club and FBY News!

The end of year BBQ was a blast!!!

Thanks to all that participated, donated, prayed, and volunteered.  
See you in the Fall!



expressed so much gratitude for the gift deliveries, phone calls, meals, and cards they have received.

Shelly inquired about the 5th Sunday movie night. Nothing was decided.

Pastor also passed around copies of the current Building Use Guidelines that need updated for our review and indicated we will be considering revisions in the near future.

Mission opportunities should be considered. The Biennial will be online the end of June, a change from Puerto Rico.

The regional Conference will be at our church next Fall.

The meeting was closed and ended with prayer by Mary Weldon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Charleston, Clerk

**LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY**

**SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.**

**-MATTHEW 5:16**



Dear First Baptist Friends,  
We want to let you know that June 30th we will be moving to Wesley Chapel, Florida. We have bought a house ten minutes from our daughter and her family and are looking forward to enjoying more time with them. After thirty-two years in Fremont, this is a bittersweet decision but the right one for us at this time in our lives. Steve will continue his business remotely, so we'll be back from time to time. Many thanks for your friendship, prayers, and support through all these years. We have great memories to take with us. God bless you as you continue to minister to the city of Fremont.

We will miss you.  
Love, Cindi and Steve Dodd

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# June 2021

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

Prayer Emphasis  
How to LEARN, LISTEN, and LIVE the GOSPEL.

Van Driver  
Mary Weldon  
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Video Ministry  
Bob Marsh

Cookies  
6th –Hannah  
13th - Esther  
20th - Naomi  
27th - Sign Up

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30 Zoom Fellowship 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm Sober & Crazy	<b>3</b> 1:30 ABWM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 ABM Bible Study 8:00 ABM Breakfast
<b>6</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Contemporary Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 Young People AA 	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm Sober & Crazy	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Nye Bible Study	<b>12</b> <b>MEETINGS</b> 8:00 Property Team 9:15 Personnel Team 9:30 Vision Team
Camp Moses Merrill						
<b>13</b> 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Contemporary Service  Select a Song Sunday: Congregations Choice	<b>14</b> 11:30 Esther Circle	<b>15</b> 1:30 Hannah Circle 7:00 Young People AA	<b>16</b> 5:30 Zoom Fellowship 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm Sober & Crazy	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Contemporary Service **Return any Baby Bottles you have for the Life Choice donation**  First Day of Summer	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 Young People AA	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm Sober & Crazy	<b>24</b> 12:30 Naomi Circle	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Nye Bible Study	<b>26</b> 
<b>27</b> 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Contemporary Service 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 Young People AA	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm Sober & Crazy	Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. -Psalm 33:20		

ABWM Women's Conference @ 