

First Baptist Church

Of Fremont

Build, Love, Grow, Serve

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For I can do everything through
Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

Dear Lord, You are my strength when
life gets tough. I put all my hope in you
today. I know all will be well because

you are with me.



June 2022



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Youth Pastor Interim Luke Chavanne | Fremont, NE

Pastor's Notes

A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed. –Prov 15:13

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.--Prov 25:11
But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! –Eccl 4:10



I have a lot of fun at the bank. I'm not sure the tellers do, but I do. Sometimes, when it is my turn at the teller's window, if it's a hot summer day I will suggest that they get their outside air conditioner fixed outside. Other times, I might ask if it is the day, they are having their "buy one get one free" sale. I always thought they were glad to see me go afterwards, or that there was a reason they all headed to the back when I drive up! One time I mentioned as much to one of the tellers, and she said to me, "No, we enjoy it when you come, it kind of brightens the day. We get a lot of people who aren't cheerful, so having a good laugh now and then gives us a little lift." (Probably a VERY little lift, given the source!)

If you were in our worship May 22, then you heard a couple of people share stories about times when they shared just a kind word of encouragement with someone who was upset, and the difference it made for that person, and my challenge was for us to find opportunities to do the same in the current climate of hostility in our society. It occurred to me afterwards that, as often is the case, I had made another of my silly notes on my offering envelope for that day, as I sometimes do. Nobody sees those but the individuals who do the counting, but it depends on who is counting on whether or not my little silliness makes any sense. I then thought, what if I not only right cheerful little notes on my offering envelope, but when I write or endorse checks, when I mail an envelope, when I pay a bill, or reply to an email. What if every time I communicated something in that fashion, I also wrote a little note on it as well (like God bless YOU today! or "There's a silver lining today if you look for it" or "God knows life is hard, he can help"..... something like that)? I don't have any idea how many people involved with check processing or delivering mail might see that little note. The same, of course, could be accomplished not only in my interactions with tellers, but with checkers at the store, custodians I bump into, receptionists at the hospital (like the ones I ask if they are "lobbyists") or the mail carriers (who are always pleased that I will split the Publisher's Clearinghouse check with them if they would just bring it by!).

One thing led to another, and as a result, I want to make a proclamation of challenge for our church. It seems to me we have had an awful lot of grey skies since the first of the year, with just a few of those wonderful sunny days with bright blue skies, and frankly, I'm getting pretty tired of them! So my challenge is, let's take this season and proclaim it the FBC "Be A Bright Spot" summer! Here is how it works:

Each morning, ask God to give you an opportunity to brighten someone's day, and then make a point to find someone...and if the day goes by and you don't happen to see someone, then call, text or Facebook message someone before you go to bed.

Each time you are writing something.... find someplace outside the message itself to include a little cheery note, a smiley face, or even a favorite scripture.

Especially pay watch for people you wouldn't ordinarily notice...like the man cleaning restrooms at the airport I saw recently and told how much I appreciate his work and how nice and clean the airport restrooms always are, especially compared to other airports I have been in. Maybe pick up the tab for a serviceman's meal without their knowing it or pay the for meal behind you at the drive through or leave a nice note on you bill along with the tip at the restaurant. Maybe pick some flowers and drop them by someone's home, or ask the telemarketer if there is anything you could pray for them. Wouldn't it be something if every one of us was known as a bright spot in our community, so that people are glad to see us coming? They might even ask us why we are so joyful, which of course is nothing more than God at work within us, right?

Let's all have a great summer. Find a way to **Be A Bright Spot** in someone's life each day!



Bible Puzzle- June

Since last month we looked at the blessing for Ruth and the answer mentioned a daughter, what was that daughter's name, and what was required for her suitor to get permission to marry her?

People's Puzzle- June

This church member met their future spouse in 7th grade while living in LaShara, but just as a friend. It wasn't until they happened to bump into each other at the fair in Scribner after high school that they began to "date"....sort of....the dates were usually going out to dinner with the male's parents. A year from that meeting, the two got married. Who is he/she (or both if you want)?

(Answers provided next month)

May Pastor's Puzzle:

In 1 Corinthians 15:6 Paul mentions that Jesus appeared to over 500 people at once....but we have no other record or details of the event beyond that verse. Kind of makes you wonder what happened, doesn't it? Maybe at the Ascension? Only God knows!

As for the blessing for mothers, look in Ruth 4:11, where the elders express hope that Ruth will become "like Rachel and Leah, who built up the house of Israel." (If she did, that would be 12 sons and at least 1 daughter!)

May People Puzzle:

The church member who has logged all those miles across the states and has an affinity with Jelly Belly jelly beans is Wayne Lamberty....who hauled many truckloads of the delicious little treats!

★ MEMORIAL DAY ★ REMEMBER AND HONOR

<i>Margie Poole</i>	<i>March 8, 2021</i>
<i>Vivian Meyer</i>	<i>June 17, 2021</i>
<i>Laura Cook</i>	<i>June 24, 2021</i>
<i>Sharlene Wilkinson</i>	<i>August 4, 2021</i>
<i>Marilyn Mitchell</i>	<i>September 8, 2021</i>
<i>Dona Laten</i>	<i>October 6, 2021</i>
<i>Bonnie Longe</i>	<i>October 13, 2021</i>
<i>Mark Bechtel</i>	<i>November 21, 2021</i>
<i>Leola Armstrong</i>	<i>December 11, 2021</i>
<i>Willis Pueppke</i>	<i>February 21, 2022</i>
<i>Rev. Richard Holmen</i>	<i>May 21, 2022</i>

Our Friends Away from Home

NYE SQUARE APTS

650 W 21st St. Fremont 402-721-9224
 Dalton Benson 402-721-7717 #126
 Wes Howe 402-721-4163 #133
 Charlie Wild 402-721-2158 #130
 Joan Sorensen 402-830-6519 #178

SHALIMAR GARDENS

749 E. 29th St, Fremont, 402-721-1616
 Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046) #207

Edgewood Vista

2910 N Clarkson St. Fremont 402-753-8800
 Mary Ann Paulger #7

Geneva Peterson c/o June Cardwell

12187 County Rd P1
 Fontanelle NE, 68044

Blessed
 are those
 who mourn,
 for they
 will be

comforted

Matthew 5:4

Leadership wants to offer a special thanks to all of you who have been responding to our MAYDAY gift drive with your over and above giving. It has really helped prepare us for the coming summer. Keep up the great work as God leads you to give in the coming months. We have such wonderful folks in our church, don't we!

Happy Birthday & Anniversary

Robyn Schulz Dietz	3	Larry & Marcia Hill	402-727-5171
Jerry Bales	402-724-0390	9	
		9	Jerry & Kelly Adams 402-720-4269
		9	John & May Dennert 402-753-0759
		10	Leland & Jean Foreman 402-721-1384
Effie Scott		11	Mark & Vicki Anderson 402-727-0740
Dylan Crytzer		13	
Brandon Tharp		15	
Norma Mackey	402-727-4367	17	
		20	Tom and Melody Scott 402-720-8979
		22	Dan & Deloris Denny 402-721-2232
Steve Cardwell	402-478-4593	23	
Devin Tharp	402-721-8369	23	
Lee Holzerland	402-720-9006	24	
Esther Bechtel	402-721-7260	26	
Linda Rogers	402-317-9215	26	
Leonard Bechtel	402-721-7260	27	



Celebrate!

American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

Bible Book of
the Month:
1 & 2
Thessalonians

Special Guest:
IM Missionary
Becky Mann

ABWM
Thursday | June 9
@ 1:30



This June, we are going to offer another round of small group Bible studies like those we held in Lent. The groups will be four weeks long, meeting at times as each group decides. Our topic will be the "I Am" statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John (I am the Bread of Life, I am the Good Shepherd, etc.)

If you would like to be in, lead or host such a group, please contact Mike Raasch or the church office by June 4

First Baptist Church,
Thanks again for the testing snacks for the kids and sweets for the teachers. This is such an appreciated donation! Our kids benefit from a little "Brain Food" and the candy helps brighten a teacher's day :) We Love our support from you all!
Love- Linden Elementary



From the rising
of the sun to its
going down the
Lord's name is
praised -Psalm 113:3

Monthly Meetings

June 13 - @ 11:30
Esther Circle

No Meeting
Hannah Circle

June 23 - @ 12:30
Naomi Circle

Vision Team Meeting: May 14, 2022

Members present: Pastor Richard, Joel Foreman, Marcia Hill, Randy Cash, Luke Chavanne, John Mitchell, June Cardwell, Eileen Cash, Mike Raasch, and Dorothy Charleston.

Also present were David Christensen and Don Charleston of the Endowment Team.

Called to serve

Pastor Richard opened the meeting with a devotion from Ephesians 1, "Living for Christ" and prayer.

The first topic of discussion concerned a meeting of the Endowment Team and Pastor Richard with Linda Cassall, a representative of the American Baptist Foundation. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of transferring trusteeship of the FBC Endowment from First National Bank to the AB Foundation. David spoke of it as a marketing advantage that is ministry oriented and logistically smart. The details will need to be worked out between the Endowment Team and ABF, then the plan will be presented to the congregation for approval. June made the motion to approve the Endowment Team pursuing the development of such a plan. Second was by Marcia. The vote was unanimous in favor to proceed.

Randy reported the bank balance is \$7,000. The needs are \$15,000 for June, as quarterly insurance and elevator inspections are due, then July's first payroll is the 1st. It was suggested the credit line at the bank should be reopened, instruction John Mitchell, Property Chair to do so. June made a motion to reopen it, second was by John, and the vote was unanimous in favor. The Laten fund disbursement is \$5,780 quarterly, with the second portion of the fund to start in June, but we don't have definite figures on that amount, only that it will likely be more.

Pastor reported that with the loss of several giving members through moving or passing away in recent years has contributed to offerings being lower, resulting in the tightness of our current situation. He discussed with the Vision Team ways to encourage our people to generosity and faithfulness to fill up the gap. In conjunction with this idea, Randy was asked to share the information with the congregation, and Pastor will preach a "Mayday" message tomorrow with a challenge to the congregation to consider a special Mayday gift at this time and increasing giving this year.

In other business, our custodian, Rod is resigning effective June 6, which completes a year of service that he had promised, as he will soon be moving to Prague. We wish him well as he proceeds with his move. Personnel is considering a Midland Student who attends, Brandon Moser, to work as part-time custodian through the summer while activities are lighter and wait until the fall to pursue a new hire.



Luke Chavanne reported he will continue to work with the youth and children throughout the summer on a week-by-week basis of Saturday activities. The first activity in June will be a water balloon day at the park. It is hoped this will bring important continuity for the kids.



June

The Joy of the Lord

Day 1 – Romans 15:13

Day 2 – James 1:2-4

Day 3 – Philippians 4:4-7

Day 4 – Galatians 5:22-23

Day 5 – John 16:21-22

Day 6 – Proverbs 17:22

Day 7 – 1 Peter 1:8-9

Day 8 – Romans 14:17

Day 9 – Psalm 118:19-24

Day 10 – Psalm 16:9-11

Day 11 – John 15:7-11

Day 12 – Isaiah 55:10-13

Day 13 – Psalm 30:4-5

Day 14 – Proverbs 10:28

Day 15 – Psalm 71:22-23

Day 16 – Nehemiah 8:9-12

Day 17 – Psalm 126:5-6

Day 18 – Psalm 33:20-22

Day 19 – 1 Peter 4:12-13

Day 20 – Psalm 5:11-12

Day 21 – 1 Chronicles 16:25-27

Day 22 – John 16:24

Day 23 – Psalm 51:10-12

Day 24 – Isaiah 61:10-11

Day 25 – Psalm 94:18-19

Day 26 – Isaiah 9:2-3

Day 27 – Habakkuk 3:17-19

Day 28 – Psalm 30:11-12

Day 29 – Colossians 1:9-14

Day 30 – Psalm 100





Kids Club and FBY News!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUMMER

When: June 11th & 25th
July 16th & 30th
10:00am - 12:00 pm
Here at FBC
505 North C Street | Fremont

KIDS

Fun Day at



To Be Announced

CLUB



Outdoor Games,
Sidewalk Chalk,
Bible Story Time,
Contests, Prizes,
Food, and MUCH
MORE!!

plans and times subject to change, follow us on FACEBOOK @ Fbc Fremont Ne, for all the up-to date information

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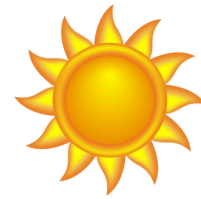
SUMMER FBY GROUPS

Grab your sunscreen, towel, and prepare to get WET!
WHAT: Summer Kick-Off! Water Balloons & Lunch
WHEN: June 4th | 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
WHERE: John C. Fremont Park

Future Summer Activities Scheduled for
June 18th | July 9th & 23rd

To include: Fun Day @ Moses Merrill Camp, Special Girls Day Out & Man Cave Time, Lock-in Sleep Over, Mission Projects, Social Time, and Movie Nights, and MUCH MORE!!!

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John reported the basement windows on the north side were to be completed Monday. He will be doing some painting, and some of the other projects are being delayed.

Joel reported J.C. Fremont plans are well on the way.

Marcie reported the last Wednesday for Kids was a taco dinner, followed by Bingo called by Richard and Dave Manzer. June reported that Craig Hammond was graduating from High School, and pastor added that Brandon Moser had graduated from Midland, Amity's daughter, Adryan Bruce, graduated from AHSTW High School.

ABWM will postpone June meeting until June 9, when Becky Mann, a missionary from Thailand, will be here to share about her work. Richard reported on Nola's behalf that the ABWM conference at Moses Merrill is the weekend of June 5, and Nola would welcome any who wanted to help plan and encourages our women to attend.

Mike closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Charleston, clerk

SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT EARTHLY THINGS

-COLOSSIANS 3:2



Just a note to express my thanks to the church for remembering me. It is so nice to be remembered.
Mrs. Norma Luton

With a grateful heart, I wish to thank each one from our church family who has prayed for me, sent caring cards and thoughts, brought food and many other acts of kindness and Christian friendship during my long illness. Your encouragements mean so much. Thank you,
Dorothy Charleston











His mercies are new every morning
Lamentation 3:23



June 2022

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. -Psalm 33:20</p>						
<p>1 9:30 Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team 11-1:30 FBY summer Kick off</p>	<p>ABWM Women's Conference @ </p>		
<p>5 Communion 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7pm-AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 9:30 Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study</p> <p></p>	<p>9 1:30 - ABWM Meeting With Special Guest Missionary Becky Mann</p>	<p>10 7:00 pm FBY movie Night+</p> <p></p>	<p>11 8:50a - Personnel Team 9:30a - Vision Team 10 am - KIDS CLUB</p>
<p>Camp Moses Merrill</p>						
<p>12 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service</p> <p></p>	<p>13 11:30 - Esther Circle 7pm - Woodcarvers</p>	<p>14 Hannah Circle NO Meeting 7pm-AA Meeting</p>	<p>15 9:30 Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 11 am - FBY</p>
<p>19 Father's Day 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 7pm-AA Meeting</p> <p></p>	<p>22 9:30 Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study</p>	<p>23 12:30 - Naomi Circle</p>	<p>24 7:00 pm FBY movie Night</p> <p></p>	<p>25 9:30 ABWM Bible Study 10 am - KIDS CLUB</p> <p></p>
<p>26 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service</p> <p></p>	<p>27 7pm-Woodcarvers</p>	<p>28 7pm-AA Meeting</p>	<p>29 9:30 Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>		

Prayer Emphasis

How to LEARN, LISTEN, and LIVE the GOSPEL.

Van Driver

Mary Weldon
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Cookies

5th - Hannah
12th - Esther
24th - Naomi
31st - Sign Up