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May 2022



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Pastor and Nola are on vacation, and Pastor has given me permission to write a note. With Easter behind us, I just wanted to share some thoughts on how important it is to continue to walk with God, or try and figure out how and where to start? For me, I start by thinking how I would walk with someone here in the physical world. To fully understand what it means to walk with God on a spiritual level, I first consider what it means to literally take a walk with a friend, my kids or relative. I ask myself how I interact with that person. What do I expect from that individual, and how do they speak and behave in return? Have you noticed when you take a walk with someone, the two of you are usually traveling in one direction. Your steps move at a similar pace so that neither one of you leaves the other behind. You talk with each other, and your attention remains on one another. In short, there is an overall sense of harmony, unity, and community between the two of you during your walk. You're in sync. This is what God wants with us.

We can all relate to the daily "Hustle and Bustle", and all the things that get in the way of walking with our Savior, one of the most important things for me, is to let go of distractions. Before we can truly focus on God, we need to let go of all the worldly things that distract us from our relationship with Him. These distractions may not be "sins," but they can include anything that you intentionally or subconsciously prioritize over God. Think again about what it is like to walk with a friend. If your friend spent the entire time on his or her cell phone rather than interacting with you, the walk would not be very enjoyable, and you would not actually be walking "together" on a meaningful level. Likewise, the distractions you focus on instead of focusing on God will prevent you from really walking together with Him.

How easy is it to take on our own burdens instead of praying about it. Prayer allows us to stay in a close and personal relationship. Prayers of thanksgiving, praise, and adoration all have their rightful place. The important thing is to pray what's in your heart and in your mind. Pray about EVERYTHING! He wants to hear from you.

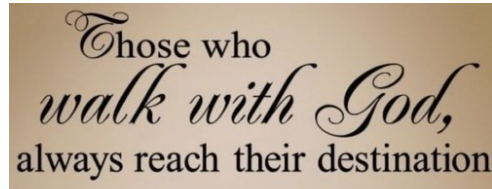
How often has God sent you a sign, that you missed? Only to realize it later down the road. Let the Holy Spirit guide you. If you start to think that God is distant or silent, be patient. He is at work. God has a funny way of interrupting the usual flow of things, to lead you down the path you're meant to be on. These signs may be subtle, so be sure to keep your eyes and heart open to see them.

I also find it helpful to walk with others on the same spiritual path. Sure, you can certainly have friends and family outside of your own faith, however; it is important to fellowship with others who share your dedication to God. These people can become your support here on Earth, and you can support them in return. Other believers can also help keep you accountable to the commitment you have made to walk with God.

What I find most helpful is to just KEEP WALKING. No matter how many times you trip stumble, or fall all you need to do is dust yourself off and continue to walk. God will not turn you away, even if you temporarily lose sight of the road, He is there.

Lastly, have patience (This one the hardest for me), The answer to a prayer or the solution to a difficult circumstance doesn't always arrive the way we want it too. There's going to be times when you must slow down and walk at God's pace. Let Him guide you to where you are needed. Have Faith in His strides, some of God's greatest blessing come from unanswered prayers.

Just Keep Walking,
Amity Bruce



Happy Birthday

Nola Crooks		02
Beverly Holmen	402-721-9123	02
Chris Raasch		02
Mary Weldon	402-727-5302	05
Richard Crooks		09
Jessica Schollmeyer		12
Chris Hancock	402-983-6917	15
Adam Schollmeyer		23
Scott Clausen		25
Paul Cash	402-721-6418	28
Frankie McKee	402-624-5745	28

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		

If you know of someone in our church family whose name should be on this birthday and/or anniversary list please call the office at 402-721-1265 to let us know.

May Bible Puzzle

As we just finished celebrating Easter, how about asking how we know that Jesus appeared to more than 500 people after the resurrection? However, since Mother's Day is coming up, let's ask a Mother's Day question: In a blessing for young brides, what women were called the ones who "built up the house of Israel"...and where is that phrase found?

May Peoples Puzzle

This church member has, for sure, logged over 4 million lifetime highway miles to all 50 states, and has a special personal relationship with Jelly Belly Jelly Beans!

April Bible Puzzle

The last seven words of Jesus:

- Father, forgive them...Luke 23;34
- Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. ...Luke 23:43
- Woman, behold, thy son! ...John 19:27
- My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? ...Matthew 27:46
- I thirst. ...John 19:28
- It is finished. ...John 19:30
- Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. Luke 23:46.

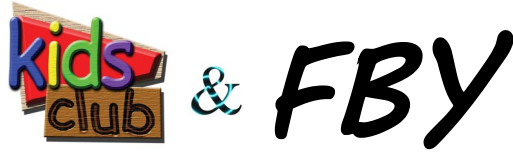
April People Puzzle Answer:

The church member who though wanting to go into the Peace Corps, looking back realizes it wouldn't have been good, is Deb Peterson.

Senior Social Luncheon



One of the many activities during Holy week, Seniors of FBC got together for a luncheon and Bingo!



With the month of April coming to a close we have plenty of exciting news to share! We are actively preparing for our ministry to be continued through the summer via Camp Moses Merrill and weekend events sponsored by the church! We have begun brainstorming as a youth group on ways to get involved more with our church family and how to make it possible for us to continue our ministry and spiritual growth throughout the summer! Please continue to pray for all of us as we are working hard to close out these last weeks of school! Thank you for all that you do for all of us!



Luke

Prayer Room open during business hours!!!



Praise the Lord! Rene and Henry Stevenson have chosen Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Congratulations!!! We are planning another Baptism for May 29th, if you would like to participate, please let Pastor Richard or Amity know.

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES



- Save the Date! Thursday May 5th @ 12:00
 - ABWM and Luncheon
- Circles please bring (2) salads each (Meat and Fruit)
 - Wedding Games and Prizes
- A Memorial Program by Dorothy Charleston

Monthly Meetings

May 9th - 11:30 am - Esther Circle
 May 11th - 1:30 pm - Hannah Circle
 May 26th - 12:30 pm - Naomi Circle



VISION TEAM MONTHLY REPORT: APRIL 9, 2022

Member present: Pastor Richard, Joel Foreman, Marcia Hill, Shelly Bowen, Mary Weldon, Mary Lamberty, Randy Cash, John Mitchell, June Cardwell, Eileen Cash, and Dorothy Charleston

Mary Weldon gave a devotion from Matthew 22, advising “allow the broken pieces of life to shine”

Marcia facilitated to meeting in Mike’s absence

Randy Reported the bank balance of \$620. \$5700 was received from the Laten fund. More will be needed. America for Christ has received \$1145. Communion Fund received \$635. The bill for the playground was \$6150. \$2030 was donated. \$4120 will be drawn from the Youth Endowment as was approved in November minutes. A good Easter offering will be beneficial.

John reported the Property Committee has discussed the removal of the trees on the South of the church. The Prayer Room ceiling will be patched and painted. The Parsonage roof will be started next month. The repair of seals under the church doors, NOT just the Family Center, will be completed. The concrete and glass block on the North side will start this month.

Eileen reported Esther Circle donated \$200 for lap robes, On Tuesday Mary will give the Devotions and Mike Raasch will lead Bingo at the Senior Social Luncheon. The ABW meeting will include a Memorial for the ladies who have passed away this year.

June reviewed the lesson on March 30, she described Nola’s and Shelly’s teaching. She said Luke always reviews last week’s lessons with the kids and they ask questions.

Joel reported Easter breakfast plans are underway.

Pastor and Mike have been working on small group locations. A white board will have a list upon which to sign up. Nye Square will also have one. They are looking for this to be the beginning of our small group ministry.

Personnel has followed up on preparing a plan for Luke to serve as Summer Youth intern with the church. A variety of Youth, Kid’s Club leaders, and Personnel Team members met with Luke and Pastor to work out details. A job description was drawn up with the basic plan of having weekly gathering for youth and twice a month gatherings for children, with the program starting in June and ending in July with an August event to be planned as a Back to School event. Luke will work with a variety of adults to include sponsoring the activities, and seek to incorporate parents into some of the events. Events will be fun activities, including devotional or lesson time, and may include fundraisers. Luke’s



love
each other
deeply

1 PETER 4:8



Ladies Day Out

What a fun day with the women of FBC! This month, instead of the usual meeting, the ladies went and had lunch at Ollie & Hobbes, toured the Sarpy County Museum, and visited Moses Merrill mission site.

I AM WITH
YOU *always*
Matthew 28:20



Confident Trust

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

1. Psalm 20:1-9
2. Psalm 62:1-12
3. Isaiah 26:1-13
4. Psalm 37:1-13
5. Psalm 37:14-26
6. Psalm 37:27-40
7. John 14:1-10
8. John 14:11-21
9. John 14:22-31
10. Psalm 46:1-11
11. Psalm 118:1-13
12. Psalm 118:14-29
13. Proverbs 30:1-9
14. Psalm 5:1-12
15. Psalm 86:1-9
16. Psalm 86:10-17
17. Luke 12:24-31
18. Proverbs 3:1-8
19. Isaiah 50:4-11
20. Psalm 91:1-16
21. Jeremiah 17:5-18
22. Psalm 78:1-11
23. Psalm 78:12-29
24. Psalm 78:30-42
25. Psalm 78:43-55
26. Psalm 78:56-72
27. Psalm 115:1-9
28. Psalm 115:10-18
29. Romans 15:1-13
30. Isaiah 43:1-12
31. Colossians 3:12-17



schedule with camp means these activities will take place on Friday's and Saturdays. Church Salary amount will be \$1750 for the summer. Funds will be accessed by VBS line item, a memorial that was offered, and through individuals willing to donate a little extra specifically to assist with the ministry. Luke will fill the pulpit April 24th, and May 1st, during Pastor and Nola's absence, on a Mission Trip to Hungary.

Pastor closed with Prayer asking the Lord to help us through the challenges and changes we are facing.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Charleston, Clerk



After our recent small groups, we have had some individuals interested in starting a study group or two. There isn't a definite plan set, but we want to follow up on that interest. If you would want to be part of a new Bible study group, please let the church office know, and we will make sure you are included for a startup meeting to work out details.







Hometown Hero

Fremont *dispatchers* have the superpower of being the informational hub and nucleus of our town. They are the calm in chaos and the trusted lifeline between our emergencies and safety. This week is "Dispatcher" appreciation week, and we focus on Shelly Holzerland. Thank you for all you do!

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service	2	3 7pm - Young Peoples AA	4 9:30 am - Women's Coffee Hour 6:15 pm Kids Eat 6:45 Kids Club and FBY	5 12:00 ABWM Luncheon	6	7 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team
8 Communion Mothers Day 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service 5:30 Brown Bag Fellowship Followed by Movie  	9 11:30 - Esther Circle 7pm - Woodcarvers	10 1:30 Hannah Circle 7pm - Young Peoples AA	11 9:30 am - Women's Coffee Hour 6:15 End of Year Kids Club BASH!!!	12	13 10am-Nye Square Bible Study	14 8:50 Personnel Team 9:30 Vision Team
15 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service	16	17 7pm - Young Peoples AA	18 9:30 am - Women's Coffee Hour	19	20	21
22 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service 5:30 Brown Bag Fellowship Followed by Movie  	23 7pm - Woodcarvers	24 7pm - Young Peoples AA	25 9:30 am - Women's Coffee Hour	26 12:30 - Naomi Circle	27 10am-Nye Square Bible Study	28 9am - ABWM Bible Study
29 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 7pm - Young Peoples AA				

Cookies & Coffee
1 - Hannah Circle
8 - Esther Circle
15 - Naomi Circle
22 - ABM
29 - Sign Up Sunday

Life Choices:
Bottles for Babies Campaign
 This year on Mothers day we be handing out baby bottles that you can take for the month and fill with your loose change. This money will help a mother in need. For more information contact the office or <https://fremontpregnancy.com/>

