

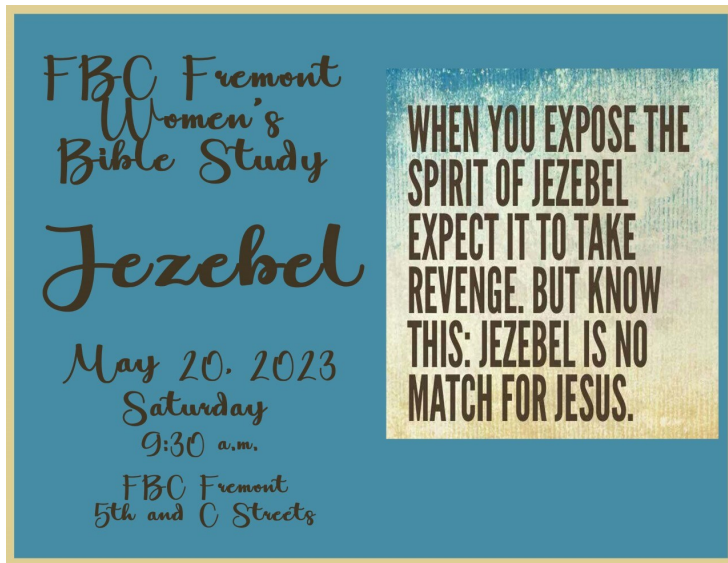
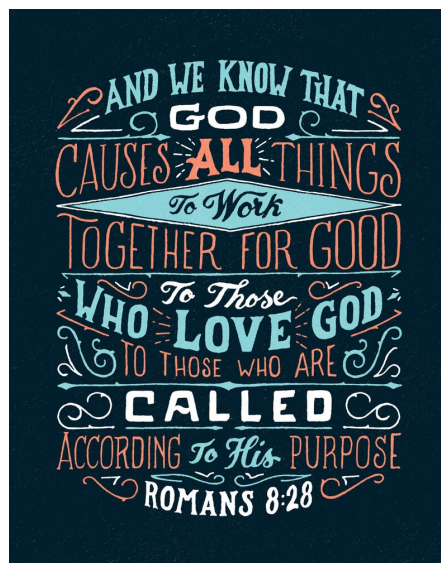


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May 2023



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

PASTOR'S NOTES:

As we move through 2023, there are several areas of our church life that I am hoping we will enhance in fresh ways, particularly our engagement with God's Word through study, developing our worship experiences in ways that deepen our experience with God, and creating opportunities that highlight and exercise the role of community prayer. These activities are going to be varied and adapted along the way. In the realm of prayer, we have begun two new opportunities: Prayer Tours and Pastors Prayer Room time. We are offering prayer tours once a month, during which participants will be together in a church van as we drive bit by bit through selected neighborhoods praying for the residents in each home. In the twice-a-month Pastor's Prayer Room times, you are invited to come join me during the hour I spend praying in that room, or come and I will pray for you if that is your desire. In each case, I am developing (with input from others) prayers specific to each activity. I decided to share some of those prayers with you for this month's Chimes article. I encourage you to keep these prayers available, add to them, adapt them, and join with me in praying for the move of God's Spirit in our midst.



PRAYER TOUR PRAYER #1

Lord, I come before you on behalf of the people who live in this house. I would ask that you fill them with a deep spiritual hunger. If they do not yet know you as their Lord and Savior, I pray that that hunger will gnaw at their hearts until they discover you and give themselves to you. If they do know you, then let that hunger ever urge them to higher levels of new creation life, and ever deepening understanding of you and your desire for their lives. Send laborers across their path to speak on your behalf the things needful in their lives. Keep them from being deceived and trapped by the glitter of this world that Satan would dangle before them. Help them as they live their lives in this place, meet their needs, grant them your wisdom and strength, and use their lives for your glory. Amen



## PRAYER TOUR PRAYERS #2

Lord, I come before you on behalf of the people who live in this house. I would pray particularly for the children who live here. In this day and age when there is so much abuse and danger for our children, I pray that you keep them safe. I pray that you will keep any children in this home safe at home, at school, at play and online. Help the parents to wrap their children with love, encouragement, hope and security. If these children do not know you, I pray that these children will have opportunities to learn about You, Lord Jesus. Give them friends who are believers. Draw the adults in their lives to You and give these adults a desire for their children to know you. Send across the paths of these children individuals who can and will tell them about You, Jesus, who once said, "Let the children come unto me." If the children who live here know You, or if they come to you at a later time, give them the strength they need to stand for you and a drive to share their faith with their peers. Grow them into mighty and godly men and women who will change the world.



## PASTOR'S PRAYER ROOM PRAYERS #1

- These are the things I ask for our church, our community and our world, O God, in this dedicated time spent with You:
- Fill us with the fullness of God.
- Anoint this place so that whenever anyone walks in the Spirit of God is heavy upon them.
- Make us the place known by the words from the earliest days of your church..."see how they love one another."
- Use us in ways we have never been used before.
- Do in our midst, within us and through us things that we cannot even think to ask and are not able to even imagine.
- Pour out Your Spirit upon this church and use this church in ways that have never been seen before throughout its history. Move in such a way that this will be the golden age of the church that people look back on and wish that they had been here to experience.
- Open our eyes to catch fresh glimpses of the immensity of Your love.
- Move amongst us and through us in ways that will cause us to wonder, to be in awe.
- Move in Fremont in ways that it has never experienced before, so that things like the book people are worried about will fade into the background, and help our town and our congregation to be done with lesser things, but to be caught up and absorbed in the

## Happy Birthday

Nola Crooks	913-731-5103	02
Beverly Holmen	402-721-9123	02
Chris Raasch		02
Mary Weldon	402-727-5302	05
Richard Crooks	402-630-1380	09
Jessica Schollmeyer		12
Adam Schollmeyer		23
Frankie McKee	402-624-5745	28

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.

## 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
Joan Sorensen 402-830-6519	#178

### SHALIMAR GARDENS

749 E. 29th St, Fremont, 402-721-1616	
Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046)	#219

### Edgewood Vista

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

### NYE SQUARE

655 W 23rd St. Fremont 402-721-9224	
Esther and Leonard Bechtel	#601

**FBC KIDS AND YOUTH**

**HAWAIIAN LUAU**

**WEDNESDAY 0 MAY 10, 2023**

**6:30 P.M.**

**GAMES**

**HAWAIIAN HAMBURGERS SWEET TREATS !**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

# FBKIDS | FBYOUTH NEWS

This month has been an excellent conclusion for our year of Youth Group! We have implemented a few new things into our routines that have been extremely beneficial for the kids and myself. We have been able to still have our game time, our lesson with all the kids, and now we have sent a few of our younger kids home slightly earlier to be able to address the questions and deeper thoughts with the remaining older kids. This has been incredible for their growth and maturation focusing on understanding what it means to live a Christian life in today's complicated world. We also had our collaborative Lock-In with Three Timbers Church and Benson First Baptist Church this past month! It was an epic opportunity for our youth to find and make Christian connections with other Youth and be able to take a break from some of the stresses of the world. We are super excited to continue to move forward prioritizing all of our youth and their relationship with God and I can't wait for what we have in store around the corner! Thank you for all your help and belief in myself and our youth! - Luke Chavanne

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20



Proceeds will provide financial assistance to families in need, allowing their camper the opportunity to attend camp



## SPAGHETTI BRUNCH FUNDRAISER

- FBKIDS | FBYOUTH -

GOAL \$1500

Sunday | May 7  
10:45 & 12:15  
In Fellowship Hall

things of God. Place our feet like hinds feet upon a higher ground than we have ever known before.

--Lord, give us fresh glimpses of your glory, glimpses so bright that we cannot bear to see any more.



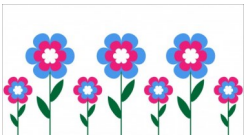
### PASTOR'S PRAYER ROOM PRAYERS #2

--I come to stand before you today to do battle on behalf of our church. I plead the blood of Christ and the mercy of God upon our congregation, and prayer that your power will flow upon us as we wield the weapons of spiritual warfare that can bring down the strongholds of Satan that would seek to attack, divide or destroy us. I pray that you will wrap every believer in our church with your full armor, that the fiery darts of the evil one will bounce off and be ineffective. I pray that you will speak to every believer amongst us the words of warning at just the right moment when our adversary is prowling in our midst like a roaring lion. I pray that you will enable each of us to stand, to stand strong, to stand in faith, to stand in the power of God, to stand in the center of your life, to stand upon your promises, to stand not by our own ability but through the Holy Spirit that we may be made mighty warriors of the Kingdom. I pray that you will bolden us in battle, that your word will have free course and multiply and abound in our community and beyond. I pray that you will so use us that the very gates of hell will not be able to stand against us, that no weapon formed against us will prosper, and that the mighty name of Jesus will resound from every doorway and every home and every meeting connected in any way to our body of believers. I pray that you give us the strength and wisdom to resist the devil, and then help us to have the eyes to see and laugh as he flees from us, because what he see is not us but he see your blood and your armor and the white robe you have placed upon us and the righteousness you have given to us and written across our chests the very name of "Child of God"! God, in the mighty name of Jesus, I claim the victory you promise to be the pattern of our church life together, and that we will follow you walking in triumph each and every day.

--This is my prayer today, and in the name of Jesus, let every knee bow and then let every tongue confess on earth and under the earth and in heaven above that JESUS IS LORD... JESUS IS THE DIVINE SON OF GOD...JESUS IS OUR LORD, and nothing shall ever separate us from the everlasting love of God.

Amen, and Amen, and Amen!

But the word of God increased and multiplied – Acts 12:24



## VISION TEAM MONTHLY REPORT: April 8, 2023

The meeting was attended by Pastor Richard, Joel Foreman, Betty Laughlin, Mary Weldon, John Mitchell, Eileen Cash and Dorothy Charleston. Mike opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor Richard read Matthew 18 about forgiveness. He the praised Pastor Fred for his time and service.



Randy Reported \$5102.58 balance in the bank. The end of March the bank balance was down \$2000. In the first quarter expenses were 20% higher and giving was only at 16%. The high snow removal was \$3000. The Laten payment was \$13,900 which was less than before. Endowment earnings are down.

ABW - Eileen reported "Ladies Day Out" will be April 22,. Touring Arlington and lunch in Nickerson are planned. There is a request for adult Bingo. Mary and Eileen will work on that. A trucker from Sargent NE, cam though Fremont looking for a church to attend. He had a load of used sewing machines, which could be uses at our mission in Kansas City. He delivered them there and gave a personal donation as well. Now if that isn't a "God thing!!!" HE IS AMONG US.

ABM - Joel reported the men will serve Easter breakfast on April 9. Serving will begin at 8:30. Hot dogs for J. C Fremont Days have been donated. Judy Staab will be providing a clown.

John Mitchell reported that McGinnis was paid \$13,9000 for the roof repair. Hank has replaced our snow/lawn service with Booies Mowing Co. cost will be the same. Hank will remove the concrete on the East side of the sanctuary and put sod in the space.

Gary Walkenhorst looked at the 3rd floor north windows and reported they are too rotted to paint and need replaced.

Nola is researching a sound system.

A discussion of the moving of the Memorial Fund from FNBO to the General Fund was held. Mary made a motion to move it and keep it separate. Eileen seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Pastor Richard reported on his sabbatical, outreach to the Bridge, and future of our church.



### May Bible Puzzle

Who was Judas Iscariot's replacement after he committed suicide, and how was the replacement selected? Bonus question: What was the name of the "runner up"?

### May Peoples Puzzle

This church member was once a track and field star winning conference champion in javelin during their sophomore year in college.

### April Bible Puzzle

The O.T character who could have benefited from Jesus's advice to not look back was, of course, Lot's wife in Genesis 19:26 became a pillar of salt when she looked back upon Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis 19:37-38 recounts the origin of the nation's Moab and Ammon, as Lot's daughters manipulated their loss by sleeping with their father, Lot.

### April People Puzzle Answer:

The church member pictured in a yearbook disguised as an imaginary student was Pastor Crooks. Pastor was one of several students involved in creating an imaginary student, which as a much loved prank by students and school administrators alike. Here is what that photo looked like



For the Wednesday Luau we are collecting Rice, Beans and Peanut Butter to have available for the families to take home (since we were not able to donate this year to Washington School) All donations can be dropped off to the church office before May 10

A green poster with a white heart logo containing the text "Young at Heart Potluck 60+". Below the logo, it says "May 18th | 12:00 p.m." and "Sloppy Joe's & Bingo". At the bottom, it says "- Please bring a salad, veggie or a dessert -". There are small yellow stars scattered around the text.

Young at Heart  
Potluck 60+

May 18th | 12:00 p.m.

Sloppy Joe's & Bingo

- Please bring a salad, veggie or a dessert -

60 and older  
are invited for  
a special  
POTLUCK  
Luncheon!





# May

## Friendship

Day 1 – Proverbs 18:24  
 Day 2 – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12  
 Day 3 – John 15:12-14  
 Day 4 – Proverbs 27:17  
 Day 5 – Proverbs 17:17  
 Day 6 – 1 Thessalonians 5:11  
 Day 7 – Romans 12:15-17  
 Day 8 – Proverbs 27:9  
 Day 9 – Job 6:14  
 Day 10 – Proverbs 27:6  
 Day 11 – 1 Peter 4:8-10  
 Day 12 – Hebrews 10:24-25  
 Day 13 – Proverbs 16:28  
 Day 14 – Romans 12:18-21  
 Day 15 – 1 Corinthians 1:1-8  
 Day 16 – Proverbs 13:20  
 Day 17 – Luke 6:27-31  
 Day 18 – Proverbs 27:5-6  
 Day 19 – 1 John 4:7-8

Day 20 – Romans 12:9-10  
 Day 21 – Proverbs 22:24-25  
 Day 22 – Colossians 3:12-14  
 Day 23 – Philippians 2:1-4  
 Day 24 – 2 Corinthians 13:11  
 Day 25 – Romans 15:5-7  
 Day 26 – John 17:20-23  
 Day 27 – 1 Corinthians 1:10  
 Day 28 – 1 John 4:11-12  
 Day 29 – Romans 12:13-14  
 Day 30 – 1 John 4:19-21  
 Day 31 – Ephesians 4:1-6



There was no further business

Mike closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dorothy Charleston, Clerk

Update:

A congregational vote was held on March 19th to move the endowment funds to the American Baptist Foundation. It was passed with one "NO" vote at the first service and a unanimous "YES" in the second service.

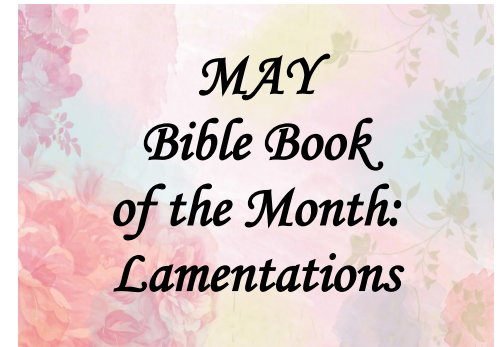


## American Baptist

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# Women's

## MINISTRIES



Thursday | May 5th  
 12:00pm in the Parlor  
 \*Each Circle please bring 2 salads\*

May 8th - 11:00 am - Esther Circle  
 May 9th - 1:30 pm - Hannah Circle @ Hardee's  
 May 25th - 12:30 pm - Naomi Circle

Because of the Lord's great love,

we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.



# May 2023

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

**Cookies & Coffee**  
**7 - Hannah Circle**  
**14 - Esther Circle**  
**21 - Naomi Circle**  
**28 - ABMen**

May 7th @ 2pm in the Family Center. The search committee for the new executive minister of Nebraska invite you to come a listening session where they will be available to hear your input as they seek a new minister.

If you have lost a spouse and are needing prayer, Pastor is providing a special time on May 27th to gather and pray.

Reminder that we are still collecting donations of butter/margarine and \$\$\$ for commercial size foil for the LifeHouse.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am - Men's Coffee  6pm - Personnel Team	2  7pm - AA Meeting	3 9:30a- Women's Coffee 4:30p - Prayer Room with Pastor 6:15 pm - Meal 7pm - FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	4 12:00 ABW Luncheon	5 9am - Men's Coffee	6 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team
7 <b>Communion</b> 9:30 - Traditional Service 10:45 - Fundraiser Meal 11 am - Casual Service 12:15 - Fundraiser Meal 5:30 - Brown Bag 6pm - Movie Night 	8 9am - Men's Coffee  11am - Esther Circle	9 12:30 - Hannah Circle @ Hardee's  7pm - AA Meeting	10 9:30a- Women's Coffee  - End of Year Luau - 6:15 pm - Meal 7pm - FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	11 5:30 - Mat Weaving	12 9am - Men's Coffee	13 9:30 - AB Girls Craft Day
14 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30 - Traditional Service 11 am - Casual Service	15 9am - Men's Coffee	16 6:30 pm - Vision Team  7pm - AA Meeting	17 9:30a- Women's Coffee  11am - Zoom Bible Study  7pm - Bible Study	18 12pm - Young @ Heart POTLUCK for 60 and older	19 9am - Men's Coffee  6pm - Brown Bag Fun and Fellowship	20 11:30 - Prayer Tour
21 9:30 - Traditional Service 11 am - Casual Service	22 9am - Men's Coffee  7pm - Woodcarvers	23  7pm - AA Meeting	24 9:30a- Women's Coffee  7pm - Bible Study	25 10:30am - Prayer Room with Pastor  12:30 - Naomi Circle 5:30 - Mat Weaving	26 9am - Men's Coffee	27 9:30 - ABW Bible Study  11:30-1:00 - Pastor Visit with Widows/ Widowers
28 9:30 - Traditional Service 11 am - Casual Service 6pm - Brown Bag & Movie	29 9am - Men's Coffee	30  7pm - AA Meeting	31 9:30a- Women's Coffee  11am - Zoom Bible Study  7pm - Bible Study			