

# First Baptist Church

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## **JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF SMALL GROUP STUDIES**

Starting the first week of September we will begin a 5-week exploration of the book of 1 John. If you would like to host or lead a group, or even just to attend, this is the opportunity to join in. Contact Pastor Richard, Mike Raasch, or Amity in the office (or your favorite study leader/host) to participate.

### **The Study schedule is as follows:**

- Sept. 4 - 1 John 1 - Being Connected
- Sept. 11 - 1 John 2 - Living Connected
- Sept. 18 - 1 John 3 - Invisible Connections
- Sept. 25 - 1 John 4 - Loving Connected
- Oct. 2 - 1 John 5 - Assurance of Connection



# September 2022



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Youth/Children's Ministry Intern Luke Chavanne | Fremont, NE

## Pastor's Notes

**Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. -Matthew 6:31-34**



Have you ever heard the expression, "don't borrow trouble"? It seems to me that we face a lot of opportunity to do just that these days. Here are some headlines I have run across in the last few weeks:

### **'Extreme heat belt' emerging in middle of U.S.: Report**

A new report projects that cities as far north as Chicago could experience heat index temperatures above 125 degrees Fahrenheit over the next 30 years. Could impact more than 107M Americans ...

### **U.S. coastline at risk of being hit with devastating tsunami**

A tsunami in Washington state's Puget Sound could engulf Seattle's shoreline, leaving it under more than 20 feet of water within minutes.

### **A Nuclear War Could Starve Billions, But One Country May Be Safer Than The Rest**

*It starts with a single mushroom-shaped cloud the world hoped to never see again. Retaliation prompts tit-for-tat attacks, each intended to end this latest War of All Wars, until a week or so later Earth begins to shiver beneath a pall of soot and dust.*

### **ASTEROID BIGGER THAN LEANING TOWER OF PISA APPROACHING EARTH**

*An asteroid slightly larger than the Leaning Tower of Pisa is set to narrowly miss Earth, according to NASA. The asteroid named 2022 PC is expected to be just 6,300,000km away from the planet when it shoots by on Aug. 18. The 58m-wide asteroid, about the size of an airplane, was first discovered in July 2022. The space rock is expected to travel past earth at a speed of 14,580km per hour. It is expected the asteroid will make a safe passage past Earth. However, astronomers are closely monitoring its trajectory.*

There were others, including warnings of flooding in L.A. if they have a solid month of heavy rains. Really??? I mean, should we really be worried about a big asteroid that is almost 4 MILLION miles away?? Or what temperatures MIGHT be 30 years from now (when I know they don't even accurately predict next week!)? Somebody out must be convinced that we all need to be worried all the time, and that if we don't have something to worry about, they will come up with something!

Granted, there are valid concerns for which we need to prepare and plan, but is there anything you and I could actually do about so many of the "what if" headlines? What so they say, something like 95% of the things we worry about never actually come to pass? According to a study by Brown University, during the first few months of COVID the number of adults struggling with depression more than tripled, and then last year had risen to nearly four times what the number was before COVID. Studies suggest that this is unusual, because usually after traumatic events such as hurricanes, the depression rate peaks shortly afterwards, then declines over time. This higher rate is not entirely due to the pandemic, for the study find that those experiencing multiple stressors, such as lower income or job loss, result in a higher rate than the general population. And these days there are multiple stressors (real and imagined) all the time, don't we? After all, if an asteroid 4 million miles away isn't a close call, I don't know what is!!!

But then, when I open my Bible, I find a different kind of headline, like the one above: *"Do not be anxious about tomorrow."* The polar opposite of the news headlines! Or how about these:

*"Peace I leave with you, y peace I give to you" (John 14:27)*

*"Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God." (Isaiah 41:10)*

*"I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)*

*"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." (John 14:1)*

*"the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."*

*"Lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Romans 8:18)*

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but by prayer...let your requests be made known to God."*

What a contrast! No wonder they call our message the "Gospel"...."Good News". I don't about you, but I definitely like those headlines a lot better. And those are just a small selection...there are hundreds more. Which headlines are you paying attention to these days?

Get out your book, catch the best headlines!



And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



# September

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

## Encouragement

Day 1: Exodus 14:14

Day 2: Psalm 4:8

Day 3: Psalm 23:1-6

Day 4: Psalm 34:3

Day 5: Psalm 46:5

Day 6: Psalm 145:18

Day 7: Proverbs 16:24

Day 8: Isaiah 40:31

Day 9: Isaiah 41:13

Day 10: Isaiah 43:1-2

Day 11: Lament. 3:22-23

Day 12: Acts 9:26-28, 31

Day 13: Acts 20:1-3

Day 14: Romans 8:18

Day 15: Romans 8:28

Day 16: Romans 8:37-39

Day 17: Romans 15:4-6

Day 18: Romans 15:13

Day 19: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Day 20: Galatians 6:2

Day 21: Galatians 6:9

Day 22: Ephesians 3:20-21

Day 23: Philippians 1:3-6

Day 24: Philippians 2:1-4

Day 25: 1 Thess. 5:11

Day 26: 2 Thess. 2:15-17

Day 27: Philemon 4-7

Day 28: Hebrews 6:19-20

Day 29: Hebrews 12:4-6

Day 30: Hebrews 13:8

Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.  
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Melody Scott	402-720-8979	1
Beverley Clausen	402-721-0287	2
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LaVerne Perkins	402-721-6124	10
Lynda Raasch	402-727-6854	11
Bryan Regier	308-458-7907	20
		21
Pam Gador	402-620-4338	24
Corwin Steele	402-720-3197	25
Doug Depue	402-727-5802	26

## Happy Anniversary!

Larry & Beverley Clausen 402-721-0287

Dale & Sherri Tharp 402-720-4912

*Bible Book of the Month:*  
***Ephesians***

American Baptist  
**Women's**  
MINISTRIES

ABWM  
Thursday  
September 1st @ 1:30

## Senior Residential/ Homebound

### 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

# N FOOTBALL



Nothing says Nebraska like Husker Football! We will start showing the Nebraska Games in the Family Center on September 10 against Georgia! Put on your Husker gear, bring snacks to share and root for the home team!!!

join a ministry

There are so many ways here at **FBC** that you can be **involved** and spread the **Love** and **Joy** of **Christ**.  
Let any of the staff know that you are able to serve!

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Peace  
I LEAVE WITH YOU;  
MY PEACE  
I give  
TO YOU

John 14:27

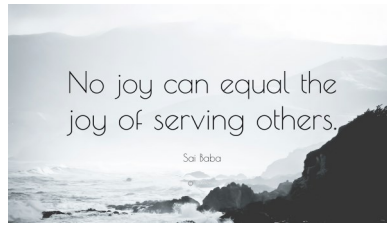
### Monthly Meetings

Sept 12 - Esther Circle - 11:30  
Sept 13 - Hannah Circle - 1:30  
Sept 22 - Naomi Circle - 12:30



## VISION TEAM MONTHLY REPORT: August 13, 2022

Members present: Mike Raasch, Joel Foreman, Marcia Hill, Randy Cash, Mary Weldon, John Mitchell, June Cardwell, Eileen Cash, and Dorothy Charleston.



Mike opened the meeting with a devotion from Christine Gibson in 2001. The message being "accept the Lord build a house...could be a tent." Then prayed asking for guidance during today's meeting. He reported tomorrow's sermon would be delivered by Luke Chavanne, our Youth Minister Interim. Pastor Richard will not be here.

ABW had NO report.

Randy had NO report.

Joel reported ABM made \$420 profit from John C. Fremont Days.

John reported the front door would not close or lock. He called Fremont Glass. They repaired it temporarily. He said more needs to be done concerning the door. The AA room window frames have been stained. It was decided no air conditioner was needed in that room. The Parsonage roof is nearly completed. He asked for people to look for things that need attention and report them to him.

Mary reported some floors need better cleaning. Marcia Suggested getting professional bids for that.

Sherri Tharp has been hired as our new custodian, her start date is August 19.

June Cardwell (Children/Youth Coordinator) reported "Girls Day Out was a fun experience. They went to Omaha and attended a ceramics class, had lunch, and made other stops along the way.

Luke reported to committee "the kids that went to camp were really



### September Bible Puzzle:

You may be able to list the names of the 12 tribes of Israel (and the 13 individuals they are named after!). One of those individuals underwent a name change. Which one was it, and what was his original name? (Why did it change?)

### September Peoples Puzzle:

This member of our church family, a skilled golfer, has shown in multiple horse shows in many places, in the 5 gaited category.

August Answers



### Bible Puzzle:

Which of the writing prophets were engaged in which kingdom? (take a deep breath!)

**Amos and Hosea** were the two prophets of The Northern Kingdom (Israel). **Jonah** was from Israel as well, but he was sent to preach to the nation of Assyria, which later conquered Israel. Before the two kingdoms were defeated and taken into exile, the six Prophets of Judah were **Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, and Jeremiah** (whose ministry extended into the time of exile). **Joel** may also have been active during this time, but may have been after the defeat of Jerusalem. If in this time, then these were the 7 prophets of the Southern Kingdom, after which it ceases to exist. As for the rest of the prophets, **Obadiah** prophesied after the defeat of Jerusalem against the nation of Edom for how they acted during the Babylonian attack. **Ezekiel and Daniel** speak to the Jewish people also during the exile, while **Zechariah, Haggai, and Malachi** were three prophets involved particularly in the time of the return of the Jewish people from exile. I told you it was complicated!

The simple answer would be, then: The Northern Kingdom prophets were **Amos and Hosea** (and **Jonah** who went to Assyria to preach), the 6 (or 7) Southern Kingdom prophets were: **Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, and Jeremiah** (and possibly Joel).

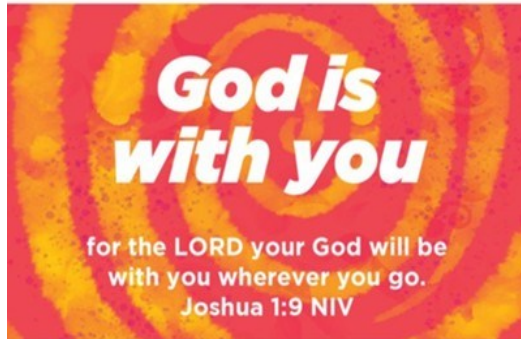
### Peoples Puzzle


Joyce Shelgren is the individual involved in "flamingo warfare"!



**Thank you for all your prayers, cookies, and cards at the time of the passing of my brother Bob. Special thanks to Marcia for taking me to the funeral in Norfolk. God Bless my Church family. Jill Pochop and Family**





 With the month of August coming to a close, we are incredibly eager to begin our ministries in September! This month we were able to hear from our kids who received scholarships to camp Moses Merrill and about their growth and how their faith journey was impacted. We have been so grateful for all the help the kids received in getting to camp and we couldn't have done this without you! If you would like to be proactive this year in adding to our church camp Moses Merrill Scholarship fund, you can do so by specifying the scholarship fund on your donation! We are looking forward to our September 7th start date and can't wait to see what the Lord will do this year!

-Luke Chavanne



We are still looking for volunteers to help with Wednesday night Kids Club and FBY Groups. Let us know if your able to help

- ◆ Van Drivers
- ◆ Kitchen Helpers
- ◆ Children/Youth Mentors
- ◆ Creative Thinkers
- ◆ Class Leaders
- ◆ Teachers Assistant

growing in their relationships with God and were Godly leaders in their cabins." Another girl is interested in baptism. They are so grateful for Luke showing his love for kids and his devotion to his mission. Their fall schedule begins on September 7, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. with a carnival. There will be lots of games, hot dog dinner, and some face painting. A booth for patents to sign the kids up for Fall/Winter programs. Any parent who signs their child up will be eligible for a \$25 gift card to Hy-Vee or a \$25 gift card to Walmart, Any child that is signed up by their parent is eligible for a \$5.00 drawing to Dairy Queen. There will be 10 drawings. Their committee is looking for volunteers now and doing background checks on everyone working with kids one way or another. A Child Protection Training Course will be Sunday August 28th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. This is mandatory for all signed up to work with children and youth. The first Wednesday night kids club/FBYouth will be September 14. She thanks everyone for their support and prayers for those who work with children.

Mike closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Charleston, Clerk



Dear Friends in Christ,  
This is a Much belated note of appreciation for all this body of believers has done for me, and my deceased husband, and our family! We appreciated the notes of encouragement that started upon Our arrival here in Waterloo and the continued notes that Came to us and (continue to come to me) from time to time, the memorials given in Dick's name at the time of his death, the calls, By Pastor and members of the ,church, the loving Memorial service at the time of his death Led by our Pastor, Rev. Crooks and the wonderful special music that Jim Peterson did. I feel so blessed to still call this my home church. I appreciate the streamed services more than you can know. Praying for this to continue! May God bless each of you and the ministry of FBC daily is my prayer. Love in Christ, Beverly Holmen

Plans Change, and Things come up...It's always a good idea to verify times and places.

# September 2022

**Prayer Emphasis:**  
Our Teachers and Administrators who work with our youth.

**Coffee & Cookies**  
5 Naomi  
12 ABM  
19 Hannah  
26 Sign Up!

**Small Group Studies**  
*Joel Foreman - After each Sunday Worship in the Parlor*  
*Pastor Richard - Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 in the Parlor*  
*Mary W. and June C. - Thursday's @ 9:30 a.m. @ Mary Weldon's house 706 W. 4th*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:30 ABWM Meeting	2 9am - Men's Coffee	3 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team
4 Communion 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service Guest Speaker: Missionary Carmella Jones	5 <b>WE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY</b>	6 7pm - AA Meeting	7 9:30am - Women's Coffee <b>6:30 - Kids Club/FBY Kick off</b> 7pm - Bible Study	8	9 9am - Men's Coffee	10 8:50 - Personnel Team 9am - Vision Team <b>N</b> Game starts @ 8:30
11 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service 5:30 - Brown Bag Fellowship 6pm - Movie Night <b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>	12 9am - Men's Coffee 11:30 Esther Circle 7pm Woodcarvers	13 1:30 - Hannah Circle 7pm - AA Meeting	14 9:30am - Women's Coffee 6:30 - Kids Club/FBY 7pm - Bible Study	15	16 9am - Men's Coffee	17 <b>N</b> Game starts @ 1:00
18 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service	19 9am - Men's Coffee	20 7pm - AA Meeting	21 9:30am - Women's Coffee 6:30 - Kids Club/FBY 7pm - Bible Study	22 12:30 - Naomi Circle	23 9am - Men's Coffee	24 <b>N</b> No Game this week.
25 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service Mission Conference Warm Up	26 9am - Men's Coffee 7pm Woodcarvers	27 7pm - AA Meeting	28 9:30am - Women's Coffee 6:30 - Kids Club/FBY 7pm - Bible Study	29	30 9am - Men's Coffee	