



so it is a valuable thing to compare our understanding with the understanding of learned and respected Christians through the ages. What some of us are concerned about, of course, is that sometimes people come up with interpretations that we might deem inconsistent with the full teaching of scripture, right? (Although, to be honest, probably most of us have unknowingly done the same on occasion.) It would seem unwise to only read things we already know and agree with, right? There is no learning in that! So what to do?

I would suggest as we are learning and studying the Bible, that we be open and willing to study explore what others have taught that we might discover something new, gain a different perspective of why we believe as we do, and have the ability to know the different ideas people have and be able to discuss our faith and scripture well, as well as catch when we have gotten off track ourselves. True, some writers and teachers may seem very mistaken one way or another, and we could get caught up in a lot of nonsense (learning which the various biases of various publishers can help guide us). But if we keep the Bible central ourselves, then we should never be afraid to learn from others, even those we disagree with, because if are to grow at all in our faith, we have to be willing to learn more than we already know. That is true in any arena of study: math, science, history, archaeology...certainly our learning about the Bible and our knowledge of God are the tasks of a lifetime!



MARCH 2025



Lead Pastor- Richard Crooks | Music Director- Sasha White | Youth Leader- Jesse Kracht

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“And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.’” --- Mark 16:15 (esv)


One of the great things we do here at First Baptist, in my opinion, is something that started long before I arrived: our Fremont Days Booth...one way we “go into all the world,” as Mark instructs. According to what I have been told, it began as a community service/mission project, as a way to help local families afford a meal for their kids by providing hot dogs and drinks for fifty cents each, with the money going to mission work by way of our Men’s and Women’s groups. Because of the big difference in our price and the vendors at the John C. Fremont Days, our booth was moved over to Midland’s campus as part of an area specifically for children and family oriented activities. I don’t know when our booth first started, but it was only the last few years the price was raised to \$1.00. The great thing about it is we are helping people and making contact with a large number of people beyond our church body, and many of them are likely folks who would not be coming to our church building, but come to our booth there. (The same is true at the Downtown Halloween booth.)

Why write about this? Because now is when we reserve space for the booth, and at a planning meeting we discussed the many tasks involved and the number of people who helped in the past but have moved away either to heaven or a different earthly location. At the meeting, there was agreement that our booth is a pretty unique and special opportunity, and that we are “grandfathered” in to be able to sell our food at Midland, but if we ever skip a year, we won’t be able to again in that area, because it’s expected to be free. We all need to be thinking and praying about this ministry, as we consider what adjustments we may need going forward, both in terms of helpers and also whether to streamline the project.

- On Friday evening, we gather to set up tents and to ice down the drinks in the coolers that our people lend us to use that day. (We will definitely need some new help on Friday evenings)
- Our ABMen donate cases of soda pop and bottled water to sell.
- On Saturday morning, we bring the items to our booth for sale and for giveaway. This includes around 500 hot dogs and buns, with matching number of drinks, the baked goods the ABWM have prepared for sale, crafting items for children to make, giveaway Christian books and Bibles that have been purchased (some are donated—we already have enough



for this year, except a few we will need to purchase yet), materials to received prayer requests, giveaway children's prizes that are donated to us from a chess club member who works with Oriental Trading Company, along with enough tables and chairs to be able to make these easily available. We are thinking that this year we will NOT take out the big cross, but collect the prayer requests in a different way; nor will we take out the cornhole games or giant Jenga. **We will especially need new help with the transporting (maybe more pickup trucks) and setting up the booth on Saturday morning. (Those who find summer heat difficult are often able to help the early morning setup.)**

- We cook and sell food items until the hotdogs are gone (usually from 9ish to 12ish)...so we always need people who can assist with cooking, wrapping, pulling drink orders, taking food orders and handling the cash box. This is an area where we usually have good help, though who and what varies from year to year. Thanks to all who do that! (We should add that hot dogs or buns are often donated, most recently by Hy-Vee, and then we purchase whichever is not.) These are areas people can easily help out. We need individuals who will assist in handing out the free books and engaging those individuals in conversation, and explaining how they can leave payer requests for us.
- Also needed are individuals who enjoy children to guide them in making crafts and selecting prizes. 
- Probably an area where we will need the most additional help this year, is when we are done and need to pack everything up and transport it back to the church. Those who have been there all morning are pretty worn out at this point, so fresh muscles are highly desirable.
- We are looking for ways that our youth group can assist in some of these activities, but we encourage each one to consider ways they would like to donate and/or serve if we believe this is an outreach the Lord has given to us. I am so proud of what you all have accomplished in this ministry over the years.




When you were a child, you might have sat on a small stool and looked at your mother's embroidery. From your point of view, it was a confusion of zigzags, knots and loose threads. Then your mother, to help you understand, turned the embroidery on the right side so you could see and appreciate the design. You must stop looking on the wrong side of things...Lift your hearts to heavenly places and look down upon events from that vantage point. You will see life's temporary sufferings as a gathering of pearls and jewels with which we will be adorned in eternity.

-Richard Wurmbrand



“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” ---2 Timothy 2:15

Have you ever heard this phrase about a Bible study: “We only use the Bible”? That is the comment I want to address this month, because I have yet to be in any Bible study or Sunday School where that is actually true. Before you disagree, let me explain.

People use that phrase to indicate they are not using guidebooks or curriculum, just reading the Bible and drawing insights from it. However, if they are only using the Bible itself, then that means nobody can say anything else at all, only read the words, because the minute somebody says something else, opinion and interpretation have entered into the conversation, and those opinions and interpretations come from somewhere! That is, the speaker has probably heard others teach about the passage before, or are interpreting the passage based on the things they have learned about the Christian faith over the years...whether they can identify the source or not. Each one of us has grown up with our own experiences of what certain phrases and words mean, and so speak out of those experiences. There is nothing wrong with sharing those insights, and often they are very good insights...but we need to be honest and realize that it is more than “just the Bible.” Sometimes those things may be shaped by our background which can be very different from the time the passage was recorded. An example is the phrase “thief in the night” in 1 Thessalonians 5:2, which for us today creates the image of a stealthy burglar who breaks in and steals things without our knowledge, whereas in that time, the emphasis was on the unexpected suddenness and violence of the intrusion (nobody slept through it!), hence the focus of the verse was on the suddenness or unexpectedness, not on some stealthy sneaking in by Jesus. These kinds of cultural differences can mean that there are times when our experiences can impact our understanding in ways that aren't always accurate. 

I suppose, if one got technical about it, even “just using the Bible” itself would strictly mean reading from the Greek and Hebrew (and Aramaic) texts themselves, rather than a translation. Most of our church folks aren't able to do that, so instead we use a translation, trusting the knowledge of somebody else who has learned the languages and translated it for them. In much the same way, it is not such a bad idea in our study of scripture to take advantage of the knowledge of others who have who have studied and learned things we might not have. For example, those who have studied archaeology and ancient history are the ones who have given us a lot of insight into the reasons why Egypt and Babylon were such significant nations in the history of Israel.

We certainly have an obligation to study the Bible and listen for God's voice for ourselves, but as the verse at the top suggests, we also want to be sure we are handling “the word rightly,” and

If you know of someone in our church family whose name should be on this birthday and/or anniversary list and it is not, please call the office at 402-721-1265 to let us know.

BIRTHDAYS	PHONE	DATE	ANNIVERSARY	PHONE
Andy Pavel	402-719-7554	1		
Linda Crytzer	402-753-0256	2		
		4	Steve & Cindi Dodd	402-720-2172
Betty Adams	402-721-2048	5		
Rowena Gonzales	402-719-7809	5		
Randy Cash	402-721-3572	9	In the Bible, God gives some figures	
Cynthia Christensen	402-721-5239	9	"new names." What would you want	
Delores Rasmussen	402-624-5775	9	your new name to be and why?	
Clarence Reiss	402-721-8374	9	(These can be characteristics,	
Shelly Holzerland	402-721-7605	10	something funny or even just a favorite	
Joyce Shellgren		14	name with a good association.)	
Deb Barden	402-720-2349	17		
Rod Musilek	402-721-1336	18		
Brian Weldon	402-727-5302	27		
Beryl Hornberger		28		

March Bible Puzzle

Following a similar line to last month, Proverbs is generally attributed to Solomon, but again, there are references to other writers for portions of it. Who are those folks?

February Bible Puzzle Answer



Most of the psalms are attributed to David, but other attributions include Solomon (72, 127), Asaph (50, 73-82), Ethan (89), Moses (90) and a reference to the sons of Korah (87-88)

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1



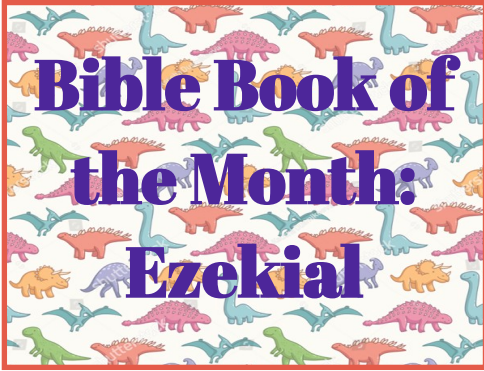
Thank You



Thank you so much for your gift! It was incredibly kind. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. We used the gift towards the purchase of a mobility van. JD can no longer walk so he is now able to ride his power chair into the van! Blessings, JD and Rhonda Reed*

*Please continue to keep the Reed family in your prayers, JD was called home to glory in February.

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES



Esther - March 10 - 11:00am @ Village Inn

Hannah - March 11 - 11:30am @ the Office in Hooper

Naomi - March 27 - 12:30pm

Be Strong &
COURAGEOUS
do not be frightened
do not be dismayed
for the
LORD
your GOD
is with
YOU
Joshua 1:9



March 15
@ 9:30a

No ABWM Meeting this Month

Vision Team Meeting: February 8, 2025



KNOW | LOVE | GROW | SERVE

In attendance: Eileen Cash, Betty Laughlin, Randy Cash, Joel Foreman, Mark and Vickie Anderson, Alan Holzerland, Marica Hill, Mary Weldon, Mike Raasch and Pastor Richard.

Mike opened with devotional thoughts from John 1:41 and imagined what emotions Andrew had bringing his brother to Jesus, then Isaiah 43:19’s reference to being open to things that are new.

Alan Holzerland reported for Property Team that the 3rd floor sheetrock repair in the east room was completed for \$500.00, and that there are some volunteers who will be doing the painting. Hank Schollmeyer’s son, Adam, is going to come and do a drone inspection of the roofs for us since our roofing companies have not been able to do that kind of inspection for us.


He passed on Hank’s report of cold drafts in the complex that need to be identified and repaired. The Property Team is also in the process of identifying the best way to bring heating into the rooms east of the sanctuary and the entryway that are currently unheated. Also mentioned was a piece of aluminum edging on the front door needing to be repaired.

Mark and Vicki reported on school outreach: coats have been taken to schools; school pantry foods will be delivered on March 10; teacher treats will be delivered for upcoming parent-teacher conferences, with testing snacks will follow after.

Sasha provided a written update about grants being worked on. The team will meet Sunday to determine specific use of the \$200 Costco grant. [Subsequent to the meeting, Sasha updated that she had reported an incorrect amount...the grant was only \$50.] Sasha is awaiting reply on a \$500 grant request from Duluth Trading for kids winter clothing, and she and Pastor Richard have been involved with discussions for an “emerging leader” grant (and some others available) that may help us create some connections and assistance for our Spanish speaking adults in the Washington School area.

Randy indicated that our revenue and expenses for the month of January were about even. He also indicated that records indicate that without the income from the Laten Fund, our current giving level would not be able to support the current budget.

Eileen stated that the ABWM will be meeting for a noon Luncheon in April, and indicated that the bazaar for support at the mission in Cordova, Alaska did very well. Our ABWM had sent a Christmas quilt.

 Joel mentioned plans for this year’s Easter breakfast, using a couple of new indoor griddles. ABMen continue to provide pizzas for Wednesday Kids Club and now, also Sunday evening Youth, as well as sending \$25.00 a month to Moses Merrill.

Marcia provided details about the Youth Fundraiser Valentine Dinner next Sunday in the Parlor. Richard added that Youth Minister Jesse reported that we have 11 youth registered to go to the Leadership Training at Moses Merrill. There are also plans to attend the MMCCC Spring Youth Retreat in March and

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SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN



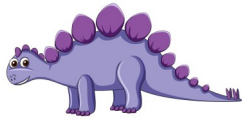
Blessed are those who are spiritually needy. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them

Matthew 5:3

Commit to investing 30 minutes every day to pause, meditate, and reflect on God's Word. Journal down what you have gleaned from your quiet time?

- DAY 1: JOHN 8:1-11
- DAY 2: LUKE 4:31-37
- DAY 3: MARK 8:1-10
- DAY 4: MARK 7:14-23
- DAY 5: MATTHEW 9:18-26
- DAY 6: ROMANS 8:31-39
- DAY 7: ROMANS 14:12-23
- DAY 8: PSALM 45:1-17
- DAY 9: GALATIANS 5:1-15
- DAY 10: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-14
- DAY 11: HOSEA 2:14-23
- DAY 12: PROVERBS 3:1-18
- DAY 13: REVELATION 1:1-18
- DAY 14: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:17-24
- DAY 15: 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9
- DAY 16: REVELATION 4:1-11
- DAY 17: ROMANS 15:1-13
- DAY 18: EZEKIEL 37:1-14
- DAY 19: JOB 26:1-14
- DAY 20: JEREMIAH 10:1-16
- DAY 21: ROMANS 7:7-25
- DAY 22: LUKE 8:4-15
- DAY 23: MICAH 7:1-13
- DAY 24: PROVERBS 22:1-16
- DAY 25: 1 PETER 5:6-11
- DAY 26: JOHN 3:14-21
- DAY 27: ZECHARIAH 3:1-10
- DAY 28: ACTS 9:1-20
- DAY 29: DANIEL 7:9-14
- DAY 30: 2 JOHN 4-11
- DAY 31: HEBREWS 12:1-13





FBKIDS & FBYOUTH



FBKids K-6th | Wednesday Nights | 6:15p Meal | 6:45p Groups
FBYouth 7-12th | Sunday Nights | 6p Meal | 6:30p Groups | with Youth Leader Jesse Kracht



FBYouth spent the weekend at Camp Moses Merrill for "LIT" (Leaders in Training), where they got to learn what it takes to be a Camp Leader!

I thought that LIT was very productive. I can say for myself that I did learn new things even though I have attended LIT before. We learned how to get through sticky situations and how to share the gospel. Another thing that I noticed is that the people from FBYouth became a lot closer to each other. It was a very good bonding experience for all of us and some people from youth are now wanting to become leaders at camp! If I were to rate LIT this year, I would give it a 10 out of 10! - Sami Hill

My experience at LIT was great! I was very happy to attend and I am grateful for the knowledge that I gained. Some topics that we discussed were more impactful, and talking about said things will help me to become a better person, and potentially a camp counselor. During chapel, I found the sermons very interesting and inspiring. Building relationships with other attendees that were new, and strengthening my past relationships with people I've met was also great for me. Being with my fellow Christians for the weekend and growing with them and God, was a great experience. - Asa Summers



a Christian concert in Des Moines. Pastor also mentioned that July Cream is currently covering the office security for us on Wednesday evenings.



Pastor reported about Bible studies that he is leading a study with a few older youth on Wednesdays, partly so they can bring their siblings for the Kids Club. He has picked up an additional day at Nye Square's Bible Study, so he leads twice a month now. The upcoming Women's Bible study about handling Anxiety has been receiving interest from a number of our ladies. In addition, he noted some good things with the current study groups who are completing the Parables study. The Thursday morning and ABMen studies continue to be good learning experiences. The next study theme is anticipated to be on this year's Eternal Questions topic

Pastor reported that tomorrow we will be watching the Super Bowl together rather than a movie, as per request.

Vision Team Meeting in March will be held in the Family Center due to the Anderson wedding in the main building, and unless there is a particular need, we will not have the Personnel meeting.

Mary Weldon recorder.



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Wednesday April 9, 2025
Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church Fremont
5th & C Streets

Family Friendly
Bingo Night!

No charge to play
all are welcome!

Dinner provided

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First Baptist, Fremont

SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS

Peanut Butter	Crackers
Rice/Beans	Flour/Sugar
Soup	Canned Meat
Fruit/Veg.	Snack Bars
Cereal	Pasta

PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR SHELVES!!

Accepting Non-Perishable Items for Local Schools.
We will distribute donations on March 10th!

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, as God in Christ FORGAVE YOU.

EPHESIANS 4:32

March 2025

Sometimes, plans can change...It's always a good idea to verify times and places.

Cookies & Coffee


2 - ABM
9 - Hannah
16 - Esther
23 - Naomi
30 - ABM



March 9



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>One of our most successful outreach events is scheduled in just a few weeks. Please consider donating "gently used" gift items - OR - gift cards in the amount of \$5 or \$10 - (No more than \$10 on a gift card, please!) to any fast food restaurant, grocery store or drug store located in Fremont.</p>						<p>1 7a - ABM Bible Study 8a - ABM Breakfast 9a - Property Team 6p - Fun and Fellowship</p>
<p>2 Communion Bring a Can of FOOD 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service 6p - FBYouth Dinner Fundraiser</p>	<p>3 9a - Men's Coffee</p>	<p>4 7p - AA Meeting</p>	<p>5 Lent Begins 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids K-6 7p - Bible Study</p>	<p>6 5:30p - Kay Circle Mat Weaving</p>	<p>7 9a - Men's Coffee 12p - Bible Study in Parlor</p>	<p>8 9:30a - Vision Team in the Family Center</p>
<p>9 Bring a Can of FOOD 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service 11a - Bible Study 6p - FBYouth Meal 6p - Brown Bag/Movie Night 7p - FBYouth 7-12th</p>	<p>10 Delivering Food To Schools 9a - Men's Coffee 11a - Esther Circle 7p - Woodcarvers</p>	<p>11 11:30a - Hannah Circle @ the Office 7p - AA Meeting</p>	<p>12 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids K-6 7p - Bible Study</p>	<p>13 9:30a - Pastor Led Bible Study/ZOOM</p>	<p>14 9a - Men's Coffee 12p - Bible Study in Parlor</p>	<p>15 9:30a - ABW Bible Study</p>
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