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in the final judgment and punishment or reward. The Book of Revelation draws heavily on the imagery in previous works, so any study will send the student back to Daniel and the others, as well as Exodus, for understanding. It is kind of sad that the only concept of Apocalypse that has captured the modern imagination is a violent end of time with destruction; God and justice have simply been ignored, even though both are integral parts of true Apocalyptic writing.



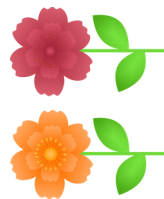
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May 2025



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

PASTOR'S NOTES:

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. -- Deuteronomy 8:2-3

You may recall Jesus quoted from this passage in the wilderness when faced with a temptation from Satan to turn rocks into bread. It is just one of the many biblical passages that speaks of the nourishment God's Word brings to our lives, to our spirits. Recently, during one of my morning reading times and then again during some study time in preparation for an upcoming sermon, I marveled at some simple and encouraging insights from passages I had long known, but spoke fresh meaning to me in those moments. In one case, I was especially struck that there was one little phrase tucked away in a familiar passage that I had not really noticed previously. There is just so much embedded in the

Scripture! And then, reminded of the manna and Jesus quoting Deuteronomy, one more piece of the manna story came to mind from *Exodus 16:19-21*, as the Israelites came to their first Sabbath day with the manna provision:

And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Apart from the obvious warning about disobedience to God, I got to thinking about the importance of daily time in the Word, reflection and prayer. I wonder how many of us try to get by on rotten leftovers? Just as we need to eat healthy foods each day, so the bread of God's Word needs to be consumed fresh each day. In our scripture time, God provides what we need for each day, and it is not meant to carry over, but to be renewed day by day. Foods in our pantry get tossed when the safe use time has expired. My simple question is, how fresh is the Word you are trying to survive on? If we try to get by on yesteryear's nourishment, it will only "spoil and breed worms." God's manna of nurturing scripture is poured out each and every day. Don't try to live on leftovers...eat fresh at the table God prepares for you in his Word every morning.

And, before I close this out, I also wanted to share with you a devotional reading from Guideposts that resonates deeply with me, as well as challenges me. Perhaps it will speak to you as well.

It is by Julie Attaway from the *Guideposts 2017* book:

"I have to go," I said, sighing. 'I have laundry to do tonight or my kids won't have anything to wear.'

'Hey, I just learned something earlier this week that is changing my life,' Liz replied. 'Change one word and you change your attitude. Replace have with get.'



I looked puzzled, so she elaborated. 'Instead of 'I have to do laundry,' say, 'I get to do laundry.' As in, I get to do it because I have clothes for myself and my family. Instead of saying, 'I have to pay bills,' try 'I get to pay bills' because I can afford electricity.'

I could see how this one-word switch could be life-transforming:

I get to wash dishes because I have running water.

I get to call the bank because I have a phone.

I get to take the computer in for repair because I have one.

I get to tend my sick son because I have a child.

I walked home thinking of all the things I get to do, purely by the grace of God. There's a lot to be thankful for, if I look at it the right way." (used with permission)

God really is good, isn't he?

Richard



MAY BIBLE PUZZLE:

In the Bible, there are a few indications of individuals who served as a sort of secretary for the writer of the Biblical books. Where are (some of) the references and whom did they assist?

APRIL BIBLE PUZZLE:

How about continuing in this vein to ask a bit more difficult question:
Who wrote the book of Hebrews?

New Testament letters are arranged according to author (some people have studied authorship and offer some alternative ideas...I am using the traditional understandings). Paul's letters are first, Romans through Philemon, after Hebrews is the letter of James, then those of Peter, John and Jude. Hebrews is the one book among those that, from the earliest days, has always had uncertain human authorship.

Here is what William Lane offers in the Word Biblical Commentary:

"...the writer is presumably within the Pauline circle and expects to travel with Timothy... (13:23)...The language of Hebrews constitutes the finest Greek in the NT, far superior to the Pauline standard...in antiquity, the names of Paul, Barnabas, Luke, and Clement of Rome were mentioned....In current scholarship, Apollos, Silvanus (Silas), Epaphras, the deacon Philp, Priscilla and Aquila, Jude, Aristion and others...all that can be said with certainty is that Hebrews was composed by a creative theologian, who was well trained in the exposition of the Greek Scriptures. For the writer, 'formative' Judaism was Hellenistic Judaism."

Personally, I like to think it was Aquila God used...but that's another lesson for another time!

"NO TEMPTATION HAS OVERTAKEN YOU THAT IS NOT COMMON TO MAN. THEREFORE TAKE UP THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IN THE EVIL DAY, AND HAVING DONE ALL, TO STAND FIRM." - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 ESU



Apocalypse. Apocalyptic. Armageddon. Those are terms we see bandied about in the entertainment industry and on tabloids, but do you know what they mean? Or where they come from? Probably the most familiar is Armageddon, which we know refers to the final battle between God and the rebellious evil forces described in

chapter 16 of the Book of Revelation. As it says there, it is a Hebrew word, and means the "Mount of Megiddo," a biblical location made famous by Solomon's fortifications and stables, and the battle between Egypt and Assyria that took place there in King Josiah's day. It is located on an important trade route between Mesopotamia to Egypt, and was the site of many battles in history. The name "Armageddon" has become synonymous with the end of time in a cataclysm. In this article, however, I want to focus on the term "Apocalypse."

We refer to the last book of the Bible as Revelation, or more properly, The Revelation of Jesus Christ, or The Revelation to John. In the Catholic tradition, the book is referred to as the Apocalypse. Why? Because both titles are from the first word of the book: in English, "Revelation"; in Greek (transliteration) "Apocalypse." The Greek word carries the basic meaning of something being revealed. None of those sound like the idea presented in popular usage these days, do they? However, in the context of the book, it is an apt title, for the book contains information that is "revealed" by Jesus to John by means of prophetic visions and symbols. These visions and symbols have become the focus of extensive speculation and study from the very early days, as God's people have longed for judgment on evil and the return of Christ. Revelation has been particularly loved by Christians suffering persecutions, as Christians were when it was written. Even so, it was the last book to be accepted into the New Testament, and its inclusion was controversial even up to the time of the Reformation, as Luther did not consider it worthy of being scripture. He considered the book "neither apostolic nor prophetic," and said that he "can in no way detect that the Holy Spirit produced it." Certainly a far cry from how people view Revelation today, even though many consider the book rather bizarre.



In our libraries, books are arranged according to genre: fiction/non-fiction, history, political, mystery, adventure and parenting are but a few. Literature in biblical times was also of a variety of genres, and during the centuries around the time of Jesus, Apocalyptic was one of those genres. The last book of our Bibles is one such work, but not the only one. In fact, there are elements of this style elsewhere in the Bible, particularly in Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah, as well as sections of Matthew, Luke and Mark. (Additionally, there are other apocalyptic style books that are not included in our Bibles.) Key characteristics of apocalyptic literature are that it regularly uses symbolism and visions to express the general emphasis on God bringing the end of time culminating

FBYOUTH UPDATE

FBKids End of Year Celebration
May 14th @ 6:30

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

As we venture into the last few weeks of youth, our youth group will be going over a series titled, "Revival as Warm as the Summer Day". In this series we will be looking over 3 prominent revivals that have taken place over the course of the last 100 years. Be on the lookout for the things that the youth will be doing this summer, as we will be looking to do more outreach within Fremont! From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all for your continue support of these kiddos and their spiritual growth. As always, God Bless! -Jesse Kracht



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INVITE YOU TO GABRIELLE'S GRADUATION CELEBRATION!
SATURDAY | MAY 3RD | 4-7PM
FIRST BAPTIST FAMILY CENTER



Congratulations! Class of 2025!



Ethan Peterson

Tom and Jess Peterson would like to invite you to their son's High school Graduation Party!
Please Join us in Celebrating, Ethan Peterson!
May 9, 2025 ~ 5 to 8pm
In the fbc family center



May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! Psalm 20:4 esv



American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

Bible Book of
the Month:
Malachi



May 12th - 11:00 am - Esther Circle

May 13th - 11:30 am - Hannah Circle @ BK East

May 22nd - 12:30 pm - Naomi Circle



**MAY 17
@ 9:30**

Study Guides are Available



**Baby Bottle
Campaign**



April 12, 2025 Vision Minutes:

In attendance: Eileen Cash, Randy Cash, Marcia Hill, Vicki Anderson, Mark Anderson, Joel Foreman, Alan Holzerland, Betty Laughlin, Mary Weldon and Pastor Richard

Pastor opened with a devotion about turning Lent outward by not just giving up something for lent but finding ways to give encouragement to others during Lent and Holy Week.



Joel led the meeting, first calling on Randy to review the financial reports. Randy provided an update on money received from the Laten Fund in March as the first for the year. The quarterly amount is close to the amount received in 2024. He also indicated we began the month with a decent balance in checking, and a great offering the first week, but also reminded that there are three payrolls this month and only four Sundays. Randy indicated the freewill offering at the Jews for Jesus presentation was just under \$200. Pastor stated that the requested expenses for our speaker that night was \$150, which was paid, and that we also covered his hotel expenses. Eileen moved, Marcia seconded that we round the donation up to \$200 to send the organization. Pastor also mentioned that we had covered the hotel for missionaries Walt and Jeanine White for 2 nights as they were with us both Sunday morning and the youth on Sunday evening, but no speaker fee was needed, and that the \$150 for Jews for Jesus could be charged to that special speaker line.

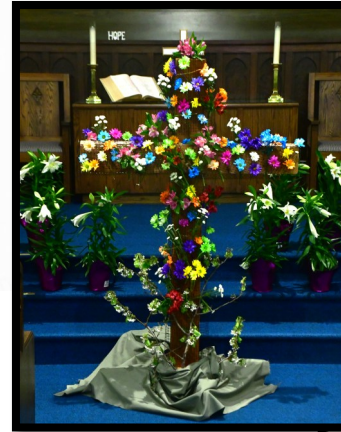
Joel reported on behalf of ABMen that the Easter Sunday pancake breakfast was ready to go. He also updated that ABWM and ABMen had decided that for Fremont Days they would only sell hot dogs for \$1.00, and use our coolers and cups to provide free water, and that we will not need a tent this year. Hot dogs (720) will be donated, so the main expense will hot dog buns, and he is hoping that since there will not be requests for water, pop or baked good donations, then hopefully donations can be made to cover buns instead. It was also suggested that youth could sell bottled water if they wanted for those who would prefer having a bottle. Pastor will pass the word.

Mark and Vicki reported that testing snacks have been delivered to Grant, Washington and Linden, and that on May 16, a luncheon will be provided for Linden at 12:15p. Vicki had received a very grateful text from Linden's principal that was read. Pastor also mentioned that remaining Bingo supplies that were craft oriented were delivered to Linden for their use, and the others were taken to Grant for their Christmas store. Both schools were appreciative. Marcia shared that 15 Easter Baskets had been taken to The Bridge for their clients that were assembled by Lilie and Amber Hammond and herself. Pastor shared details about an Easter Egg hunt we are hosting for some Regency residents on the day before Easter at Miller Park.

Alan provided an update on the various small projects and repairs the trustees have completed, as well as the status on roof examination and HVAC discussions for areas



Easter Season and Holy Week were more packed than ever! ***With 8 services over an 11 day span***, plus an Easter Egg Hunt, the FBYouth Easter Egg Fundraiser, a Pancake Breakfast, and few special guests (Missionaries and Presenters) First Baptist Fremont truly witnessed God at work through His people as they served the community. Here are some pictures!



Learning to Trust

May

- Day 1: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 2: Psalm 9:9-10
- Day 3: Psalm 20:7-8
- Day 4: Psalm 112:7
- Day 5: Psalm 28:7
- Day 6: Proverbs 29:25
- Day 7: Proverbs 15:20
- Day 8: Joshua 1:9
- Day 9: Jeremiah 17:5-6
- Day 10: Jeremiah 17:7-8
- Day 11: Psalm 31:1-2
- Day 12: Psalm 37:3-4
- Day 13: Psalm 37:5
- Day 14: Psalm 55:22
- Day 15: Isaiah 26:3-4
- Day 16: Isaiah 40:28-29
- Day 17: Isaiah 40:30-31
- Day 18: Isaiah 41:10
- Day 19: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 20: Psalm 118:8-9
- Day 21: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 22: Psalm 32:10-11
- Day 23: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 24: John 10:27-28
- Day 25: John 14:1
- Day 26: John 16:33
- Day 27: Luke 8:48
- Day 28: Luke 11:9-10
- Day 29: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 30: Romans 8:28
- Day 31: 1 John 5:14-15

still needing service. He mentioned that one office in the complex is still empty, and that indications are the market is difficult right now due to people working at home instead. There was also some questions about the cost of utilities in that office.

Marcia reported for the youth/children that Bingo night had 55-60 people, several of whom were new, and that it had gone very well, with special thanks to all those who provided prizes. The youth very much enjoyed meeting with Walt and Jeanine White. The FBKId leaders are working on ideas for end of year activity for the young classes in May. Pastor reported that the Personnel Team is in conversation with Jesse Kracht about the possibility of continuing as our Youth Pastor.

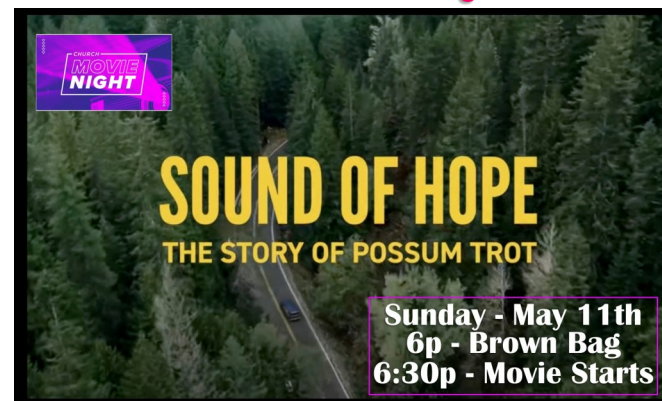
Pastor indicated that he and Joel were in conversation about trying to assemble some ABMen flood buckets for the Kentucky area to have. He also indicated that there were actually 535 or more pairs of socks that we had received in donation for overseas, and about half have already been shipped to Maine for delivery to the Congo, the rest will soon be sent to southern California for mission use in the Tijuana area. Pastor also shared some contacts he had with missionaries Stantons and Whites. The Stantons are needing to raise 25% additional support to be able to stay in Hungary. Pastor mentioned in conversation with the Whites, they were very comfortable with the possibility of our adjusting their support and diverting it to the Stantons if that is how we needed to source it. Vision Team discussed several options, and decided by consensus that going forward we should move half of White's monthly support to the Stanton's, thus upping their amount from \$100/mo to \$150/mo to help meet their need.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.



The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8 esv

Join Us the Second Sunday of each Month for Movie Night!




HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nola Crooks	913-731-5103	02
Chris Raasch		02
Mary Weldon	402-727-5302	05
Richard Crooks	402-630-1380	09
Jessica Schollmeyer		12
Deakon Scott		14
Adam Schollmeyer		23
Frankie McKee	402-624-5745	28

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

May 2025

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." - Isaiah 26:3				1 5:30p - Kay Circle	2 9a - Men's Coffee 10a - Nye Square Bible Study 12p - Bible Study in Parlor	3 7a - ABM Bible Study 8a - ABM Breakfast 9a - Property Team 6p - Fun and Fellowship
4 Communion Sunday 9:30am - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service 6p - FBYouth Meal 6:30p - FBYouth 7-12th	5 9a - Men's Coffee 7p - Woodcarvers	6 7p - AA Meeting	7 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids K-6 7p - Bible Study	8 11a - Pastor Led Bible Study to include Zoom	9 9a - Men's Coffee 12p - Bible Study in Parlor	10 8:45a - Personnel Team 9:30a - Vision Team
11 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service 11a - Bible Study 6p - Brown Bag Fellowship 6:30p - Movie Night (Family Center) 6p - FBYouth Meal 6:30p - FBYouth 7-12th	12 9a - Men's Coffee 11a - Esther Circle	13 11:30am - Hannah Circle @ BK East 7p - AA Meeting	14 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:30p - Meal Followed by FBKids K-6 End of Year Celebration 7p - Bible Study	15 5:30p - Kay Circle	16 9a - Men's Coffee 12p - Bible Study in Parlor 12:15p - Luncheon @ Linden Elementary	17 9:30a - ABW Bible Study
18 9:30am - Traditional Service 11a - Bible Study 11am - Casual Service 6p - FBYouth Meal 6:30p - FBYouth 7-12th (Last Day until Fall)	19 9a - Men's Coffee 7p - Woodcarvers	20 7p - AA Meeting	21 9:30a - Women's Coffee 7p - Bible Study	22 11a - Pastor Led Bible Study to include Zoom 12:30p - Naomi Circle	23 9a - Men's Coffee 10a - Nye Square Bible Study 12p - Bible Study in Parlor	24
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Cookies & Coffee

4- Hannah Circle

11 - Esther Circle

18 - Naomi Circle

25 - ABMen

We have an easy way for you to help support our Wednesday Night Youth Program. We are in need of **EMPTY Toilet Paper** or **Paper Towel Rolls** for a game that will be played at our **End of Year Celebration**. Bring them to the office when you get a chance. We appreciate all your support.

