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First Baptist Church of Fremont
 Build, Love, Grow, Serve

APRIL 2022

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

PASTOR'S NOTES

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. —Psalm 119-18 ESV



Have you enjoyed the slow reading of the scriptures related to Holy Week? Some days, it may feel like you can barely get it all in, because of all the verses in the readings. Other days, you may wonder why there are only a couple of verses listed. And yet, have you also experienced that no matter what the text for the day, there are insights, lessons, and challenges to be discovered? I hope you, like me, have found that in this careful reading of these passages you are experiencing the words of scripture unfolding before your very eyes, and hearing the Spirit of God whispering into your heart words of comfort and love, just as the Psalmist describes in the verse above. Perhaps more importantly, I hope this Lenten exercise produces some other results.

One of the things our little devotional study guide is about is helping us take the time to practice some ways of interacting with the text that may not be as familiar to us. Methods such as reading slowly and carefully, paying attention to the little things. In other cases, taking the text and looking at it from the different points of view represented in the story, or letting the scripture be a mirror of your own life as you seek to see yourself in the lives of the various people mentioned (see James 1:22-25). In addition, I hope that the readings have for you, as they have for me, sent me on little “rabbit hunts” as topics arouse my curiosity, leading me to research questions that I have in the reading, or to search out related scriptures either quoted in the text or that the text reminds me of as similar. I have found that all these things have brought me some fresh and interesting insights, as well as challenges to apply in my life. Are you discovering the same kind of thing? I really hope so.

Would you like to know a secret, by the way? If you are experiencing this kind of insights and spiritual treasures in your Bible, then you should know that there are similar insights and treasures waiting to be discovered by you throughout the rest of scripture...and especially you will find them in the passages you have never spent much time reading. These same techniques (and others) can open new worlds for your spiritual growth every day, if you are willing to let it happen. There is so much that God wants us to know: about Him, about His plans for our lives, about what He has done for us, about the things He offers to help us throughout our lives.... just waiting there within the pages of your Bible. And not only that, but if you will take the time to share with others the things you are learning, and ask them to share what they are discovering, you will find that God will bring wonderful things your way, AND THEIRS!

Finally, Mike Raasch and I are working on the completion of our Lenten Project, which will be in the form of small Bible study/faith sharing group sessions on Palm Sunday and Wednesday of Holy Week. We are looking for individuals willing to host a group

of 6-8 folks in their home (or even at the church), and individuals willing to lead the various groups (with helps and instruction from Mike and me). In the course of my life, both as a pastor and when not pastoring, I have found that sharing intentional time with others in a Bible study and share group is a very unique and valuable part of growing in Christ. Plan now to be involved, if not by hosting or leading, at least by participating in one of the groups (watch for sign-up details coming soon).

In continual awe of the riches in God's Word,



P.S. I should add, do NOT think you have to be a great teacher or Bible scholar to lead one of these groups. You simply need to be willing, and to be a fellow seeker. The helps and instruction we provide are designed in such a way that anyone willing to share can be effective in leading a group.



Bible Puzzle

Since we are working on Holy Week, we often hear about Jesus's last 7 "words" on the cross. Can you list all seven? Which Gospel are they found in?

People's Puzzle

This church member had a dream as a young teen, of going to serve in the Peace Corps to help people in another country learn important life skills, and read a lot of articles and research in preparation. But as life went on, he/she never got to go, and looking back now, thinks it was just as well, because they probably did not have the required skills or temperament for the challenge it would have been.

****March Answers****

Bible Puzzle:

Luke's Gospel begins with the greeting to "Theophilus" in verse 3, where Luke says he is writing it for him. Luke also wrote the book of Acts, which Luke also writes for the benefit of Theophilus. Some debate whether this was an individual person Luke knew, or a codeword for Christians, since the name means something like "friend of God" or "beloved of God."

People's Puzzle:

This church member worked as a Nebraska teacher....but only for one year! After making a move, he/she received training in a different field and never worked as a teacher again.
Answer: Shirley Angermund

Happy Anniversary!

29th Tom & Jessica Peterson 402-719-5408

Happy Birthday!

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Kelly Regier		03
Paul Foreman	402-719-4316	07
Tom Scott	402-525-6937	08
Cindi Dodd	402-727-7228	12
Dorothy Charleston	402-720-5238	14
Everett Moerker	402-721-4290	17
Mike Raasch	402-727-6854	22
Allie Hansen	402-720-9867	30



Our Friends Away from Home

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 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
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I asked God to help me grow, and it started to rain



Senior
Social Luncheon

Tuesday
April 12

12:00 | Parlor

FUN * FOOD * FELLOWSHIP

Meat will be provided, we simply ask for you to bring a side (Veggies, Salad, Dessert...etc)





First Baptist Youth

Update

With the month of March behind we have had an excellent chance to continue our ministry! We have successfully made a way for the youth students to come Sunday morning to the Family Center for youth groups before the second service and have been able to see them there virtually and physically. Recently we have been discussing the characteristics of Jesus in his ability to teach and lead His disciples through His ministry as well as taking a closer look at how to pray. We used the acronym PRAY to be able to remember the components of talking to God. P is praise. R is repentance. A is Ask. Y is yield. All this referenced from the model prayer in Matthew 6:5-15. Thank you for all your love and faithful support in this as we continue to love and disciple!
Luke



Church Clean Up Day

Thank you to all that helped clean up FBC. We appreciate all the volunteers that helped make this possible!



ABWM MEETING APRIL 7 @ 1:30 PM

Monthly Meetings

April 11th - 11:30 am

Esther Circle

April 12th - 1:30 pm

Hannah Circle

April 28th - 12:30 pm

Naomi Circle

Ladies Day Out

April 2, 2022

9:45 - Meet @ Church

- * Lunch @ Ollie and Hobbs
- * Visit Sarpy County Museum
- * Visit Moses Merrill Mission Site

(There will be Limited Walking and we are asking for \$5 donation to cover fuel. Please sign up with Amity in the office so we can have a head count)

Bible Book of the Month:
Nehemiah

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES



Do not grieve, for the Joy of the Lord is your strength
-Nehemiah 8:10

Vision Team Meeting: March 12, 2022 | Condensed Version

In attendance: Mike Raasch, Marcia Hill, Joel Foreman, June Cardwell, Randy Cash, Eileen Cash, Mary Weldon, John Mitchell and Pastor Richard



Mike Opened with prayer and a devotion from FBC's 2009 Lenten Devotional, written by Christine Gibson about Having Faith in What You Ask For.

Mike invited the Vision Team to open our meeting time with discussion of what vision we might have for coming days, now that we are seeing COVID numbers decline and so hope to be able to start doing more activities than we have been in the last couple of years.

ABWM--Eileen shared that the women are planning a Ladies Day Out on April 2 to go to Bellevue where the early Baptist workers (Moses Merrill) first crossed and came to Nebraska. She also shared that the circles have finished reading through The Prayer of Jabez, and moving to a new book Rules of the Red Sea.

Pastor reported that Personnel met and is working with our Youth Minister Intern, Luke, to have him continue working through the summer during the days he is off from work at Moses Merrill. Details have yet to be worked out. After discussion of several ideas, Mary Weldon suggested that we use the money currently designated as VBS to help fund this, and have these ongoing weekend meetings take the place of our usual VBS. June Cardwell moved, Eileen Cash 2nd that we instruct the Pastor, June, Alan, and Personnel Team enlist appropriate youth workers and develop the plan for how this summer employment will work. Motion passed.

Pastor also shared on behalf of Personnel that there are aspirations to obtain a music leader, one who might also be able to help lead in other areas so that the job would be big enough to attract a quality leader. However, that process has been put on hold temporarily while we await clarity on the new funds we will be receiving.

 Pastor and Mike shared that part of the goal of the Lenten Devotional is to help encourage our people to form some Bible study and sharing groups.

Joel brought up the time the church had some short-term home Bible study groups, hosted by someone often with a different person leading the study, all using the same material. With discussion, we decided instead of the Lenten Breakfasts during this year's Holy Week, we will set up some home studies such as Joel described, one to be later in the day on Palm Sunday, and a second to take place on Wednesday. Pastor and Mike will follow up on this, and the studies will be tied to the Lenten Devotional.

We then reviewed the Holy Week schedule, and agreed to have our usual Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sunrise Services, as well as the pancake breakfast by ABMen before each of the Sunday Services. There was some discussion of an alternate location for sunrise services.

Pastor mentioned that when they are gone to Hungary the Sunday after Easter, Pastor Kyle Bendorf recently pastor at Fairbury, is available to come and speak for our services, so he has extended that invitation. Luke will be asked to help lead the worship, and there will be other



April

The Grace of God

Day 1 – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Day 2 – Ephesians 2:8-10

Day 3 – Romans 6:11-14

Day 4 – 1 Corinthians 15:10

Day 5 – Hebrews 4:14-16

Day 6 – John 1:16-17

Day 7 – Romans 3:22-24

Day 8 – Titus 2:11-14

Day 9 – Colossians 4:2-6

Day 10 – Ephesians 2:4-7

Day 11 – 2 Timothy 1:9-10

Day 12 – Romans 6:1-4

Day 13 – John 1:14

Day 14 – Galatians 2:19-21

Day 15 – Hebrews 12:14-15

Day 16 – Romans 5:1-2

Day 17 – Romans 12:3-8

Day 18 – 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Day 19 – Galatians 5:4-6

Day 20 – Romans 5:20-21

Day 21 – Ephesians 1:3-6

Day 22 – Titus 3:4-7

Day 23 – Ephesians 4:7-8

Day 24 – 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

Day 25 – Hebrews 2:9-11

Day 26 – 1 Peter 1:13-16

Day 27 – Colossians 1:3-6

Day 28 – Ephesians 1:7-10

Day 29 – Acts 20:32

Day 30 – 2 Peter 3:18



Holy Week Schedule



April 10, Palm Sunday

Small Group Studies (details to follow)

April 12, Senior Social Luncheon

12:00 | Church Parlor

April 13,

Small Group Studies (details to follow)

April 14, Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm | Communion Service | Sanctuary

April 15, Good Friday

12:15 - 12:45 pm | Contemplative Service | Sanctuary

April 17, Easter Sunday

6:45 am | Sunrise Service | Stone Shelter on West Military

8:30 am | Easter Breakfast (1) | Fellowship Hall

9:30 am | Traditional Service | Sanctuary

10:15 am | Easter Breakfast (2) | Fellowship Hall

11:00 am | Casual Service | Family Center

--Prayer Room--

Open during office hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00 and Friday 9:00 - 1:00

opportunities later for Luke to preach as part of his internship.

John listed the upcoming and in-process projects of the Property Team: a) replacement of windows in North wall of church basement followed by replacing the cement by that wall; b) replacement of the parsonage roof; c) lighting work and replacement in sanctuary (ceiling fans will not be replaced); d) Heating repairs on the top floor Youth area which is awaiting parts; e) Saturday, Mar. 19 will be an all church spring cleaning, and we are encouraging everyone to come participate. Several areas for work were discussed.

Pastor reviewed the status of the technology updates around the church. Updates are complete in the main sanctuary and the Family Center, thanks to Nate Cardwell coming and working with Nola to fix all the glitches. Internet access in the west wing of the church is still awaiting completion.

June Cardwell shared a report on Youth/Children's activities: a) the Kid's Club made "blessing bags" that were taken to the Bridge for families as a local mission project; b) Lay leaders Joel, Marcia and Lillie covered youth group while Luke was on Spring Break from Midland; c) Praises for the fact that 3 more children have accepted Christ and are seeking baptism-- "That will be 8 kids from the Youth group that gave their lives to Jesus!!! 'GOD IS WORKING!' This is so Awesome! Thank you, LORD!! We are so blessed to have such leaders for the kids to learn from."

Randy presented the Treasurer's report, indicating that expenses exceeded income for the month of February, so the excess we had at the end of January has been used, leaving us \$600 in checked at the end of the month. As there are a number of expenses coming in March, and we won't be receiving the new income until the very end of March, we should make one more draw on the Endowment for \$8,000, which should be sufficient to supplement until new funds arrive. Randy also reported that the Communion Fund checking account has now been moved to First State Bank to alleviate the confusion of accounts we had experienced at First National.

Eileen Cash moved that we approve a draw of \$8,000.00 from the Endowment Funds, Joel Foreman 2nd, motion carried.

Prior to closing in prayer, Pastor informed Vision Team that this week John Mitchell had helped develop plans for the new Prayer Room where the Sunday School Secretary's office used to be (John and Marilyn had been instrumental in organizing the Prayer Room on the top floor, but we are moving it to make it more accessible). As a result, the room is well underway and available for us, thanks to the help of John, Marcia and Pastor. Pastor asked Vision Team to help come up with a good name for the room. Meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Weldon and Pastor Richard recorders



Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

APRIL 2022

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

Prayer Emphasis

**School Board,
Teachers,
Administration,
Custodians, and all
School Affiliates**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>-Psalm 37:4</i></p>						
<p>3 Communion 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Casual</p>	<p>4 7pm Wood Carvers</p>	<p>5 7pm Young People AA</p>	<p>6 6:15 Kids Club/FBY</p>	<p>7 1:30 ABWM Meeting</p>	<p>1 1:30 ABWM Meeting</p>	<p>2 7am ABM Bible Study 8am ABM Breakfast 9:00 Property Team 9:45 Ladies Day Out</p>
<p>10 Palm Sunday 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Casual</p> <p>Small Groups Studies - details to follow</p>	<p>11 11:30 Esther Circle</p>	<p>12 12:00 Senior Social Luncheon in Parlor</p> <p>7pm Young People AA</p>	<p>13 NO KIDS CLUB Small Groups Studies -details to follow</p>	<p>14 7pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>15 12:15 Good Friday Service</p>	<p>9 8:50am Personnel 9:30am Vision Team</p>
<p>17 Easter Sunday 6:45 Sunrise Service 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Casual</p>	<p>18 7pm Wood Carvers</p>	<p>19 7pm Young People AA</p>	<p>20 6:15 Kids Club/FBY</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10am - Nye Square Bible Study</p>	<p>23 9:00 ABWM Bible Study</p>
<p>24 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Casual 5:00 Brown Bag 5:30 Movie Night</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 7pm Young People AA</p>	<p>27 6:15 Kids Club/FBY</p>	<p>28 12:30 Naomi Circle</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

*Go to
God!*
BE THE
GLORY

Cookies & Coffee

3 - Esther

10 - Naomi

17 - ABM

24 - Sign up Sunday