

First Baptist Church

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Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. –Romans 15:2 (ESV)



When I was young, there were PSAs (Public Service Announcements) regularly on television about driving defensively, with the tag line: "Watch Out for the Other Guy!" That has become, with a slight twist, one of my pet peeves. I find myself so often amazed when people are oblivious to how their actions impact other people. You know the experience....you are in a rush at the supermarket checkout, and the person at the front of the line decides to take time to pay with pennies (one at a time) while discussing the lives of every child, grandchild and acquaintance he/she and the checker have ever known, regardless of the fact that there are 50 other people behind them! Or people who will be out in public areas, (airports, grocery store aisles, malls, etc.), who think that the best place to stop and have a cell phone conversation is right smack in the middle of everything so that others have to find room to go around them while enduring hearing all the details about Janie's latest bout of flu. I know *you and I* would **never** do such things, but people who do can drive me nuts!

Not very long ago, Nola and I were sitting at a stop light in a car driven by one of the daughters. As soon as the left turn signal changed to green, she pushed the gas pedal and quickly moved out. When Nola asked her why she did that so fast, her reply was that "Richard taught me to do that." As a result, of course, I had to explain myself. It wasn't so much that I had taught her to "floor it" as soon as the light changed, as it was that I had taught her not to hesitate (as long as the way was clear), because there might be a line of cars behind you also hoping to make the green light turn, and if you dawdle you may deny them that opportunity. While her lead foot maybe have missed the main emphasis of my lesson, she did absorb the point that there are other drivers on the road, other shoppers in the store, other people who will be using the restroom after you, other people everywhere who can be impacted by what you do or do not do. Even at the church camp where I used to volunteer, our policy as guest campers was that we always ended the week with every participant crisscrossing the grounds for litter, with the intention that we wanted to leave the camp in better shape after we left than it was before we arrived; not just to leave it in good shape, but to try to make things better.

How often do you think about the next person, about how to make choices that will please your neighbor, as Paul says, rather than yourself? So many ways are out there for us to do just that. Things like leaving the last piece of pie for someone else, or giving someone else the last seat at

the table with your friends and finding someone new to sit with, or pulling to the side of the road when we are driving slow so that the traffic backed up behind us can pass, or allowing the person with just a handful of purchases to go ahead of us in the checkout line.

As I read this section of Romans (chapters 14-15), I find that the real emphasis of Christian teaching is to get the emphasis *off of OURSELVES and ON* to other people, putting them first, meeting their needs, taking second place so that someone else benefits from being ahead of us. Not only that, but a close reading of the passages indicates that when we put pleasing others ahead of ourselves, we are also pleasing God. Don't get me wrong, this doesn't mean becoming a doormat or a people-pleaser with no sense of self or boundaries who is easily manipulated and duped. But it does mean learning to pay attention to and care about the needs of others, even to our own inconvenience. It means learning to consider how our actions impact those who come around us, and those who might come after us. This is true in the church, it is true in the world, it is true on the highway, and perhaps the easiest place to be reminded of this lesson is when you enter that littered, public restrooms! So I encourage us all: Watch Out, for the Other Guy! Find ways to make things better for someone else than it was for you. In fact, find ways to practice that policy at church on Sundays, thinking about looking out for the "other guy".

Thoughtfulness is worth passing on,



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The role of a leader is not to come up with all the great ideas. The role of a leader is to create an environment in which great ideas can happen.

- Simon Sinek



AUGUST BIBLE PUZZLE

How about a bit of a challenge (it might take a little research)?

The Hebrew Bible books of the Prophets...Isaiah to Malachi in our Bibles...are writings from people sent by God to speak to his people. HOWEVER, some of those prophets were sent to the southern kingdom of Judah, and others were sent to the northern kingdom of Israel (which means they all were sent after Solomon's death), and some were sent to the Jewish people in their time of exile (some were even sent to foreign nations!). Which prophets went to which kingdoms?

PEOPLE PUZZLE

This church member has an ongoing "battle of the pink yard flamingoes" which repeatedly turn up unexpectedly in the yard....their spouse has given up trying to keep the flock under control!

(Answers provided next month)

BIBLE PUZZLE JULY

Which prophet was instructed by God to marry a prostitute? Hosea 1:2 .

PEOPLE PUZZLE JULY

The FBC participant who broken an elbow sledding was our summer custodian and Midland graduate student, Brandon Moser.



SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Day 1: 2 Samuel 22:2-3	Day 17: Psalm 27:4-5
Day 2: 2 Samuel 22:31	Day 18: Psalm 91:1-2
Day 3: 2 Samuel 22:32-34	Day 19: Psalm 3:3
Day 4: Psalm 5:11	Day 20: Psalm 119:114
Day 5: Psalm 18:2	Day 21: Psalm 16:9
Day 6: Psalm 31:1-5	Day 22: Psalm 32:7
Day 7: Psalm 31:19	Day 23: Psalm 84:1-4
Day 8: Psalm 34:8	Day 24: Psalm 90:1-2
Day 9: Psalm 46:1-3	Day 25: Psalm 91:9-11
Day 10: Psalm 57:1	Day 26: Psalm 91:14-16
Day 11: Psalm 62:6-8	Day 27: Revelation 21:3-4
Day 12: Psalm 118:8-9	Day 28: Deuteronomy 31:6
Day 13: Proverbs 30:5	Day 29: Psalm 71:1-3
Day 14: Nahum 1:7	Day 30: Psalm 94:22
Day 15: Hebrews 6:18	Day 31: Matthew 7:24
Day 16: Psalm 4:8	

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.



Birthdays & Anniversary's

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



Charlie Wild

December 15, 1927

July 15, 2022



Paul M. Cash

May 28, 1933

July 17, 2022



Geneva Peterson

September 23, 1927

July 20, 2022



	2	Jerry & Roxanne Woodman
Doug Ritthaler	4	
	6	Leonard & Esther Bechtel
	10	Clarence & Trudy Reiss
Jim Peterson	11	
	11	Randy & Sue Rector
Alan Holzerland	13	
Bryan Ritthaler	13	
Jessica Peterson	15	
Avalyn Ward	16	
Nancy Stoltenberg	18	David & Cynthia Christensen
	20	Hank & Amy Schollmeyer
	21	Dale & Sherri Tharp
	25	Alan & Shelly Holzerland
Rick Crytzer	28	
John Mitchell	28	
Sherri Tharp	29	



It's a blessing, as believers, to be able to share our burdens with others. We would love to help pray for you. Just call the office, send us an email, or find us on Facebook. You can also chose to have us put your prayer request on FBC Connect.

August
Bible Book of
the Month:
1 Samuel

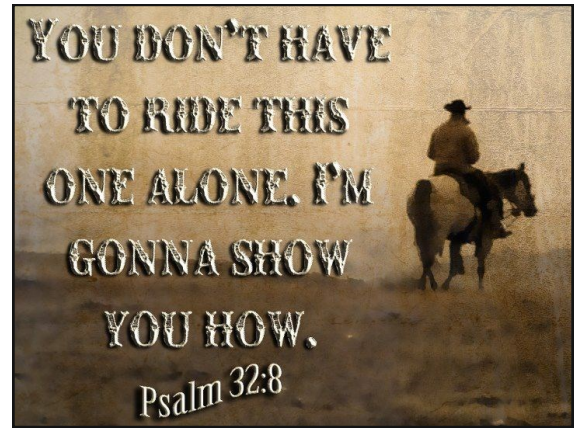


MEETINGS

Esther
August 9-11:30 a.m.

Hannah
August 10-1:30 p.m.

Naomi
August 26-12:30 p.m.




VISION TEAM MONTHLY REPORT JULY 16, 2022

Members present: Pastor Richard, Mike Raasch, Shelly Bowen, John Mitchell, Marcia Hill, Joel Foreman, Mary Weldon, Mary Lamberty, Luke Chavanne, and Dorothy Charleston.



Mike opened the meeting with a devotion from Psalm 89.

Luke gave his report about finding different things to keep the kids involved. The movie night they had last night was a success. Sometimes they have as many as 20. 10 or 11 attended last night. Sunday mornings they have virtual class. 7 have gone to camp. Senior high is this week. He sees growth when they bring new people. The next big thing will be the Kick-Off which has been moved to September. Pastor Richard said he sees more kids this summer than he can remember. Long range plans for summer were discussed.

 John reported Fremont Glass has been contacted about the seals on the doors. Mary Weldon reported they have completed them already. They will try to get to them in the next two weeks. Other door issues will be discussed in the future. He has contacted Pave the Way about the drain head in the parking lot plugging so easily. He has not heard back from them. The lighting is not complete because they can't get the parts yet. The person finishing the trim around the windows in the AA room/craft room isn't done. He has been contacted. Parsonage shingles are in process. Church beautification issues will be addressed in future property meetings.

Mary Lamberty reported a special Mission Conference will be held October 8th and 9th. Representatives from the Baptist Foundation, International Ministries, and Home Ministries will be here.

Randy's report was given by Pastor. His balance sheet was reviewed. Checking account balance was \$23,448.70, Buildings account was \$6,048.04,

With the closing of summer I'm ecstatic to report on some of the growth and maturing off our youth group! We sent four to camp this past week from our youth group while still having great turnouts at our movie nights! We sent Tristan Godina, Lexi & Allie Jones, and Austin Adams! To see our kids grow in their relationships with God and also as Godly leaders in the cabins throughout the camp was an incredible experience. Also we were able to make connections with other kids that are looking for a church home and a youth group and I'm excited to see what God has for them! Another incredible announcement is that Faith Jones is interested in baptism and we are excited to help her enter in to her walk with Christ. I am incredibly excited to see what the future holds for our ministry! Thank you so much for all your love and support!

- Luke Chavanne

If you are interested in volunteering on Wednesday Nights for Kids Club or FB Youth there is a mandatory Child Protection Training Course on Sunday | August 28 from 3:00-5:00

Children & Youth Ministries
Volunteers Needed
Wednesday Nights

We are excited to announce that Kids Club & FB Youth are getting ready meet again. However we can't do it without volunteers like you!

- Spread God's love by teaching it to kids.
- Kitchen Helpers to help distribute and purchase weekly meals.
- Van Drivers
- Children/Youth Mentors

There is a spot for you!

Is God calling you to serve? There is a special opportunity for you!! If you are interested in volunteering with Kids Club or FB Youth, please let Nola or Amity know ASAP.

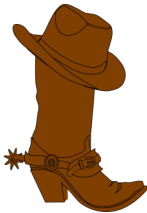
FBC FREMONT
YOUTH KICK OFF
CARNIVAL NIGHT
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7
6:30-8:00 PM

COME ENJOY A NIGHT OF FUN AND LEARN ABOUT OUR FALL/WINTER PROGRAMS AT FBC FREMONT

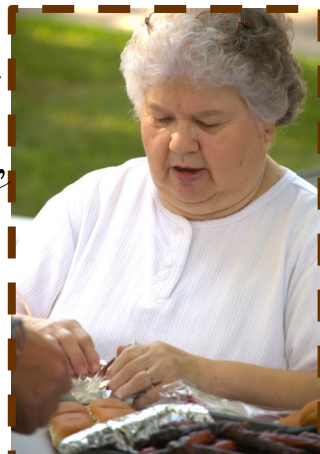
GAMES **HOT DOG DINNER**
FACE PAINTING

FREE! **GRATIS!** **FBC FREMONT**
5TH & C STREET

JOHN C FREMONT DAYS IS A SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR. WE LOVE BEING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, GIVING BOOKS AND BIBLES, SHARING GOD'S LOVE, AND SELLING HOTDOGS! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR DONATIONS, PRAYERS, AND SUPPORT. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU.



*With God
All Things
Are
Possible*



Endowment was \$309,580.37, Memorial Gifts was \$32,365.45. Pastor reported an anonymous gift of \$10,000 was donated to the church. \$2000 for camp scholarships savings, \$5,000 for the sound system in the sanctuary, and \$3,000 for remodeling.

Upcoming activity includes: Endowment meeting with the Foundation, upkeep of the building, redesigning the Vision Committee, (what do people prefer and simplifying procedures)

Pastor will be gone to Chicago August 14.

Mike reported Bible Studies for September and October will be I John or Beatitudes.

There being no further business, Mike closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Charleston, clerk



Members of First Baptist Church!
Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and prayers. It's a pleasure to serve our community!
Fremont/Dodge County 911



Thank you for all your love, prayers, cards, and calls the past 2 years. They have meant so much to Paul and us. He loved his Lord and his church. Thanks again for the lunch and all of Pastors visits and calls.
Eileen, Randy, Crystal, John, Jeff, Emily and Fred

WE JUST COMPLETED OUR I AM STUDY SERIES (THOUGH SOME OF THE SMALL GROUPS MAY BE DOING ADDITIONAL FOLLOW UP). WE ARE PLANNING THE NEXT ROUND TO BEGIN THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER. PLAN NOW TO BE A PART. CONTACT A FEW FRIENDS AND CONSIDER STARTING ANOTHER GROUP, AND/OR LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD OR HOST THIS NEXT SET. WE WILL BE PROVIDING A LEADER'S TRAINING/PLANNING SESSION PRIOR TO STARTUP. THANKS TO ALL WHO JOINED IN DURING THE THIS PAST I AM SERIES.



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

PRAYER EMPHASIS

Let us pray for all of our American Baptist missionaries, both home and around the globe, who are serving and working faithfully every day in God's name.

COOKIES

7 - ABM
14 - Hannah
21 - Esther
28 - Sign up Sunday



REMINDER

Please call Pastor Richard or Amity in the office if you anticipate a hospital stay, or surgery. We want to be able to stay in contact, or schedule a visit and pray for you.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 9am - Men's Coffee	2 7pm - AA Meeting	3 9:30 - Women's Coffee Hour 7pm - Bible Study	4 1:30 - ABWM Meeting	5 9am - Men's Coffee	6 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team
7 Communion 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service	8 9am - Men's Coffee 11:30 Esther Circle 7pm - Woodcarvers	9 1:30 Hannah Circle 7pm - AA Meeting	10 9:30 - Women's Coffee Hour 7pm - Bible Study	11	12 9am - Men's Coffee	13 8:50 Personnel Meeting 9:00 Vision Team Meeting
14 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service 5:30 Brown Bag Fellowship 6:00 Movie Night 	15 9am - Men's Coffee	16 7pm - AA Meeting	17 9:30 - Women's Coffee Hour 7pm - Bible Study	18	19 9am - Men's Coffee	20
21 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service	22 9am - Men's Coffee 7pm - Woodcarvers	23 7pm - AA Meeting	24 9:30 - Women's Coffee Hour 7pm - Bible Study	25 12:30 Naomi Circle	26 9am - Men's Coffee	27 9am - ABWM Bible Study
28 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service 3-5:00 Child Protection Training	29 9am - Men's Coffee	30 7pm - AA Meeting	31 9:30 - Women's Coffee Hour 7pm - Bible Study			