

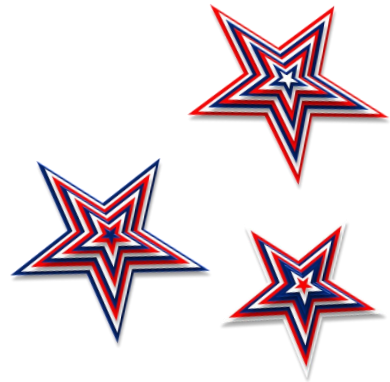
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# July 2021



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks

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*If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame. The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him. –Proverbs 18:13 & 17*



There has come to be quite the emphasis in our culture on not allowing bullying in schools and workplace. There have even been lawsuits over what is called “cyber-bullying” when teens have committed suicide after online harassment. As I watch public discourse playing out across the nation over a wide variety of issues, I find it very striking that while the anti-bullying campaign is strong in our schools and strongly supported by so many parents, yet bullying has become a major sport as people who dare to express a dissenting opinion are vilified via all sorts of bullying, until they recant and apologize. It is also striking because the upshot of this is that people have not been discerning between what is a sound argument of an issue as opposed to what is simply bullying or a fallacious argument.

The verses above make clear the importance of hearing both sides of an issue, of actually making time to listen to those with other points of view, before forming and stating our own conclusions. I wish I could say that in this bizarre cultural time, Christians are those who are the ones setting the example of listening to all sides of an issue and making sure we know the truth of a matter before forming and expressing an opinion, however I cannot. All too often we, too, have a knee jerk reaction to issues before we have really checked out the facts and listened to the various perspectives represented. As people called to be people of truth, we need to learn to rise above the current bullying and half-truth opinions so prevalent in our time.

For a number of years I taught an introductory philosophy class for a community college where I lived. One entire section of the book dealt with understanding sound arguments and recognizing the use of tactics that were not. We see a lot of those tactics today. Let me remind you of just a few of those logical fallacies, in hopes that it may help us become better Proverbs 18 people.

Straw man fallacy. In this scenario, people will misrepresent the other point of view, tear that misrepresentation apart and then declare that they have proven their perspective right. It is a way of avoiding

dealing with the valid points of the opposition. A simple example would be if Jeff said restaurant X makes the best hamburger in town, and Joe says that is ridiculous, because X is not the best restaurant in town. *That's not what Jeff said...!*

Ad hominem fallacy. In this scenario, instead of discussing and debating an issue, individuals simply attack the opposition by focusing on a person. We are seeing this *A LOT!* Again, a simple example: Joe said  $2 + 2 = 4$ , but we know that can't possibly be true because Joe is a known liar. The problem, of course, is that whether  $2 + 2 = 4$  or not has nothing to do with whether or not Joe tells lies. We are seeing this fallacy a lot as a way people shut down discussions.

There is another variation of the Ad hominem fallacy that, instead of negative, is positive. In this scenario instead of discussing and debating an issue, the individual appeals to who a person is as a way to bolster an argument. For this one, let me give you a real world example in the realm of climate change. Al Gore is one we have known to be a leading spokesman in this area. The logical fallacy that could be used would be to say, "Climate change is real, Al Gore said so and he was the Vice President." Again, instead of presenting the facts of the argument that bolster the belief, the arguer points to a person, even though being Vice President or famous or a spokesman does not mean one is an authority on this subject. For the argument to be valid, it would have to be because of the research done by Mr. Gore and his scientists that would give his point of view validity, not that he was Vice President, is a spokesman for the cause, nor that he is famous. I dwell on this one a lot here, because we see this frequently when corporate leaders make claims about science issues, actors are used to validate political and social stands, models and sports figures are used to endorse products, or the points of view of politically or financially powerful people are presented as evidence in areas where they have no expertise.

Well, I am out of room!!! Rather than make Chimes too long for you to read in a month, I think I will stop here, and continue the discussion next time. Between now and then, I encourage you to take these few fallacies and watch for examples of how they are used in the various debates and discussions going on around us these days, and as a result, real discussion of issues is avoided or undermined. I find it troubling that these tactics are applied by people on every side, because they have never taken the time to really think through why they believe what they do, or what the real arguments against their position are and why they reject those arguments. I hope that, as Christians, we choose to be wiser and set a better example. Remember, James wrote (2:19): *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;*



*Richard*



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## BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

1. Psalm 20:1-9
2. Psalm 62:1-12
3. Isaiah 26:1-13
4. Psalm 37:1-13
5. Psalm 37:14-26
6. Psalm 37:27-40
7. John 14:1-10
8. John 14:11-21
9. John 14:22-31
10. Psalm 46:1-11
11. Psalm 118:1-13
12. Psalm 118:14-29
13. Proverbs 30:1-9
14. Psalm 5:1-12
15. Psalm 86:1-9
16. Psalm 86:10-17
17. Luke 12:24-31
18. Proverbs 3:1-8
19. Isaiah 50:4-11
20. Psalm 91:1-16
21. Jeremiah 17:5-18
22. Psalm 78:1-11
23. Psalm 78:12-29
24. Psalm 78:30-42
25. Psalm 78:43-55
26. Psalm 78:56-72
27. Psalm 115:1-9
28. Psalm 115:10-18
29. Romans 15:1-13
30. Isaiah 43:1-12
31. Colossians 3:12-17

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Mary Dennert	660-240-8699	3
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Shay Scott		4
Suzi Newcomer		6
Bonnie Longe	402-727-5740	9
Linda Schuette	402-679-6936	9
Matthew Schulz	402-721-4901	9
Daniel Denny		13
Charlotte McKenzie	402-721-6733	13
Amy Schollmeyer	402-628-2288	13
Matt Hammond Sr		19
Randy Rector		19
Marilyn Mitchell	402-721-2587	20
Dalton Benson	402-721-7717	23
Tedd Hill		24
Tristan Hill		25
Louise Howard	402-727-4128	27
Connor Peterson		28
McKayla Anderson		29
Hayley Frazee		31

## Our Friends Away from Home

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Wes Howe	402-721-4163 # 133
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Dona Laten	#11
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Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046)	#219

### In Memory



Laura Cook

October 24, 1932

June 24, 2021

### In Memory



Vivian Meyer

August 12, 1924

June 17, 2021

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.

I am convinced that  
**NOTHING**  
can ever separate us  
from God's LOVE.

JULY  
*Bible Book of the Month:*  
*James*

American Baptist  
**Women's**  
MINISTRIES

ABWM  
THURSDAY | JULY 1  
1:30 P.M.

### Meetings

*Esther*  
July 12 - 11:30 am

*Hannah*  
July 13 - 1:30 pm

*Naomi*  
July 22 - 12:30 pm

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."  
James 4:10

## Vision Team Meeting: June 12, 2021



Members present: Mike Raasch, Joel Foreman, Eileen Cash, Randy Cash, Don Charleston, and Dorothy Charleston

The meeting was called order by Mike. He opened with prayer, asking God for guidance.

He began with a Personnel report that Rod Musilek started the custodial position this week. He will be working 20 hours per week.

The ABW Women' conference was held a MMCCC last weekend. About 30 women attended.

VBS was held yesterday at Camp. No report was given today. Bob Marsh will be having a Fund Raiser for Elliot Kritzufield, who will be having a double lung transplant.

HyVee gave FBC a \$50 gift card for J.C. Fremont food. Mark and Vicki Anderson will donate the rest of the hot dog cost. The men will be arranging for ice from the Sinclair Station again. A discussion of procedures and helpers were held. ABW will sell rice crispy bars and chocolate chip cookies.

Don, representing the Property Committee suggested we rent the parking lot to J.C. Fremont Days. The proceeds would go into the Youth account. He made a motion stating so, which was seconded by Eileen. The vote was unanimous. Details will be worked out.

The parsonage has 2 roof leaks. Bluest Sky will repair them.

The painting of the ceilings has been completed by Gary Walkenhorst. The cost was \$1253.

The Dodge County Assessors office sent a new property evaluation for the Complex. It was \$88,000. It is now \$133,000.

Nola has been working on the live streaming project. Complications with incompatible connectors and other delivery issues have caused



### July's Bible Puzzle:

How about an easier one this month? Moses is well known as the one through whom God brought what we call, "The Ten Commandments". What other "top ten" is part of Moses's life story? (For a fun challenge, see how many of each list of 10 you can name without looking!)

### People's Puzzle

This church member had a lifelong love of sewing, making clothes for growing children, (as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren!), until eyesight began to fail and made sewing impossible. But along the way, this member made sure the daughters knew how to both sew and embroidery.

### June Answer's

The church member who rarely moved, and shared a bicycle with sis going to VBS was Frankie McKee.

### People's Puzzle-June

Selah is a Hebrew word, not actually translated because nobody really knows what it means. Most people are aware it occurs often in the Psalms, but the only other book it is found in is the book of Habakkuk. Since the word occurs exclusively in poetic, specifically Psalm or song structures, many believe it is some kind of long forgotten musical notation (pause, signal for switch to a second choir or something like that) used by those who are presenting the song in a worship context. One of the ways people handle it in personal reading today is to substitute the phrase, "think about that". On that basis, it might be good to say Selah every time you read scripture!

Just a small note to say thank you for making it possible to take communion.

Mrs. Norma Luton

*Thank you!*

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for the loss of my step mom. The cookies were appreciated as well.

From the family of Mert Mattes

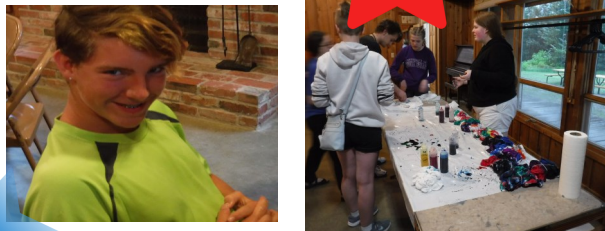




VBS was a blast!!! Thank you to all that prayed, supported, and volunteered to make such an amazing event happen.



Camp Moses Merrill



problems. That cost to the church, will be about \$1500.

Randy reported balance of \$8627.96 in the bank. \$2600 was moved from Memorials for the handrail payment. Approximately \$1,000 is being paid on the complex loan each month. \$7500 is the loan balance. The Regular Endowment balance is \$366,814.35. The Youth Endowment is \$61,359.37. Memorial Gifts has \$36,244.10.

On the calendar is J.C. Fremont Days on July 10.

Mike closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Charleston, clerk



Dear Pastor, Vision Team and members of FBC

After our sons hard work of seeing that we got relocated. And the help of some of our friends there to clean up after the van left! We are now in our new residence in Waterloo, Illinois and getting acquainted to new ways and people. Your love and support throughout the entire pandemic and that continued to 526 Legacy Apt 13 with the wonderful package of notes from so many of you.

It meant the world to us! Thank you! Is inadequate! Our membership will remain in FBC and we plan to stay connected. The weekly church services are a source of blessing to us and others in our family and friends. There will be other connections as we hope to receive pray requests and Bev hopes to keep a connection to Hannah long distance. (Their impromptu visit to our apartment was a special treat before we left!! Dalton even came by and Edna had been a member of Hannah and loved the circle times!) The angel is on the living room windowsill!

Love and prayers to all!!

God be with you 'til we meet again.  
Dick and Bev Holmen




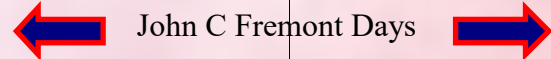



It's always a good idea to verify times and places,  
Thanks!

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**Prayer Emphasis**  
Praise God that we can worship Him freely, without fear of being persecuted. Pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who are not as fortunate. Pray for God to strengthen and sustain them.

**Van Driver**  
**Alan Holzerland**  
402-721-7605

**Cookies | Coffee**  
4th - ABM  
11th - Hannah  
18th - Esther  
25th - Sign Up

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ABWM 1:30	2	3 7:00 Men Bible Study 8:00 Men's Breakfast
4 <b>COMMUNION</b> 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary 	5 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	6	7	8	9 	10 <b>Meetings</b> 8:00 Property 9:15 Personnel 9:30 Vision
11 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary 	12 1:30 Esther Circle	13 1:30 Hannah Circle	14	15	16	17 10:00 am Regional Board Meeting in the Parlor
18 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary	19	20	21	22 12:30 Naomi Circle	23  ABMen Conference @ MMCCC 	24
25 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary 	26	27	28	29	30	31 