

# First Baptist Church

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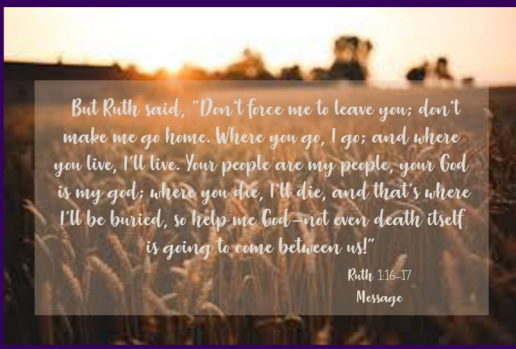
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## FBC FREMONT ● JULY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE: NAOMI  
SATURDAY - JULY 22, 2023 - 9 A.M.**



We are looking forward to our annual Fremont Days Booth and Hotdog Stand. We are asking for donations of cookies/bars/desserts individual wrapped. If you have any questions, please reach out to Eileen Cash, Marcia Hill or Mary Weldon. Thank you!!



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Luke Chavanne Youth Pastor

## July 2023 PASTOR'S NOTES

*How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. –Psalm 119:103, 105 (esv)*



Do you ever get discouraged? I sure do. Far too often it seems. I get discouraged about all sorts of things, from getting tasks done to problem solving there always seems to be more to do than can possibly be done in a day. It can get overwhelming for me sometimes, how about you? But I have learned an important life lesson...that there is a resource for life's challenges anytime I need it.

I am thankful that long ago, I was encouraged to develop a habit of spending time in the scripture every morning, and that I found a way to make that work for my life, because I have found that very often that discipline is what God uses get me through the tough times or to help me sort out which things are important to do. Not only that, but I am constantly amazed at how much God desires to show me, to reveal to me, to help me learn about Himself and about the Word. This year, I have just been amazed at all the new things I have seen in the scriptures, many in passages that were already very familiar. At times, it feels like I must have never read them before, because so many things just have taken on a new life and fresh insight. As your pastor, I want to ask, "Is that YOUR experience with God and the Bible as well?" Or have you settled for something less? For those who find reading the Bible very difficult, perhaps your technique would be to listen to the Bible (copies are available in the church library, or online). I think in our Christian walk with God, sometimes it is far too easy to become content with "peanut butter sandwiches" when God has spread an unending banquet of the finest fare, and all we need to do is to pull up a chair, open our Bibles and start reading. Let me share with you some thoughts of Charles Spurgeon's that I recently ran across in his Morning and Evening devotional book (which I HIGHLY recommend, by the way). His challenge is an important one:

*"We must not rest content with superficially reading a chapter or two, but with the candle of the Spirit we must deliberately seek out the hidden meaning of the Word. Holy Scripture requires searching—much of it can only be learned by careful study. There is milk for babes, but also meat for strong men. The rabbis wisely say that a mountain of matter hangs on every word, yes, on every tittle of Scripture. ... The Scriptures claim searching. They are the writings of God, bearing the divine stamp*

and imprimatur...



God forbid that any of us should allow our Bibles to become swift witnesses against us in the great day of account. ... the Bible is winnowed corn—we have but to open the granary door and find it. Scripture grows on the student. It is full of surprises. Under the teaching of the Holy Spirit, to the searching eye it glows with splendor of revelation, like a vast temple paved with wrought gold, and roofed with rubies, emeralds, and all manner of gems.”

We are on the verge of our next round of small group Bible studies, focusing on the character of God as we continue in our focus on Encountering God and Knowing God better. It will be a great opportunity to discover fresh treasures as Spurgeon describes. I challenge each of us to be engaged in one of these groups, either by hosting, leading, or participating. For those of you who have been long-term students of the

Bible, I particularly challenge you to share the things God has implanted in YOU by hosting or leading a small group, or by participating with a willingness to share the things you have learned. Remember, it is because the Dead Sea has no outlet and keeps all the water it receives that it has become ‘dead’....fresh water seas are filled with life because they always allow the water they receive to pass through them to others.

A closing prayer for us all:

“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.” --Psalm 119:18 (esv)



**July's Bible Puzzle:**

Paul wrote most of the letters in our New Testament. Who wrote the next most? (bonus question: who wrote the most books in the Old Testament)

**July's People Puzzle**

Paul talks to Timothy about the faith tradition Timothy had inherited from his mother Lois and grandmother Eunice.

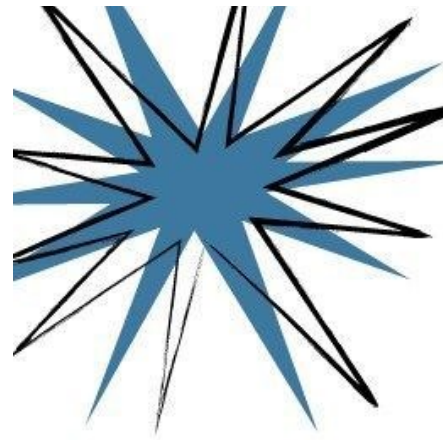
Similarly, this adult church member is a 3rd generation of First Baptist members. Hint: You might be surprised at the answer!

**June Bible Puzzle Answer**

Lydia was the first Christian convert in Europe we know by name, she and her family were baptized by Paul and she hailed from Thyatira, participating in a business the city was famous for, trading in purple dyes, made from a plant named “madder.” (Acts 16:13-15; Thyatira is the subject of Rev. 2:18-29)

**June People Puzzle Answer**

The church member who loves riding a trike...is Susie Newcomer. You can hear its motor from the church when she pulls out in the alley across 5th street



# July

## FREEDOM

- Day 1 – Isaiah 61:1
- Day 2 – Isaiah 42:6-7
- Day 3 – Colossians 1:13-14
- Day 4 – John 8:32-36
- Day 5 – Romans 8:1-4
- Day 6 – Revelation 1:4-6
- Day 7 – Romans 6:1-7
- Day 8 – Ephesians 2:1-5
- Day 9 – Hebrews 2:14-15
- Day 10 – Romans 5:12-17
- Day 11 – Romans 7:21-25
- Day 12 – Romans 6:11-14
- Day 13 – Romans 6:22-23
- Day 14 – 2 Peter 1:2-4
- Day 15 – Galatians 5:1
- Day 16 – 1 Peter 2:13-17
- Day 17 – 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
- Day 18 – Romans 6:16-19
- Day 19 – Romans 8:19-25

- Day 20 – Galatians 3:21-22
- Day 21 – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- Day 22 – Galatians 5:13-15
- Day 23 – 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Day 24 – Psalm 119:44-46
- Day 25 – Galatians 3:23-29
- Day 26 – Galatians 4:4-6
- Day 27 – Ephesians 1:6-8
- Day 28 – 1 Timothy 2:5-7
- Day 29 – Psalm 68:5-6
- Day 30 – John 3:16-17
- Day 31 – Psalm 116:15-17



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary Dennert	660-240-8699	3
Joel Foreman	402-753-3562	4
Shay Scott		4
Linda Schuette	402-679-6936	9
Matthew Schulz	402-721-4901	9
Amy Schollmeyer	402-628-2288	13
Charlotte McKenzie	402-721-6733	14
Matt Hammond Sr		19
Dalton Benson	402-721-7717	23

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.

## Our Friends Away from Home

<b>NYE SQUARE APTS</b>		
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
<b>SHALIMAR GARDENS</b>		
749 E. 29th St. Fremont, 402-721-1616		
Harlan Waugh	(402-753-8046)	#207
<b>Edgewood Vista</b>		
2910 N Clarkson St. Fremont 402-753-8800		
Mary Ann Paulger		#7



# Body Building Groups

## The Character of God

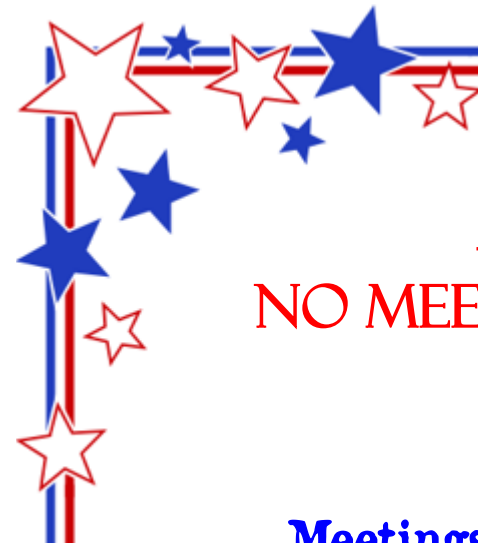
We are getting ready for the next round of Small Group Studies, let the office know if you are interested.

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.  
- John 8:36



July  
Bible Book of the  
Month:  
Colossians

American Baptist  
**Women's**  
MINISTRIES



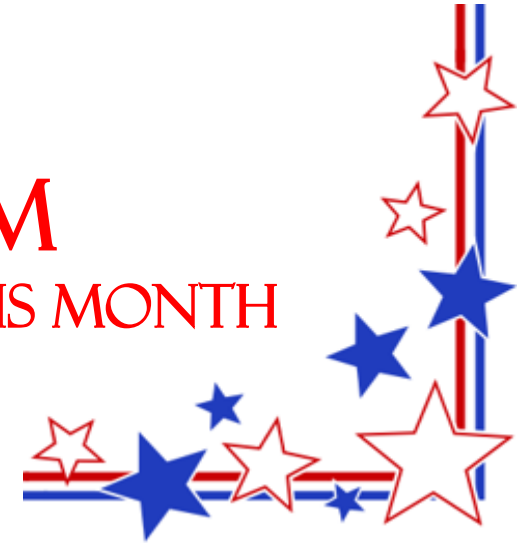
**ABWM**  
NO MEETING THIS MONTH

### Meetings

*Esther*  
July 11 - 11:30 am

*Hannah* @ BK East  
July 12 - 1:30 pm

*Naomi*  
July 28 - 12:30 pm



Blessed  
is the nation  
whose  
**GOD**  
is the LORD.  
~ Psalm 33:12

## Vision Team Meeting: June 10, 2023

The meeting was attended by Pastor Richard, Joel Foreman, Mike Raasch, Betty Laughlin, Mary Weldon, John Mitchell, Mary Lamberty, Eileen Cash, Randy Cash and Dorothy Charleston. Mike Raasch opened the meeting with prayer. He then read from Hebrews 3:15 - "God has the whole world in His hands".



Randy reported a \$11,345.38 balance at the end of May in the bank. Memorial Gifts total is \$15,589.18

Property reported by John that they had voted on McGinnis to do the roof. David is working on the windows bid. Signage for the elevator is waiting. \$6,762 is the bid for the asphalt on the driveway. Roofing and windows will be done first. Insurance paid \$40,861 (office note: since this meeting we have learned that the insurance figure is still under negotiation) for the roof. A discussion of these needs along with the sound system was held. Pastor Richard suggested a Fund Drive to pay for these projects as well as a sound system.

ABW- Eileen reported requirements for JCF bake sale will be 3 inch cookies - 2 to a bag, and 3 inch square brownies - 1 to a bag.

ABMen -Joel reported all supplies for JCFremont have been covered. The Youth will help set up.

Pastor Richard reported Paul Weirs from the Foundation will be coming on July 19.

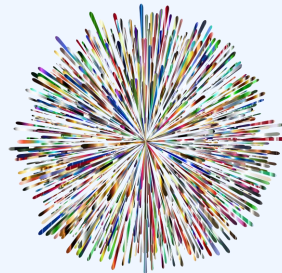
Mary Weldon reported the Bingo in May was successful. Mothers Day treats were distributed as well. Fathers Day treats will be coming up. Diapers are needed for Bethel, preferably larger sizes, by July 23.Meals are being delivered as needed.

Marcia reported Camp Day for Kids - K to 6th is Friday June 16. Completed forms must be turned in by June 13.

John Mitchell will be providing a craft for 10 or fewer boys on August 19 from 9 to 12.

There being no further business, Mike closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Charleston, clerk



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

**FBC Fremont  
American Baptist Women's Ministries**

# MINI-MISSON PROJECT

## Bethel Neighborhood Center DIAPER DRIVE

**Bethel neighborhood center has  
requested - newborn to size five -  
diapers for their parent pantry.**

**drop off at church by sunday 7/23/23  
and join us on the women's mission  
tour to take them to Bethel  
Neighborhood Center**

# FBKids | FBYouth

-No Report-



Are you needing a quiet and safe place for prayer? The Prayer Room is open and available for you!! Open during office hours, or we can schedule something that works for you. You may also join *Pastor Richard July 1 @ 10:30 and July 20 @ 11:00*, if you are needing someone to help pray for you or with you.

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.—2 Corinthians 3:17*



**SATURDAY  
JULY 8  
VAN LEAVES @  
11:30 AM**

**We are heading out to the community for a Prayer Tour, where we will go to areas of Fremont and say a word of prayer for that specific part of town...join us as we pray for our Community, our Friends, our Family, and Strangers alike. Spread the LOVE of Jesus Christ**

*Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.*

1 Peter 2:16



The women of FBC Fremont are headed down to Kansas City to tour and learn about our mission partnership with Bethel Neighborhood Center, Isaiah Ministries and the Caring Collective Collaborative. Lunch with the women of Central Region and watch "Footloose" at Theater in the Park.

July 27-29, 2023  
Leave FBC Fremont  
Thursday @ 8:00 a.m.  
Return Saturday, late afternoon.

Cost: hotel/gas/ticket to Footloose  
\$150.00  
\$ 25.00 deposit due July 10, 2023



Thank you for the cards, prayers and food brought in when I got home from Legacy after my surgery. A special thanks to Betty Adams and Marcia Hill for the rides to the hospital and doctors office.  
Jill Pochop




In Memory of Merri Karr: Despite the sorrows we have faced during this time, we are humbled by the people in our life who stopped to grieve with us, offering whatever they can to help see us through. Our sincerest thank you for everything you have given us, including the use of space and the most delicious luncheon. Your kindness and generosity will always be remembered!  
Brittany Brown, Amanda Swahn, Melissa McElroy



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

Thanks!

# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team  10:30 - Prayer Room with Pastor Richard 6pm - Food & Fellowship 7pm - FBYouth 9-12th
<b>2 COMMUNION</b> 9:30 - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	3 9am - Men's Coffee  7pm - Woodcarvers	4 Office Closed  7pm - AA Meeting	5 9:30a- Women's Coffee  7pm - Bible Study	6 NO ABWM Meeting 8am - Women's Bible Study on Anger 5:30pm - Mat Making	7 9am - Men's Coffee	8 8:50am - Personnel Team 9:30am - Vision Team 11:30am - Prayer Tour 5:30pm - FBYouth 6-8th
9 9:30 - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service  6:00pm - Brown Bag Fellowship 6:30pm - Movie Night 	10 9am - Men's Coffee 11am - Esther Circle	11 12:30pm - Hannah Circle @ Burger King East  7pm - AA Meeting	12 9:30a- Women's Coffee  7pm - Bible Study	13 8am - Women's Bible Study on Anger 2:30 - Zoom Bible Study	14 9am - Men's Coffee	15
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23 9:30 - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	24 9am - Men's Coffee	25 7pm - AA Meeting	26 9:30a- Women's Coffee  7pm - Bible Study	27 8am - Women's Bible Study on Anger 12:30 - Naomi Circle 2:30 - Zoom Bible Study	28 9am - Men's Coffee	29
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 John C Fremont Days 

 Women's Mission Tour 

## 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.

## Cookies & Coffee

2 - Hannah

9 - Esther

16 - Naomi

23 - ABM

30 - Hannah

## John C Fremont Days Volunteers Needed

July 14th | 5:00 pm  
Set up Tents  
@ Midland

July 15th | 8:00 am  
meet @FBC to  
bring  
Tables & Supplies  
to Midland