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CHRISTIANITY
 IS NOT A
 SPECTATOR SPORT.
 WE ARE GLADIATORS
 AND NOT FANS.
 -CORKY CALHOUN



MARCH 2021

Last March 1, in 2020, what were you planning for the year? Did you have travel plans? Perhaps that long awaited vacation to do a little sightseeing while getting away. Maybe you had scheduled some medical procedures or family reunions or big celebrations. I remember pretty clearly, nobody told me they were planning to take a year to stay at home, to quit going out to eat, to stop attending church, to quit shopping, to wear a mask everywhere you went all until somebody comes up with a vaccine...and maybe even longer!

The next thing that happened was that various governments—state, national, international—started prescribing various responses and restrictions to control the spread of the virus. Some places went into complete shutdown, scorning those who refused to do so. Other places did nothing, trusting “herd immunity” would arise and deal with the problem, thus rejecting the ideas of the other camp. Those states in lockdown were shocked when they discovered it didn’t curb the tide, as were those who longed for herd immunity. Wear masks, don’t wear masks, wear two masks, stay 6 feet away, no make that 25 feet if you talk loud, stay away from church and stay home, no be more careful at home because that is where most spreading takes place....we will have a vaccine soon...no, by the end of the summer, no by the end of the year. Now, after all the precautions and efforts, new, more contagious and more deadly variations are arising all around the globe, and everything had to be reassessed. Plans were made. Then they were remade. Then things changed and new plans had to be made. Might I offer a scripture: **The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. --Psalm 33:10**

You see, our plans mean nothing if they are not the plans God has for us. I recently read some comments about Lot and Abraham, as they separated and Lot chose the plush valley of Sodom and Gomorrah to live in, leaving Abraham to the wilderness. The commentator observed that Lot made his selection based on what he thought we make for the better life, but he did so without consulting the Lord’s desire as his first priority, and therefore did not bother to take into account the immorality of the environment he was entering. The long term result was disaster for the cities, for his wife, near disaster for himself and his daughters, and centuries of unrest among his descendants.

During the last twelve months, medical professionals, politicians, teams of experts all came and continue to come with their changing recommendations. Yet all I hear from many of these sources is how we are going to solve this, we can get through this, this disease won’t defeat us...we, we, we.... There are plenty of



passages that address the issue of the way we make our plans and the self-sufficiency we believe ourselves to have. Allow me to quote a couple that reflect a common theme—the first from the story of the tower of Babel, and the other are words of the prophet, Isaiah:

Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” --Genesis 11:4

The haughty looks of man shall be brought low, and the lofty pride of men shall be humbled, and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. --Isaiah 2:11

God’s wisdom and purpose are what will prevail. As mere humans, we need to not start thinking we are so wise, so capable that we will be able to accomplish everything and anything. Right now, there is great celebration because of the forward steps accomplished with the recent landing on Mars, sending back videos and sound recordings. There is hope spreading because the vaccines seem to work well even with the deadly variants arising. But we need to beware, lest we start making a name for ourselves, instead of glorifying the name of Jesus. Superbowl rings, Oscars, Grammys, Nobel Peace Prizes, Medals of Honor...on and on we have ways that supposed greatness is honored. But when, like Lot, God is left out of the equation, it is a recipe for disaster. God humbles the prideful, and thwarts merely human plans.

Let me close with a simple question. What are you plans this year, for yourself, and for our church? Hopefully we all have learned the lesson last year that our plans, even the world’s plans, are subject to change by something as small as a microscopic virus. Let us make our number one plan to be to spend time discerning what God has planned for us, and then do our best to walk according to HIS plans! Let’s make sure that whenever we begin to plan anything, we take time to check God’s planner first!

A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Richard

March Bible Puzzle:

Many people know that “Jesus wept” in John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible.

What is the shortest CHAPTER in the Bible? (Bonus question: When did the use of biblical chapters and verses come into being?)

March Peoples Puzzle:

This church member had wanted to be an archaeologist for many years, with a specific interest in the archaeology of Egypt.

So much so that the member actually used to mummify a chicken each year, bury it in the yard and dig it up in the spring! (Bonus question: Do you know what Napoleon’s army found in 1799 that in the early 19th century provided scholars the key to finally being able to read hieroglyphics?)

(Answers provided next month)

February Answers Bible Puzzle

When did God include meat as an appropriate food for people? After the flood, in Genesis 9:3, God expanded the permitted diet for Noah and his family to include meat (as long as the blood had been drained from it...which was also a requirement set down for Gentile believers by the church in Acts 15).

Peoples Puzzle

The member who visited grandmother in Missouri and remembers pumping water and the outhouse was Linda Rogers.



FBY

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Hey KIDS!!
Groups have started and are ready for you. Each week you will creatively learn about Jesus, the Gospel and what it means to be a Christian.



A BIG FBC Thank You to Rick and Linda Crytzer for the donation of the new Youth Couch!!!



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 6:30



K-5th



SHOW THEM JESUS



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.

Birthdays	Phone	Date	Anniversary	Phone
Andy Pavel	402-719-7554	1		
Linda Crytzer	402-753-0256	2		
		4	Steve & Cindi Dodd	402-727-7228
Betty Adams	402-721-2048	5		
Rowena Gonzales	402-719-7809	5		
Randy Cash	402-721-3572	9		
Cynthia Christensen	402-721-5239	9		
Mary Ann Paulger	402-721-5620	9		
Delores Rasmussen	402-624-5775	9		
Clarence Reiss	402-721-8374	9		
Shelly Holzerland	402-721-7605	10		
Joyce Shellgren		14		
Deb Barden	402-720-2349	17		
Roxanne Woodman	402-496-3827	17		
Rod Musilek	402-721-1336	18		
		24	Paul & Eileen Cash	402-721-6418
Trish Hansen	402-719-7773	27		
Brian Weldon	402-727-5302	27		
Beryl Hornberger		28		
Mert Olson	402-719-9765	31		



Be still, and know that I am God. -Psalm 46:10

Senior Residential/ Homebound

NYE POINTE
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Sharlene Wilkinson # 203

NYE LEGACY
3210 N Clarkson St. 402-721-9300
Margie Poole #113

NYE SQUARE APTS
650 W 21st St. 402-721-9224
Vivian Meyer 402-753-4229 #150
Dalton Benson 402-721-7717 #126
Charlie Wild 402-721-2158 #130
Wes Howe 402-721-4163 #133
Dick & Bev Holmen 402-721-9123 #176
Joan Sorensen 402-830-6519 #178

NYE COURT
652 W 21st St 402-721-9224
Genny Peterson #213

SHALIMAR GARDENS
749 E. 29th St. 402-721-1616
Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046) #207

PROVIDENCE PLACE 749 E 32nd
Dona Laten #11

AT HOME
Leola Armstrong 402-719-3278
501 N 13st #103
Fort Calhoun NE 68023

American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

March 4, 2021
ABWM @ 1:30
FBC Parlor
Hostess: Esther

Bible Book of
the Month:
Daniel

***Faith is not believing that God
can, it's knowing that he will.***

ESTHER - MARCH 8TH - 11:30
HANNAH - MARCH 9TH - 1:30
NAOMI - MARCH 25TH - 12:30



JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT THE
BIBLE. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO
PARTICIPATE.
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS -7:00 PM

Thank you FBC for all your help,
efforts and prayers as my memory
begins to fade. Michael Conway

Thank You! 

VISION TEAM MEETING: FEBRUARY 13, 2021



KNOW | LOVE | GROW | SERVE

Members present: Pastor Richard, Joel Foreman, Mary Weldon, June Cardwell, Shelly Bowen, Mike Raasch, Eileen Cash, Marcia Hill, Randy Cash, Don Charleston, Judi Staab, and Dorothy Charleston.

Mike Raasch opened the meeting thanking everyone for coming as the outdoor temperature was extremely cold! He read an inspiration from Max Lucado referring to God's questioning Job in the Bible.

Activities discussed were the upcoming phone meeting with Kristi on the 28th. With things moving toward normal, communion will be passed tomorrow with precautions in place. A sign out front indicating we are open for worship was suggested.

Pastor told of visits made to people who live in Omaha and attend here. Pastor Richard reviewed the donations of food to Washington, and winter clothing to Linden schools. Valentine bags of toiletries and candy for staff and clients were donated to The Bridge. The outreach of the inspirational cards has been continued.

Randy reviewed the Balance sheet for January. The bank balance was \$4,662.40 at the end of January. There were \$10,000 in expenses in January. The offering last Sunday was \$6,350. The PPP loan has been forgiven with no qualification for another one.

In response to recommendations made by Personnel, Randy made a motion that whenever we bring in a substitute for the Ministry Assistant (formally Office Manager), the pay scale offered will be according to the same hourly rate as the custodian. Normally we have such substitutes come in for half a day. Motion seconded by Marcia and passed unanimously. This will be charged to the line for staff replacement on the financial report. 

The previously approved honorarium provided to Caleb as the substitute while Kristy is on leave of absence will be charged to the same budget line item.

Don made a motion to use Memorial Funds for the ceiling paint in the Parlor, kitchen, and hallway. Second was made by Shelly and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Don reported the snow removal was \$1500 for December. Indra gives us 10% discount on the snow because of our year-round contract. He also reported Pimpers are renting another office space as of the first of March.

If the washer/dryer (donated by Perry Laten) cannot be used by anyone in our congregation, it will be donated to Habitat, along with some vertical blinds.

March

IDENTITY IN CHRIST

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| 1 - ROMANS 8:1-2 | 16 - 1 PETER 2:9-10 |
| 2 - JOHN 1:12-13 | 17 - ROMANS 5:11 |
| 3 - 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1 | 18 - EPHESIANS 2:18 |
| 4 - JOHN 15:15-16 | 19 - COLOSSIANS 1:14 |
| 5 - ROMANS 8:28 | 20 - JOHN 15:1-6 |
| 6 - 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16 | 21 - COLOSSIANS 2:7-10 |
| 7 - ROMANS 5:1  | 22 - COLOSSIANS 3:3-5 |
| 8 - ROMANS 8:33-35 | 23 - MATTHEW 5:13-14 |
| 9 - 2 CORINTHIANS 1:21 | 24 - JEREMIAH 31:3 |
| 10 - ROMANS 8:11 | 25 - EPHESIANS 2:10-12 |
| 11 - 1 CORINTHIANS 6:17-20 | 26 - PHILIPPIANS 3:20 |
| 12 - EPHESIANS 2:6 | 27 - PHILIPPIANS 1:6 |
| 13 - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27 | 28 - 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 |
| 14 - 1 JOHN 5:18 | 29 - EPHESIANS 1:1-5 |
| 15 - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-20 | 30 - HEBREWS 4:16 |
| | 31 - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:5 |



Richard and Nola want to join with the other staff to express our appreciation for the end of year love gift. In addition we continue to appreciate so much from the love and support of the congregation.

What an amazing group of givers we have here at FBC. I received my love gift, and am so thankful. This was completely unexpected. I want you all to know how much me and my family appreciate your generosity. God Bless you all!
Amity



Thank you for including me in your love gift!!
Blessings,
Mary Weldon

I just want to thank you for the gifts and church information that I received. Also I would like to request a prayer, that I will be able to receive the vaccine. I'm a Widow, over 90 and was out of cookies when the goodies showed up. Thank you to all the people that went out delivering. Thank you so much,
Norma Luton



I want to thank all of you for the Valentines candy! That is so nice of you bringing something each holiday. I sure will be glad when I can come back to church.
Laura Cook



Members of FBC Fremont, Thank you for your commitment to camp through the gift to remodel one of our aging cabins. We are so excited to create a better and safer experience for our summer campers with your help. Your generosity is helping create bridges for the next generation. You are making a difference. Bless each of you.
Bev



WE HOPE YOUR 2021 IS OFF TO A GOOD START! BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, OUR 2021 IS FILLED WITH HOPE FOR THOSE STRUGGLING TO FIND STABILITY. ON BEHALF OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AND EVERYONE AT CARE CORPS LIFEHOUSE, THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DONATION ON \$1200.00!!

Just a note to say thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry in 2020. We are so very blessed by your prayerful support of our mission and missionaries over the course of a very challenging year.
Marc



Randy reported that the building loan is down to \$11,000.



Retribution payments are behind 1/2 of December and all of January. (Since the meeting, the retribution has been paid in FULL)

Eileen reported no Women's meetings have been held.

During discussion of upcoming calendar events, Pastor Richard reported he received notification that the Region Meeting has been postponed until Fall and could coordinate with the Youth Conference. We have been asked if we would still be willing to host it this year since we were unable to last year and asked to suggest some dates for consideration. After discussion, the Vision team agreed to recommend the dates of: September 24-25, October 1-2, or 8-9.

Pastor indicated he has no new information regarding a possible Community Blood Center blood drive.

Holy Week plans were discussed, including the possibility of an Easter Breakfast and whether we could hold one this year or not. It was decided not to have the weekday breakfasts, but we could probably hold the Sunday breakfast by having it prior to the first service with another serving between services as we have done in some prior years. Joel will follow-up.

There being no further business Mike closed the meeting. Marcia closed with prayer.



Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Charleston Clerk



This past year Pastor has altered his contacts with individuals in light of the pandemic. Now that vaccinations are proceeding, he encourages you to let the church know when you have received yours if you are getting one, so that he knows which homes he can safely enter without concern of his passing along illness to you or others.



Beginning in March we will be serving Coffee and Cookies on Sundays. We are asking for volunteers for the last Sunday of the month. Person(s) would need to bring 3-4 Dozen cookies individual wrapped in sandwich bags. If you are able to volunteer please let the office know so we can get you signed up.



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

March 2021

Van Driver

Mary Weldon

Video Ministry

Alan & Shelly
Holzerland

Prayer Emphasis

Texas and those
effected by the
storms.

*For with
God nothing
shall be
impossible.*

-Luke 1:37

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:30 Zoom Fellowship 6:30 Kids Club & FBY Groups 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Sober/Crazy AA	4 1:30 ABWM	5	6 8:00ABM Breakfast and Bible Study
7 Communion 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Contemporary Service Coffee/Cookies - Naomi	8 11:30 Esther	9 1:30 Hannah 7:00 Young Peoples AA	10 6:30 Kids Club & FBY Groups 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Sober/Crazy AA	11 5:00 Kay Club Mask Maker	12 10-11 Nye Bible Study	13 <u>Team Meetings</u> 8:00 Property 9:10 Personnel 9:30 Vision
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