

# First Baptist Church

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May 2024



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Music Director Sasha White | Fremont, NE

## PASTOR'S NOTES:

Pastor's **NOTE**

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

**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. --2 Timothy 2:15**

We just completed sharing together our Lenten Devotional that some of you helped create, and our various study groups are winding down or have completed the last cycle of Bible study topics we have worked on together. In this moment, I would like to share with you something that I find more enjoyable, meaningful and precious than a lot of the things I spend time with as a pastor. In other years, we have had so many concerns that, as a church, needed to be addressed, but in the past year or so, I feel like we have come to a time when we can focus on these things that are dear to my heart.

In these past months, I have heard many comment about the things they learned or appreciated in both of those types of experiences. Of all the things I long for as a pastor, one I especially value is helping my congregation (and others) come to a fresh and deeper understanding of God's Word. It is all too easy to slip into a rut with our time in the Bible, or to become so familiar with some passages that when we encounter them, we just skim over them quickly and miss the richness that is there. In the last Thursday afternoon study we had, including some individuals online, I truly enjoyed reviewing a very familiar passage in a fresh way, sharing things together that we had not seen before, with fresh application. And the amazing thing is, we could go over that same passage again, and discover even more! It is just amazing how much richness is embedded in the pages of our Bibles, for those willing to take the time to search while listening for the Spirit of God.

I love the image of the Psalmist's prayer above: "Open my eyes! Show me the wondrous things in the Word!" Is that YOUR prayer? Down through the years, I have had the privilege of studying the Bible under some wonderfully godly individuals, and in my own personal efforts... and still, after all these years, I continue to be stunned by things I discover, and things I have yet to understand and search out. What I long for is not merely that my congregations know the Bible well, but that

you experience the wonders of it, that you hear God speak to you in it, and learn how to apply more and more of its teachings in our lives. It is just incredible the things God has hidden in the pages of scripture to be discovered by those who search its pages diligently. Words of guidance, words of the secrets of the universe, words of assurance and comfort, words of hope, words that open our eyes, hearts and minds to know well the God we serve. It is my hope that we will always long for and pursue to experience God's word on a deeper level for more and more of the wondrous things hidden there.

The Timothy passage reminds us that these things don't come to us automatically. They take effort on our part...the King James says "study to show yourself approved." Reading God's Word, hearing it, spending time reflecting on it, memorizing it, discussing it, learning from others their insights and sharing our own...in all the ups and downs of life, these are the words God will use to get us through. I especially believe that small groups studying the Bible together and sharing their spiritual lives with one another is one of the most vital and powerful activities Christians can pursue.



In coming months, we will begin another study series on some of the parables...both on some Sunday mornings and in study groups. I invite you now to begin reading and studying some of them on your own in preparation for that time, and if there is one in particular you would like us to include, drop me a note and we will do so. At the same time, I want to invite you to consider entering more fully into one of these disciplines. Perhaps it will be to read (OR LISTEN!) through the entire Bible or New Testament. Perhaps you might choose to memorize some favorite passages, or do a personal in-depth study of one on your own. We have been having all sorts of times and topics for Bible studies in the church: weekly on Wednesday evenings, and recently on most Sunday mornings at 11:00 and Fridays at noon, once a month on Saturdays there is a Men's Study and also a Women's Study, every other Thursday afternoon we have a group study that includes some people online. I also lead a study once a month out at Nye Square. Some of these groups will be taking a break and then looking to start up again in a few weeks. However, maybe these are not what you want to pursue, perhaps instead you would offer yourself or your home to God to start a new group in some other time slot.

Friends, how I wish you could see all the wondrous things I have seen in the Bible (and that I could see all those that YOU have!)

P.S. We all enjoyed reading all the different perspectives during Lent. I want to invite EVERYONE to write one or two that we could use for the coming Thanksgiving and Christmas season. You have lots of time, and I would be glad to help you get your thoughts down on paper if that would help. What wondrous thing that God has shown YOU, might you be willing to share for a booklet this fall?



*Richard*

# Happy Birthday

Nola Crooks	913-731-5103	02
Beverly Holmen	402-672-7682	02
Chris Raasch		02
Mary Weldon	402-727-5302	05
Richard Crooks	402-630-1380	09
Jessica Schollmeyer		12
Adam Schollmeyer		23
Frankie McKee	402-624-5745	28

If you know of someone in our church family whose name should be on this birthday and/or anniversary list 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
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 Clarkson St. Fremont 402-753-8800	
Mary Ann Paulger	#7
<b>NYE SQUARE</b>	
655 W 23rd St. Fremont 402-721-9224	
Esther and Leonard Bechtel	#601



FREE hot dog dinner  
cotton candy • popcorn

6-8 p.m.  
Wednesday  
May 8, 2024

CELEBRATE OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS AND  
THE START OF SUMMER

BOUNCE HOUSES FOR ALL AGES  
FACE PAINTING  
OUTDOOR GAMES!

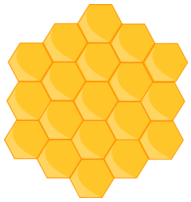
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# FBKIDS | FBYOUTH

# NEWS



ABGirls had a great time celebrating spring with Craft Day! They painted flower pots and some upcycled flowers. Here are a couple pictures from that day. The next event is scheduled for Saturday | June 22 @ 9:30am, you can RSVP by calling the office cost is \$5.



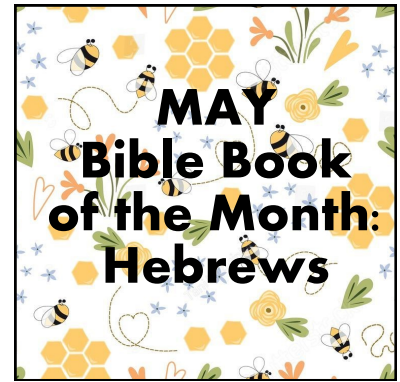
Kris Arnold is a sophomore up at Logan View is the middle child between a brother and a sister. Favorite food is spaghetti (who can argue with that!), and considers Tennessee a favorite place to have visited. In free time Kris's creative side comes out because Kris is a bit of an artist, drawing (likes pen and ink particularly) and writing. Dreams of growing up are to become a pilot, but in the meantime enjoys playing video game "Stardew Valley" and Kris's favorite book is Wings of Fire.

Bella Young is an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader at Fremont Middle School. She lives with her mom and step-dad, where she enjoys a variety of video games, including Fortnite, Roblox, COD, and Spiderman. In her free time sometimes she likes to nap if she isn't hanging out with her boyfriend instead. Bella's interest for when she grows up include the possibilities of becoming a Marine Biologist, an Interpreter, or to work as a Drug and Alcohol Therapist. If you made her favorite dinner, it would be steak and fries, and her favorite plaser she has been was Worlds of Fun. She likes the Savannah Bananas baseball team, the book **If He'd Been With Me** is her favorite book, and "Suicide Squad is the movie she likes best.

*May 13th - 11:00 am - Esther Circle*

*May 14th - 11:30 am - Hannah Circle @ Runza East*

*May 23th - 12:30 pm - Naomi Circle*



Thursday | May 2nd  
12:00pm in the Parlor  
**\*Each Circle please bring 2 salads\***

*FBC Fremont  
Saturday Women's Bible Study*

American Baptist  
**Women's**  
MINISTRIES



*Queen of Sheba*

*May 18, 2023  
9:30 a.m. - Parlor*



## April 13, 2024 Vision Minutes:

In attendance were Mike Raasch, Joel Foreman, Marcia Hill, Larry Hill, Randy Cash, Eileen Cash, Alan Holzerland, Mark Anderson, Vicki Anderson, Marilyn Pueppke, Betty Laughlin, Mary Weldon and Pastor Richard.

Marcia reported five kids are going to Estes Park, CO with adults June 5-10, 2024. They continue to fundraise. Rent-A-Kid is happening in April. Last week of Kid's Club is May 8, 2024 with a bounce house being supplied to use. Men will be providing the meal. The attendance for Club has been down since Easter which is normal. Craft day for girls 3rd grade and up is planned for April 20, 2024. Vacation Bible School will be hosted at camp with the date TBD. Having Bible School at camp was a good way to introduce the summer camps to children in attendance.

Approximately \$3,400.00 is in the camp scholarship funds at this time, and will be used as needed for summer campers.



Randy reported a current checking account balance of \$6,112.01. Bills due and upcoming projects were discussed. The Layton Trust installment was received with another expected end of June. The Building Fund is \$4,050.71, Memorials Fund is \$15,784.18, awaiting latest statement from AB Foundation and FSB is \$31,746.93.

Larry reported CR-Men returned on April 12, 2024 to look at expanded project needs with the current bid at \$9,640.00. We have one large office space in the Family Center now open for lease.

Pastor reported south system project/update is ongoing but may still need tweaking. Not completely sure what work has been completed but have seen improvement in some area when using the system. Pastor reported the online World Mission Conference is the evening of May 21 and the morning of May 22, 2024 with Walt and Janine White participating here at our church. We are signed up as a church. They are here in person and other missionaries/churches will be joining online. Blair and Valley churches will be invited to attend. This and the visit by the Hwang's will serve as our own Mission Conference for the year, with some of the budgeted funds going to the missionaries we host. Our church was featured in the Hwang's' newsletter along with the camp.

The idea of a Family Day at the camp was discussed. Bev is excited to work with the church with a date TBD but looking at August. It will be decided if this should be done on Saturday or on Sunday with worship first followed by activities. Consideration will be given to make sure that members with health concerns regarding the heat and environmental factors are able to participate.

Mark Anderson asked about the status of food distribution to the schools. Testing snacks went to Washington and Linden schools last week.



## May Bible Puzzle:

Sprinkled various places in the Bible are a few times other books and writings or writers specifically mentioned. How many can you find?

## May Peoples Puzzle:

This month's individual experienced one of the scariest moments any parent can face, but in the midst of it learned obedience to God, surrender, and emerged a life-saving hero! When their infant child sent into seizures, resulting in a rapid drive to the hospital some miles away, the child stopped breathing and the parent began mouth to mouth resuscitation. Praying for God to act, God's response was to offer the child up to God...three times that was the response. Even though the baby had been dedicated, in prayer the child was given to God one more time, and shortly after, the baby began to breathe as they headed on to the hospital. Things turned out fine, and an significant life lesson and miracle resulted!

## April Bible Puzzle:

Following up on March's puzzle, how many queens are named in the New Testament? And bonus question, what other women of political rulers are mentioned by name? Only a few wives of rulers mentioned in the New Testament. The two NT queens were Berenice wife of King Agrippa (Acts 25:13ff), Candace Queen of Ethiopia (Acts 8:27). The other political ruler wives are: Herodias wife of Herod Antipas (Matt. 14:3-6)--who though called king, was actually titled Tetrarch not king, Drusilla wife of Felix (Acts 24:24) and Pilate's wife (Matt. 27:19) both of whom were Roman "procurators" or "governors."

## April People Puzzle Answer:

The church member stranded in Baltimore helped by a hospitable patrolman was Cliff Hammond along with his wife Darlene.



**FBC MISSION CONFERENCE** This year will be a very unique opportunity for us, as we partner with the Global Encounter by International Ministries and Walt and Jeanine White. All activities will be in the Family Center.

## **Schedule:**

**Tues. May 21** 5:00 p.m. Meal and presentation by the Whites  
6:00 p.m. Joining with IM Global Encounters and missionaries online  
(see details in box on calendar page)  
7:30 p.m. Informal follow-up discussions with the Whites

**Wed. May 22** 7:00 A.M.! Morning session with IM Global Encounters including coffee & donuts.  
8:30 a.m. Closing time of conversation, presentation and prayer with the Whites (and whatever donuts may remain!)



***Make plans now to attend whatever you can...you don't have to be present for one to attend the other, and with an evening and a morning session, there is a time for all of us.***









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

# May 2024

**Cookies & Coffee**  
**5 - Hannah Circle**  
**12 - Esther Circle**  
**19 - Naomi Circle**  
**26 - ABMen**

  
 Join International Ministries as they celebrate their 210th anniversary with not one but **TWO** online sessions featuring our global servants and international partners.  
 There will be videos, interactive games, online quizzes, and music from worship teams worldwide. Each 90-minute online session will have unique content; you can attend either session or both! The sessions will stream **LIVE on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6pm and Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 7am** so that people in time zones around the world can join!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. - James 5:16 Niv			1 9:30am - Women's Coffee  6:15pm - Meal 6:45pm - FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	2 9:30am - Pastor led Bible Study in Parlor & via ZOOM  12pm - ABWM Luncheon 5:30pm - Kay Circle Mat	3 9am - Men's Coffee	4 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team 10:30am - Prayer Room w/ Pastor 6pm - Food & Fellowship
5 <b>COMMUNION</b> 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	6 9am - Men's Coffee  7pm - Woodcarvers	7  7pm - AA Meeting	8 9:30am - Women's Coffee  6pm - <b>FUN FAIR!!!</b>  7pm - Bible Study			10 9am - Men's Coffee
12 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service  6pm - Brown Bag Fellowship 6:30pm - Movie 	13 9am - Men's Coffee 11am - Esther Circle	14 11:30am - Hannah circle @ Runza East  7pm - AA Meeting	15 9:30am - Women's Coffee  7pm - Bible Study	16 9:30am - Pastor Led Bible Study in Parlor and via ZOOM  5:30pm - Kay Circle Mat Weaving	17 <b>Chimes Articles Due</b> 9am - Men's Coffee	18 9:30am - ABW Bible Study on Queen Sheba
19 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	20 9am - Men's Coffee  7pm - Woodcarvers	21  6pm - IM Watch Party 7pm - AA Meeting	22 7am - IM Watch Party 8:30am - Women's Coffee  7pm - Bible Study	23 12:30pm - Naomi Circle	24 9am - Men's Coffee	25
26 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	27 <b>Office Closed</b> 9am - Men's Coffee  	28  7pm - AA Meeting	29 9:30am - Women's Coffee  7pm - Bible Study	30 9:30am - Pastor Led Bible Study in Parlor and via ZOOM  5:30pm - Kay Circle Mat Weaving	31 9am - Men's Coffee	