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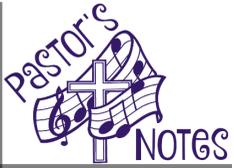
October 2021



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Youth/Children's Ministry Intern Luke Chavanne | Fremont, NE

Pastor's Notes:

"It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes."-- Psalm 119:71 ESV



Does that verse sound like something you would say? For most of us, most of the time, we see the troublesome experiences of life as something to tolerate, to avoid, to get through, or to defeat, rather than as something good through which God can teach us. But there are lessons learned through difficult experiences that cannot be learned other ways. For example, those who grew up in the Great Depression learned lessons that impacted the rest of their lives.

In light of that perspective let me ask, what have you learned during these months of COVID? What has God been teaching you through it? Or, from another angle, how has God been using this pandemic in your life? I still remember when, at our first day back at in-person worship last year, one of our members commented that she didn't realize how much her attendance at worship meant to her until the opportunity to do so had been taken away. That's a pretty good thing to learn, I'd say. What about you? Perhaps some biblical examples might spark your own reflections (all in ESV).

Maybe you are learning to experience God as a source of assurance as you have been limited in other activities. *"It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD." – Lamentations 3:26*

Maybe you are learning that God is your source and strength, greater than anything that might come against you. *"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" –Psalm 27:1*

Maybe you are learning how small and helpless we really are. *"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?"-- Psalm 8:4*

Maybe, overwhelmed with loneliness, you are learning to experience God as your always present companion and friend. *"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20*

Maybe you are learning to reconsider what is really important in life, when previously the world was focused on so many other things. *"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"-- Matthew 16:26*

Maybe you are learning some humility, recognizing how little even

the brightest among us understand about the workings of the universe. *"How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!"*
-- Psalm 92:5

Maybe you are learning that we are all connected, responsible to and for one another, and that life is about more than just ourselves. *"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."*—Philippians 2:4

Maybe you are learning to hold life loosely, realizing that we never really know the future nor are fully in control of our lives or circumstances. *"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."*--Prov 27:1

Maybe you are learning how fragile God's gift of life really is, how quickly it passes, and how everything can change in a moment. *"What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes"*--James 4:14

Maybe you are learning to live beyond this world, to invest your life, time, energy and resources in something that is more lasting than these earthly trappings. *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."*
-- Mathew 6:19-20

Maybe you are learning something entirely different from God in these times. Let me encourage you in two things: 1) Don't let this bizarre time in history pass by without having learned the things God can teach you through it; 2) Whatever God is teaching you, share it with others...He may want to teach them the same lessons, but use YOU as His instrument for the lesson.

Still learning,



Start Planning Now!!



Violinist Roddy Chong
Returning to First Baptist Church

Tentative schedule is
Sunday November 14

There will be ONE service
@ 10:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary.

To Our Pastor Pastor Richard

You teach us from the Bible
Words of love and so much more.
Your dedication to God's Word
Is Something we are grateful for.

You show us Christ is surely the answer
And that He'll strengthen us each day,
You never seem to get weary
Helping others along God's way.

Full of wisdom, guidance and loving concern
And your encouragement means so much,
We're so blessed that you're our Pastor
And our lives you've truly touched.

-Anonymous



To Our Pastor's Wife Nola

It take a special person
To be a pastor's wife
For it is not an easy task

The phone often rings at dinner time
Vacations, they are few
With so many needs in our church
There is always lots to do

When people need a helping hand
On you they can depend
For you always try to do you best
To be a faithful friend

So keep this note in a special place
So you will always know
You are a special gift from God
Who is appreciated so

-J. Morse



A Baptism is being planned for
Max Godina on
Sunday, October 10
during the second service.

If you are interested in joining him
and also being baptized please
contact Pastor Richard or the
church office.



What is it like to be a Christian?

God picks you from the patch, brings you in,
and washes all the dirt off you.
Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.
He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed.
Then He carves you a new smiling face.
He then puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

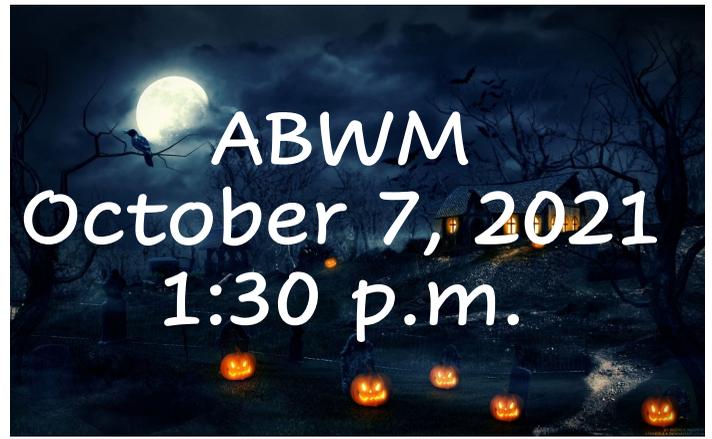


July 20, 1940
September 5, 2021

Marilyn J Mitchell

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

OCTOBER
Bible Book of the Month:
Joshua



ABWM
October 7, 2021
1:30 p.m.



American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

October Monthly Meetings

October 11—*Esther Circle* - 11:30 am.
October 12—*Hannah Circle* - 1:30 pm.
October 28—*Naomi Circle* - 12:30 pm.

**Be Strong
Be Brave
Be fearless
You Are
Never Alone**
-Joshua 1:9

VISION TEAM MONTHLY REPORT

September 11, 2021

Members present: Mike Raasch, Joel Foreman, June Cardwell, Marcia Hill, Eileen Cash, Randy Cash, Don Charleston, and Dorothy Charleston

The meeting was called order by Mike. He opened with prayer, thanking God for the opportunity of serving Him this way.

Randy reported balance of \$7,461.90 in the checking account. \$30,200 is in the Parking lot Fund. \$37,900 has been paid for that. The asphalt cost is \$7,500. He has \$6,700 in bills to be paid. Utilities this month were \$1900. The parsonage windows and the piano humidifier were paid for from Memorial Funds. The balance in Memorials is \$31,368. The Buildings loan is down to \$4,000. Missions are current.

Don reported a correction will be made at the bottom of the stairs on the north side of the building to put in a drain in an area that collects water. The concrete will be removed and replaced after the drain is in place. Cost for that will be \$3600. Pave The Way caulked the sidewalks in front of the entrances at no cost. A possible problem of snow removal damaging the non-level areas of the asphalt in the parking lot was discussed. Pastor Richard will be asked to talk to Indra regarding that situation. Thanks to David Christensen for overseeing this large project.

Don and Amity will update the list of service people. There being no interest in taking the piano at the back of the sanctuary, it will be dismantled and removed in pieces. Gary Walkenhorst will paint the areas of the ceilings with water damage in 3 areas. Cost will be \$700.

Doug is working on the bat problem. Hank and Richard will contact Fremont Glass about weather stripping around the church and Complex. They will also work on updating the signage.

Eileen reported \$548 was donated for the quilting of the lap robes for Maple Crest. Other items are being collected also. ABW will also be sending things to Alaska.

June reported the Fall kick-off for Kids Club and Youth Group will be moved to October 6. Wildlife Encounters will be the feature. Hot Dogs will be grilled by the ABMen at 6:15. Permission slips will be required for transportation at the registration. Doors open at 6:00, meal served at



Senior Residential/ Homebound

NYE SQUARE APTS

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Dalton Benson 402-721-7717 # 126
Wes Howe 402-721-4163 # 133
Charlie Wild 402-721-2158 #130
Joan Sorenson 402-830-6519 #178

NYE COURT

652 W 21st St Fremont 402-721-9224

Genny Peterson # 213

PROVIDENCE PLACE 749 E 32nd

Dona Laten #11

SHALIMAR GARDENS

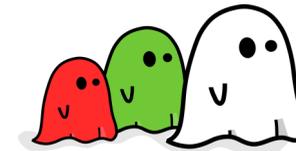
749 E. 29th St, Fremont, 402-721-1616

Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046) #207

Edgewood Vista

2910 N Clarkson St. Fremont (402) 753-8800

Mary Ann Paulger #7



Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and card for mom. She is settling in. Please continue prayers and cards to encourage her and her spirit.

Thank you again for all the love we have and know we will continue to feel it from our church family.

In Christ Jesus Name,
Jim and Deb Peterson

Mary Anne Paulger
2910 N Clarkson St #7
Fremont NE, 68025



October Bible Puzzle:

This church member remembers well the tragedy of the Pathfinder Hotel. Having gone in to work a little early that day, he/she and a fellow worker slipped out to head to the hotel for breakfast, but in a few steps were called back for the monthly birthday treats at work. Afterwards, started back out again just as the explosion occurred. So God used birthday treats to save the life of this member! (Their spouse was very worried, not knowing he/she had not yet gotten to the hotel.?)

October Peoples Puzzle

This church member quarterbacked his high school football team's winning season to a state championship title! He ended up turning down a college scholarship in order to help care for his ailing grandfather.

(Answers provided next month)

September Answers

Bible Puzzle:

What Psalm is written twice in the Hebrew Bible?

Answer: Compare Psalm 18:2-50 with 2 Samuel 22:2-51

Peoples Puzzle:

This church member has traveled to some 5 European countries, including Germany, where a couple coming out of their Lutheran Church service bore a striking resemblance to the grandparents of the member...resulting in a serious double take moment.

Answer: Joyce Jokumsen

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	Anniversaries	Phone
Judi Staab	402-720-4038	2		
Dan Weldon	402-727-5302	2		
Amity Bruce	402-515-2733	5		
David Schultz	402-721-4901	5		
		6	Rick & Linda Crytzer	402-719-4754
Asa Summers		7		
Terri Nelson	402-720-1996	14		
		18	Steve & June Cardwell	402-478-4593
Yvonne Jessen	402-720-5811	19		
Hank Schollmeyer	402-677-2933	22		
Laura Cook	402-721-2910	24		
Pam Gador	402-620-4338	24		
David Christensen	402-721-5239	26		
Jerry Woodman	402-496-3827	27		
Adryan Bruce		27		
Nancy Cole		28		



6:15. Kids classes end at 8:00 and for youth at 8:30. However, Fifth through 12th graders will begin Wednesday September 15. There will be no bus. Light food will be served upstairs. September 20 a safety program will be held for all teachers and helpers.

Mike Raasch reported Personnel is planning a new position- Music Leader. Pastor evaluated Amity and Rod. Amity has been working from home and Mary Weldon has been filling in at the office.

The Region Conference Leaders are meeting on the 15th to decide if they should have the conference. Outside speakers will all be on Zoom. The Harvest Dinner has been tentatively scheduled for November 21 Mike will check with Dave and Stacy about serving. Prayer chain is going well. Cost is \$25 per month.

Nominations for new Vision Team and budget committee members will begin soon. There being no further business, Mike closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Charleston, clerk

*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
-Matthew 6:14*





Help us reach our \$4,000 Goal

During the World Mission Offering this September and October, your church has the opportunity to join the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ global partners. God can use your participation not only to change lives internationally, but also to deepen your own discipleship in Christ. You can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."



We would like to thank our church family for many years of visits, cards, prayers, and well-wishes for mom while she lived at Arbor manor and then Nye Point. We want to also thank everyone for prayers, cards, and memorial gifts in memory of Mom's going home to Heaven.

Thank you to Pastor Richard for the wonderful service, to Jean Foreman for playing the piano, and to the ladies who provided the luncheon that followed.

God Bless You,
the family of Sharlene Wilkinson



Some of our church members dropping off peanut butter to the Bridge.



Delivering snacks to Washington and Linden Elementary schools, for the kids to enjoy while taking tests.



BIG RED FANS!!! WE ARE BACK!!!



Nebraska football games will be shown @ the Family Center. Bring a friend a food to eat and share. Masks are optional. Doors open 30 minutes before the game.

GO BIG RED!



CALLING ALL KIDS & PARENTS!!

Join us

FBC

Kids Club | Youth Ministry

KICK OFF

Special GUEST

Wildlife Encounters

Masks are Requested

Who: Kids and Parents (No charge)

What: *Hotdog Meal *Wildlife Program

***Door Prizes (Gift cards for Parents)**

When: Wednesday | October 6 @ 6:15pm

Where: North Side of First Baptist (6th & C)



FBY News!

Greetings!

We had tried to open this year with only 9-12 grades for Wednesday nights, however this didn't work out. The Covid variance is a big factor this year on how things will be run. God wants us to open at a later date it seems. We are working for October 6th KICK OFF with special guest "Wildlife Encounters". We truly need to have a kick off night for all the needed paper work, and to be able to speak with the parents.

We are moving ahead with what is needed at this point. September 20th, we had a short meeting with teachers and helpers on curriculum and thins we need to prepare fore.

Please be in prayer for what is to come. The helper are wonderful and the teachers can not wait to see the kids an start telling them about JESUS!

Respectfully submitted, June Cardwell, Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Thank you to all the people that were involved in helping with Marilyn's funeral dinner. Thank you to all that attended the and gave prayers and support. It was greatly appreciated.

God Bless you all,
John Mitchell and family



October

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SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Beating Anxiety

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| Day 1: Job 23:12 | Day 17: Galatians 6:9 |
| Day 2: Mark 11:24 | Day 18: Matthew 6 |
| Day 3: Job 19:25 | Day 19: Psalm 91:1 |
| Day 4: John 16:33 | Day 20: I Peter 4:13 |
| Day 5: Psalm 34:14 | Day 21: Romans 8:39 |
| Day 6: Psalm 34:18 | Day 22: II Corinthians 1:3-4 |
| Day 7: James 5:13 | Day 23: Proverbs 24:10 |
| Day 8: I Peter 5:7 | Day 24: Proverbs 3:5-6 |
| Day 9: Romans 12:12 | Day 25: Ephesians 3:20-21 |
| Day 10: Matthew 11:28-30 | Day 26: John 10:10 |
| Day 11: Isaiah 41:10 | Day 27: Psalm 4:8 |
| Day 12: Psalm 27:10 | Day 28: John 14:27 |
| Day 13: II Corinthians 12:9 | Day 29: Psalm 29:11 |
| Day 14: Psalm 55:22 | Day 30: Hebrews 4:16 |
| Day 15: Psalm 23 | Day 31: James 5:10-11 |
| Day 16: James 1:2 | |

*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.*

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

October 2021

Prayer Emphasis For October:

*Pray for your
Pastor and Youth/
Children's Ministry
Coordinator and their
families.*

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7 am - ABM Bible Study 8 am ABM Breakfast 9 am Property Team
3 COMMUNION 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Casual	4	5 7pm Young People AA	6 6:15pm Kids Club Kick off with Wildlife Encounters 7:00 Bible Study 7pm Young People AA	7 1:30 pm -ABWM	8	9 8:50 Personnel 9:30 Vision Team
10 "Select a Hymn" 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Casual 6:00 Brown Bag 7:00 Movie Night	11 11:30 Esther Circle 7pm Wood Carver	12 1:30 Hannah 7pm Young People AA	13 6:15 FBY 7:00 Bible Study 7pm Young People AA	14	15	16
17 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Casual	18	19 7pm Young People AA	20 6:15 FBY 7:00 Bible Study 7pm Young People AA	21	22	23
24/31 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Casual 6:00 Brown Bag 7:00 Movie Night	25 7pm Wood Carver	26 7pm Young People AA	27 6:15 FBY 7:00 Bible Study 7pm Young People AA	28 12:30 Naomi Circle	29	30

