

# First Baptist Church

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OCTOBER 2025



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## PASTOR'S NOTES:

**And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. --Hebrews 10:24-25 (esv)**

You may recall on September 18, I presented a sermon on the topic of God as our comforter, and described some of the ways God uses fellow believers as the means to encourage his people. I shared that Jesus uses the word "Paraclete" in John to describe the Holy Spirit...a Greek word meaning comforter, encourager, helper and more. In the passage above, the word "encouraging" is that same root word, challenging us to "Holy Spirit" one another, if you understand my meaning, which highlights one of the main points from my sermon...that often God uses US to bring His comfort, encouragement, support and so on.

In a devotional book I regularly read by Charles Spurgeon, the evening reading that Sunday "just happened" to be on the same topic! To me, it is as if God was reassuring me of the importance of our role in encouraging and comforting one another. I was so struck, that I decided that I wanted to share his devotion with you in my article for this month's Chimes:

"Encourage Him." --Deuteronomy 1:38

"God employs His people to encourage one another. He did not say to an angel, 'Gabriel, my servant Joshua is about to lead my people into Canaan—go, encourage him.' God never works needless miracles; if His purposes can be accomplished by ordinary means, He will not use miraculous agency. Gabriel would not have been half so well fitted for the work as Moses. A brother's sympathy is more precious than an angel's embassy. The angel, swift of wing, had better known the Master's bidding than the people's temper. An angel had never experienced the hardness of the road, nor seen the fiery serpents, nor had he led the stiff-necked multitude in the wilderness as Moses had done. We should be glad that God usually works for man by man. It forms a bond of brotherhood, and being mutually dependent on one another, we are fused more completely into one family. Brethren, take the text as God's message to you. Labor to help others, and especially strive to encourage them. Talk cheerily to the young and anxious inquirer, lovingly try to remove stumbling-blocks out of his way. When you find a spark of grace in the heart, kneel down and blow it into a flame. Leave the young believer to discover the roughness of the road by degrees, but tell him of the strength which dwells in God, of the sureness of the promise, and of the charms of communion with Christ. Aim to comfort the sorrowful, and to animate the desponding. Speak a word in season to him that is weary, and en-



courage those who are fearful to go on their way with gladness. God encourages you by His promises; Christ encourages you as He points to the heaven He has won for you, and the Spirit encourages you as He works in you to will and to do of His own will and pleasure. Imitate divine wisdom, and encourage others, according to the word of this evening.”

And then, that same day I ran across this reading in the 2015 Guideposts by Julia Attaway:

“I went over to the chapel around the corner this afternoon. It had been an overwhelming day, and a bit of quiet seemed like a good idea.

A woman who was acting a little strange followed me in. She wandered around, touching things: books, flowers, a lamp. My mind wandered alongside her to make sure she didn't knock over a lit candle or something valuable. After a while, she pulled out a bottle of vodka in front of the altar and took a swig. I went in search of help. When she was escorted out, I knelt to pray. ‘Lord, I came here to be with You,’ I began with irritation and a sigh and then stopped. I was talking as if handling an alcoholic in the sanctuary was an inconvenience to me instead of a service to Him. I have a tendency to interpret things that don't go according to my plan as a burden. God had already shown me His plan: He wanted me to pay attention to someone else before considering my own needs.

I started my prayer again. ‘Lord, I ask you to bless the woman who was here. Whatever her suffering is, comfort her. Whatever help she needs, provide it to her. Let those she meets today be filled with grace.’ And as an admission of my own weakness, I added...’And however You want me to serve You today, Lord, I am here.”

When I read Julia's story and then her prayer in Guideposts after the day's focus on comfort and encouragement, I found myself wondering about the prayer and thinking, “But what if God DID send her the help she needed...and it was HER? What if, instead of having her escorted out of the building, Julia had spoken to her with words of comfort, encouragement and hope, instead of just praying for her after the woman left? Then I thought, what if you and I chose to do more than just pray, too?

Take comfort in God, and then pass it on to someone else!




**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE AND WHY?**

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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	402-719-9009	7		
		18	Steve & June Cardwell	402-478-4593
Yvonne Jessen	402-720-5811	19		
Hank Schollmeyer	402-677-2933	22		
Pam Gador	402-620-4338	24		
David Christensen	402-721-5239	26		
Jerry Woodman	402-496-3827	27		
Adryan Bruce		27		
Nancy Cole	402-630-3150	28		
Maddox King		29		



**OCTOBER PEOPLE PUZZLE:**

This month, we feature ANOTHER person in our church who won some travel trips from an employer through successful sales...including a trip to the Caribbean after selling 100 pillows.

**OCTOBER BIBLE PUZZLE:**

We often see drawings of angels with their beautiful wings, but what does the Bible tell us about angels and their wings?

**SEPTEMBER BIBLE ANSWER:**

The youngest Jewish king was Joash at 7 years old, but the next to youngest was King Josiah of Judah, one of the greatest kings in their history, became king at 8 years old. His story, found in 2 Chronicles 34-35 tells how he became king in one of Judah's darkest times before their exile to Babylon, and he led such great religious reforms that 2 Chronicles 35:18 says of him:

*“No Passover like it had been kept in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet. None of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as was kept by Josiah”*

**SEPTEMBER PEOPLE ANSWER:**

The person who won a trip from their successful sales of Saladmaster products is Jean Hammond.



To be wise you must first have reverence for the LORD. If you know the Holy One, you have understanding. Proverbs 9:10



# FBKIDS & FBYOUTH



This past month we have had a great opportunity to kick off our Youth program and focus on discipleship. A lot of our youth students are returners focused on continuing to grow in their faith and understanding of God's word and their own relationship with Him. One of the most beautiful things I have been able to witness as their youth leader is to see their faith develop in the way they love and have a heart for others. To see their faith graduate allows them to have this yearning for others around them that they care about to know Christ is truly an incredible step forward in their faith and is a testament to the investment you the church have placed within them. It has been an incredible journey and I want to thank you church for letting me be a small part in it.

-Luke Chavanne | Youth Pastor Interim



Thank you Pastor Richard and Nola for all your efforts in expanding the kingdom of God. Your works are seen and felt throughout this church. You have been faithful leaders and are serving this church well. Whether you're helping a person pray through tears, teaching kids the gospel or building an outreach we know God is truly leading you to do great things. We will continue to support and pray for your mission here in Fremont. Many Blessings from all of us at FBC



*Bible Book of the Month:*  
*1 Corinthians*



**Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?**  
**1 Corinthians 3:16**

**ABWM**  
**October 5, 2023**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Hostess: Esther**

## OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETINGS

October 9th - Esther Circle - 11:30

October 10th - Hannah Circle - 1:30 @ Crush

October 26th - Naomi Circle - 12:30



## VISION TEAM MONTHLY REPORT

The meeting was attended by Pastor Richard, John Mitchell, Betty Laughlin, Randy Cash, Marcia Hill, Eileen Cash, Marilyn Pueppke, Sasha White, and Dorothy Charleston. Pastor opened with prayer.



Randy reported the bank balance at the end of August was \$11,965. Now there is \$1,500. All payments are current. Some budgeted items not spent yet (as Washington School, Police and Fire). Quarterly Foundation report at the end of June showed \$367,766 in the endowment funds, in which general and youth have been combined now into one fund. Also, \$7,400 was paid for youth going to camp.

Sasha spoke questioning our priorities for which to seek grant funding.

1) Wednesday meals, 2) transportation, 3) testing snacks. Also discussed were how to use transportation for Senior Citizens, winter clothing for toddlers as well as school age children, winter coats, other clothing needs the schools have mentioned and food pantries.

Eileen reported Sasha will speak at the October ABW meeting.

John reported roof repair is finished on the Family Complex. The original bid for roof repair in both buildings was \$220,000, but the insurance adjustor and roofing company had met to discuss the work. We have been assured that the insurance company will cover the costs (except probably \$5,000 deductible), but do not have details at this point as to what they have worked out together. Roof repairs are expected to be completed in the next 2 weeks. The three ceiling fans in the main sanctuary will be replaced. They are waiting for the air conditioner unit. The boilers will be left on, to be sure they won't be needed this year as we work on shifting to more efficient central heat.

Larry is working on the sale of the bus and green van, after which we will find our replacement van. Windows on the North side of the church are the next project. A discussion of the water cooler was held. Eileen made a motion, seconded by Betty, that we purchase a new unit for outside the parlor. Motion carried.

Joel reported Halloween plans are underway for October 19. 800 hot dogs have been purchased. The only expense will be buns. They are expecting to use candy to be donated by individuals.



Pastor reported Nola will be speaking at a church in Kansas on Oct. 22, and he would like to go with her to hear her presentation. We agreed to ask Luke to fill the pulpit that Sunday.

Upcoming activities: Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this year, we



# October

## SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

### Beating Anxiety

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.*

*The Ruffled Mango*

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Come see us during

# "HALLOWEEN HYSTERIA"

for a **FREE HOTDOG** and **FREE CANDY**

October 19th | 6th & Main Street | 5-7pm

505 N C Street | Fremont | NE | 68025 | 402-721-1265 | Sunday Worship 9:30 & Traditional 11:00 Casual

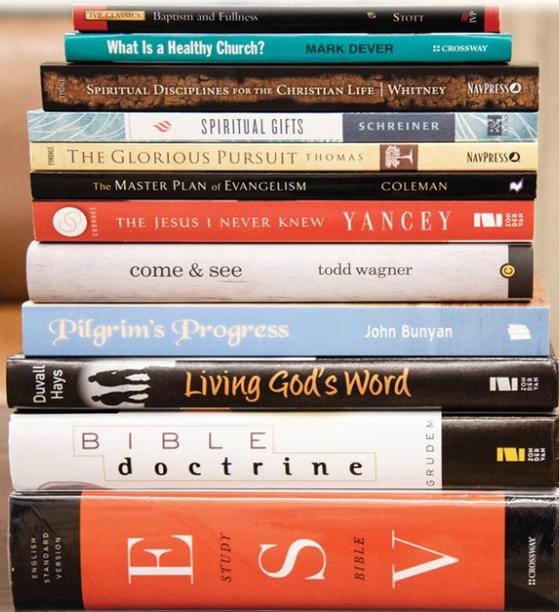
Candy Donations and Funds to purchase Hotdog Buns and additional treats can be dropped off in the office.

Sign Up to help during Halloween Hysteria



Bible Studies In the Parlor

- Wednesdays | 7pm
- Fridays | 12pm
- Sundays after the 1st Service to exclude communion Sunday
- Zoom | Oct. 5th & 19th | 2:30pm



## CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY!!

Remember to return the books when finished.

will talk to Mel's Diner about catering and see what dates would be available. It is also time to start working on nominations and budget.

There being no further business, the Pastor asked Sasha to close the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dorothy Charleston, Clerk



## Senior Residential/ Homebound

### NYE SQUARE APTS

650 W 21st St. Fremont 402-721-9224

Dalton Benson 402-721-7717

Joan Sorensen 402-830-6519

#126

#178

### SHALIMAR GARDENS

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

Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046)

#207

### Edgewood Vista

2910 Clarkson St. Fremont 402-753-8800

Mary Ann Paulger

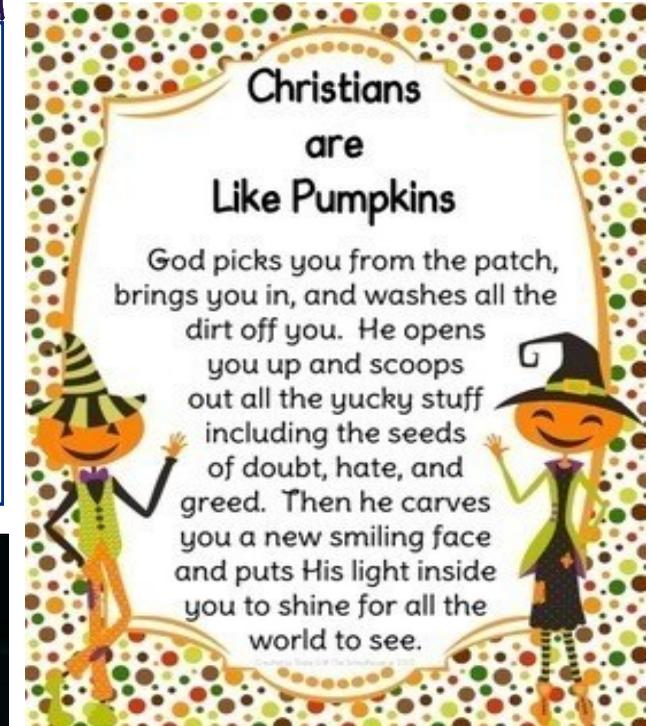
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### Nye Square

655 W 23rd St. Fremont—402-721-9224

Leonard and Esther Bechtel

#601



Volunteers are always needed and appreciated for Wednesday Night Youth Activities! Let the office know if you are available to help!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. —Psalm 34:4



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

# October 2023

## Coffee & Cookies

1 Esther  
8 Naomi  
15 ABM  
23 Hannah  
39 Esther

Christianity is not a  
spectator sport. It's something  
in which we become  
totally involved.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>COMMUNION</b> 9:30 -Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	2 9am-Men's Coffee	3  7pm - AA Meeting	4 9:30- Women's Coffee 6:15p Meal for kids 7pm FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	5 1:30 - ABWM  2:30pm - Zoom Bible Study	6 9am-Men's Coffee 12pm - Bible Study	7 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team 10:30 - Prayer Room 6pm - Fun and Fellowship
8 9:30 -Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 12pm - Bible Study 6pm - Brown Bag Supper 5:30pm - Movie Night	9 9am-Men's Coffee 11:30am- Esther Circle  6pm - Campfire and S'mores 7pm - Woodcarvers	10 1:30 - Hannah Circle @ Crush	11 9:30- Women's Coffee 6:15p Meal for kids 7pm FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	12	13 9am-Men's Coffee 12pm - Bible Study	14 8:50am - Personnel 9:30am - Vision Team 11am - Prayer tour
15 9:30 -Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 12pm - Bible Study	16 9am-Men's Coffee	17  7pm - AA Meeting	18 9:30- Women's Coffee 6:15p Meal for kids 7pm FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	19 2:30pm - Zoom Bible Study  5pm - Halloween Hysteria	20 9am-Men's Coffee 12pm - Bible Study	21
22 9:30 -Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 12pm - Bible Study	23 9am-Men's Coffee  7pm - Woodcarvers	24  7pm - AA Meeting	25 9:30- Women's Coffee 6:15p Meal for kids 7pm FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	26 12:30pm - Naomi Circle	27 9am-Men's Coffee  10am - Nye Square Bible Study  12pm - Bible Study	28 9:30 - ABW Bible Study
29 9:30 -Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 12pm - Bible Study	30 9am-Men's Coffee	31 <b>Halloween</b>  7pm - AA Meeting				  <b>DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.</b> ROMANS 12:21

