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already done for you can leave you free to pursue other courses of study. Knowing the sequence of the various events and prophecies in the Bible can be a helpful thing for those of us who live in a culture where chronological order is important. Sometimes knowing it will help your understanding by providing the context in which various commands and prophecies were issued. Thankfully, though, even if you get lost or confused in following the exact chronology, God's messages for us are timeless and will speak to your heart regardless.



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Music Director Sasha White | Youth Leader Jesse Kracht



October 2025

PASTOR'S NOTES

To begin today, permit me to share with you a Guideposts reading from 2018 by Roberta Messner.



"Do everything in love." --1 Corinthians 16:14 (NIV)



"...I take such delight watching Kristi interact with folks at the drive-through. She'll be hanging out the window, all smiles, as she inquires about the pets and children in the back of a truck or the camping gear strapped to the top of a station wagon. One morning I could stand it no more. 'You must really enjoy what you do,' I said. 'You never fail to make every person in your path feel cared for.' 'I'll let you in on a little secret,' Kristi told me. 'When I'm working that intercom, I ask all the customers, 'How are you?' and if they don't answer or just say, 'a chai tea latte,' then I'm extra nice to them when they pull up to get their drinks. That's what keeps me happy all day long. Kristi's response got me to thinking about others in my own path who leave the world better than they find it. ... Then there's the welcoming homeowner on the street where I shopped at an estate sale today. When everyone else placed 'No Parking—Towing Enforced' messages in their yards, this person took a different approach. A colorful sign was positioned in a geranium-filled flower-pot that read, 'Okay to park in my driveway. Enjoy the sale.' Just everyday people doing their best to make the world a better place. Simple as it sounds, I want to be one of them. Don't you? In an oft-unfriendly world, Lord, help me to represent You with a heart full of love."

I suspect all of us have had those times when someone's thoughtfulness changed the course of our day. What are the ways your daily words and actions leave the world a better place? Or, conversely, do your words and actions cause others to be upset, discouraged, hurt or angry? If you are like me, there is often a bit of both in any given day. Sometimes, in fact, I don't even realize that what I am saying (or the way I am saying it) is as negative as it comes across. It can be hard to see things from another person's perspective, or to pay close enough attention to others to recognize the reaction we are setting up in them. Nevertheless, we can still choose to intentionally make positive impacts, just as the folks described in that devotional.



What could you do to develop a habit of making the world around you a bit better because you are there? Think of the things you could say that might encourage the tired and frustrated person at the checkout register next time you are at a store? How could you change your response to the rude driver next to you on the road? What if you offered to pray for the person whose behavior shows he or she is angry and upset? What person receives very little appreciation for their work who might

be very touched if you wrote them a note telling them how much their efforts mean to you? What are the little chores and messes you usually aren't involved with, where you could instead offer to lend a helping hand? Is there a lonely person, perhaps in a care facility or a hospital, or someone who has lost a spouse, whose day would be completely different if you gave them a phone call or stopped over for a visit?



Those are only a few of the ideas that are available to us each and every day. It isn't that there aren't opportunities; it is that we don't always think of them as opportunities or stop to consider how to use them to share God's love and joy. Even if you are like the people in the devotional who lift the spirits of others, how about making an intentional effort expand your positive influence? I encourage you to select a specific person, a specific location or a specific time of day for which you would not normally have an influence...and make that a pet project by intentionally doing or saying something uplifting at least two or three times each week. Maybe someone will write a Guideposts devotion about YOU!

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. -Ecclesiastes 3:1



September Christian History Answer

Augustine (354-430 A.D.) was the individual whose theology had profound impact on Wycliffe and Calvin, including the biblical teaching of God's elect. Two of Augustine's most famous writings are Confessions and City of God. Many of his writings have been preserved, and his influence on our understanding of what God has done for us through Christ cannot be overstated.

October Christian History Puzzle

Let's follow our chain of thought one more step. Pastor has often said that we do not know how God might use our influence on other people, and that it could be way beyond our expectations. Augustine has been vastly influential. Where did Augustine conduct his ministry, and whose influence led him to Christ?

What a Fabulous Ladies Day Out!

The adventure kicked off with a tasty lunch at Carl's Restaurants in Mahoney Park, followed by sweet treats and sips at Baker's Candies (yes, free samples and a Kool-Aid Bar!). The grand finale? A wild ride through the Henry Doorly Zoo Safari Park — and a stop for ice cream... the perfect ending to a fun-filled day!



This month, I want to suggest some ways to sort through the confusion that arises for many of us when reading the Bible. One of the things that makes the Bible difficult reading for many is that we are used to reading historical books presented in chronological order. While there is historical order among some of the books (Genesis through Judges for example), or within a particular book (Ruth or Acts), there are many times the sequence of materials is difficult to determine. It can be helpful to have available some of the tools designed to help sort out these questions. There are available (in study Bibles and as individual helps) charts that seek to match the historical timeline with the various events and books, which are easily found with a simple internet or Christian catalog search. (It would be wise to stick with well known publishers such as Eerdmans, Westminster, Zondervan, Logos, etc.) These can provide an overview of Old Testament chronology helping to identify, for example, which kings were in power when Isaiah was making his prophecies.



Understanding the chronology of the New Testament, however, is another matter. While the Old Testament covers hundreds, even thousands of years, the New Testament is a matter of decades, and in the case of the Gospels, only a few years, much of which occurred within only a few days. To pull together the sequence of New Testament events may require using several different tools. There are maps and charts that show the sequence and locations of each of Paul's three missionary journeys, which can be helpful when reading the book of Acts. For the life of Jesus, there are also specific charts for his life and ministry, and even some specifically focused on just the events of the Passion (or Holy Week). Another help is what is called a Harmony of the Gospels or Parallel Bible, in which the order of the events of Jesus's life are presented side by side from the various Gospels, with an attempt to present them in a combined chronology. These things are difficult, because historical chronology is not always the concern of the Gospel writers so there isn't always a common point of reference to help determine the order of events, so you may find differing views on some of them.



Another tool that seeks to address this issue has been published in the form of a Chronological Bible, in which the biblical writings are arranged as nearly as possible in chronological order. For example, it would lift Psalm 3, written when King David was fleeing from his son Absalom who had revolted against him, and place it at 2 Samuel 15 where that rebellion is recorded. Similarly, Isaiah's prophecies are separated according to the king reigning at the time, and placed alongside the stories of that king described in the books of Chronicles and Kings.

Of course, you can also do the work of sorting these things out for yourself by following the cross references in the footnotes of your Bible (assuming yours has them), or by diligent use of a concordance, which will give you your own first hand experience of this kind of study and enhance your familiarity with the texts. On the other hand, taking advantage of the work someone else has

FBYOUTH Sunday Nights | 6p - Snack | 6:30p - Groups

Hey all, I first want to start saying thank you for all of your prayers and support for the youth ministry this month. Throughout the month of September, we have been going over a video series called, **“The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry”** by John Mark Comer. In this video series, we are leaving how to eliminate the business in our lives and live a quiet life for the Lord. This month has been nothing short of a blessing, we look forward to what God has in store for us next! As always, may the God of peace be with you in every step that you take!

-Jesse Kracht

FBKIDS Wednesday Nights | 6:15p - Meal | 6:45p - Groups

Our K-6 kids have been keeping busy learning all about Jesus! Through stories, songs, and fun activities, they're not just learning—they're growing in their faith and discovering how much Jesus loves them. We love seeing their excitement each week!

-First Baptist Youth Volunteers.

EVEN IF MY FATHER AND MOTHER ABANDON ME, THE LORD WILL HOLD ME CLOSE. - PSALM 27:10 NLT

2nd Sunday of the Month

MOVIE
night


6p - BYODinner
6:30p - Movie



October Bible Puzzle:

During the Exodus, God established through Moses various feasts and holy days for Israel to celebrate, which are still recognized today. Where are two other Jewish holidays mentioned?

September Bible Answer:

 Continuing from last month, in what biblical passages do actual birds play a significant role in God's work? Apart from birds being used for sacrifice, other instances include the raven and dove were sent out by Noah to determine when it was safe to leave the ark (Gen 8); Abraham chased birds away from his sacrifice (Gen 15); the Egyptian baker's dream had birds eating from a basket on his head (Gen 40); God sent quail to feed the Israelites during their exodus journey (Exodus 16); ravens fed Elijah in the desert (1 Kings 17); it is because of the fact that Mary and Joseph offered bird sacrifices at the birth of Jesus that we know they were lower income (Luke 2); and in Revelation it is an eagle that proclaims God's woes (Rev 8). Birds are also used as object lessons for God's teachings, such as Isaiah 40:31 where God's renewal is likened to "mounting up like eagles," Hosea compares Ephraim's fickleness to a 'silly dove' (Hos 7), or when Jesus encourages us to note God's care of the sparrows to help us appreciate his care for us (Matt 10). If you think of others, feel free to share them with us.

American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. -Hebrews 11:1



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Serenity

A 2-part Women's Bible Study

No prep Bible Study - Coffee and Materials Provided
Join us for a time of learning and discussion.

Women's Bible Study
Saturday - September 20, 2025
Saturday - October 18, 2025
9:30 am - 3rd Floor
Enter via the Elevator Door

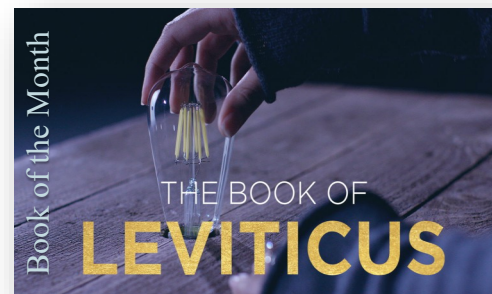
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Hey Circles!!!! I'm working on keeping our First Baptist Website fresh and up-to-date with everything we have to offer—and that includes highlighting our amazing **Circles**! To help with this, I'd love for each group to send me a brief description (*in a million words or less*) about what your Circle does and why someone should consider joining. Please email me at office@fremontfbc.org with your final copy. Your input will help us share the heart and purpose of your group with our wider church family and visitors. Thanks in advance! -Amity

You only need to have enough GRACE for today.



OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETINGS

OCTOBER 13 - ESTHER CIRCLE - 11a
OCTOBER 14 - HANNAH CIRCLE - 11:30a
OCTOBER 23 - NAOMI CIRCLE - 12:30p

Vision Team Minutes: Meeting September 13, 2025

*Attendance: Mark & Vicki Anderson, Mike Raasch, Mary Weldon, Betty Laughlin, Joel Foreman, Randy Cash, Eileen Cash, Pastor Crooks.

*Devotion: Pastor Crooks

*Opening Prayer: Pastor Crook

*Randy (Treasurer) reported expenses being a little ahead. October will be a three-payroll month. The \$4,400.00 was received for the youth and the endowment funds weren't received until September 1st, 2025.

*Pastor Crooks challenged everyone by asking us to look into the future to see what we can do and where do we see us going forward?

*Mark & Vicki Anderson (Outreach) were happy to announce that two funds raisers were set up to aid in raising food donations which will be delivered to the three schools we are currently supporting (Washington, Linden and Grant). Baker's will be running a fundraiser the last two weeks of September in which a box will be set out to collect food donations. The food collected will be delivered September 28th, 2025. Hy-Vee will be running a fundraiser for the month of October. For each \$5.00 donation they receive from the public, they will match it up to 15-100%. The money received will then be used to buy food for the schools, at cost. Food collected will be delivered around Christmas. Candy will be delivered to the teachers for the next parent/teacher conference.

*Eileen Cash expressed the hope that everyone attending the women's retreat in October at Camp Moses Merrill will come and be relaxed and have fun. Theme is about Lemons. "When Life Gives You Lemons...Ask Jesus for Some Lemonade"

*Pastor Crooks proposed a new logo for the church that will be used on the church's letterhead.

*Mark Anderson made motion to accept

*Mary Weldon second the motion

**A discussion was had about making a minor change to the design but we do not want to throw off the balance of the design. Pastor Richard will research. The motion was passed.

*Pastor Crooks added Pearl Academy Day Care has reached out to the church to ask if it was OK to use our play area. It was suggested to get a waiver of liability in the event someone gets hurt, their insurance will cover the incident.

*Pastor Crooks reported on behalf of the Property Team as result to the A/C unit being vandalized, the area will now be locked up and a gate added to the area that is still open enough for some to get through. A camera was donated to install so that area can be monitored closer. Looking at lighting to put up.

*Pastor Crooks announced the Downtown Halloween Event will be held October 16th, 2025. It was suggested we get a banner that we can put up. Requesting donations for candy - can put a note in the Chimes and bulletins. Discussion included the possibility of putting out a donation bucket to collect money for the Pakistan Flood release.



October



Victory Over Evil!

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| Day 1: 1 John 4:4 | • Day 17: Psalm 34:4 |
| Day 2: Romans 8:37 | • Day 18: Hebrews 2:14-15 |
| Day 3: James 4:7 | • Day 19: Psalm 18:32 |
| Day 4: Ephesians 6:10-11 | • Day 20: 1 Peter 5:8-9 |
| Day 5: 2 Timothy 1:7 | • Day 21: Psalm 118:6 |
| Day 6: Psalm 23:4 | • Day 22: 2 Thessalonians 3:3 |
| Day 7: 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 | • Day 23: Psalm 56:3-4 |
| Day 8: Revelation 12:11 | • Day 24: 1 John 5:4 |
| Day 9: Luke 10:19 | • Day 25: Isaiah 54:17 |
| Day 10: Isaiah 41:10 | • Day 26: Romans 16:20 |
| Day 11: 1 Corinthians 15:57 | • Day 27: Psalm 34:7 |
| Day 12: Psalm 27:1 | • Day 28: 1 John 3:8 |
| Day 13: John 16:33 | • Day 29: Revelation 20:10 |
| Day 14: Psalm 91:4 | • Day 30: John 8:12 |
| Day 15: Colossians 2:15 | • Day 31: 1 Peter 1:13 |
| Day 16: 2 Corinthians 2:14 | |



"God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile." – Max Lucado

Birthdays	Phone	Date	Anniversaries	Phone
Judi Staab	402-720-4038	2		
Dan Weldon	402-727-5302	2		
Amity Bruce	402-515-2733	5		
David Schulz	402-721-4901	5		
		6	Rick & Linda Crytzer	402-719-4754
Asa Summers	FBYouth	7		
		18	Steve & June Cardwell	402-478-4593
Yvonne Jessen	402-720-5811	19		
Hank Schollmeyer	402-677-2933	22		
David Christensen	402-721-5239	26		
Jerry Woodman	402-496-3827	27		

Today I handed out 99 pair of socks to the Dance Team here at HEAL Africa. They were SO Happy! Some dance in slippery socks and some dance barefoot. They love the socks with traction... and the fact they are all the same! Thought I would send you a couple pictures. I have a video or two you might enjoy as well. I will try to send from my google drive. Thank you so much for thinking of us... Goma is still tragic, but this group of young people were all smiles today! In Him, -Ann Clemmer



The Lord is Good to All...- Psalm 145:9



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Monetary Donations Accepted

WHOEVER IS GENEROUS TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD, AND HE WILL REPAY HIM FOR HIS DEED. -PROVERBS 19:17 ESV

Please continue to support feeding our school families. In the month of October, we have joined forces with Hy-Vee. You can ask for a 5.00 voucher at check out or pick one up at the front of the store and present it when you check out. All of the voucher money collected will then go to feeding our school families and Hy-Vee will match a percentage of the money raised and allow us to shop for food items at the cost of what the store pays for food. This could really be a wonderful way to help feed our school families! Please tell all your friends and family members of this wonderful opportunity. Thank you for your support! Deb & Jim Peterson | Mark & Vicki Anderson

*Mary Weldon announced October being Pastor appreciation month.
*Closing: Mike Raasch
*As there was no other form of business, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, Shelly Bowen, clerk





February 2, 1955
September 22, 2025

Marilyn Pueppke

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Matthew 5:4 ESV



Our home, Goma, on the remote edge of the Democratic Republic of Congo where precious minerals sought by the world are mined by children, a common epicenter of dreaded diseases (cholera, Ebola, Mpox), and currently held by occupying rebel forces since January 2025, is overshadowed by an active volcano, twice erupted during our tenure taking lives and livelihood.

The people of this region have suffered so, and like Jeremiah could rightly ask, “why do we keep on suffering? Why are our wounds incurable? Why won't they heal?” (Jer 15:18). A reasonable person would ask the same. But more often those with whom we live cling to the promises of Isaiah 43 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you” In the midst of suffering and belief in God’s promises they exhibit joy...true, and unabated joy; one of the fruits of the spirit; a gift from God.

- We see the joy of worship in church every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.
- We see the joy of the Dance Team as they come together to pray, to practice, to worship God through dance.
- We see the joy of a mother reunited with her son who she thought was killed when the rebels entered the city.
- We see the joy among Sunday school children (over 1400 children last Sunday) as their teachers tell them about a God who loves them.



Joy doesn’t depend on circumstances; it comes from the conviction and belief that “the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in a better life ahead “(Rom 8:18). Trials are found in every nation, but the joy of the believers in this troubled part of the world can bless and encourage us all.
- Ann and Bill Clemmer - Goma, DRC

October 2025

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Thank you Pastor Richard and Nola for all your hard work and efforts in teaching the love of Jesus and the truth of the gospel. FBC appreciates you both!</p>			<p>1 9:30a - Women's Coffee</p> <p>6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids K-6th 7p - Bible Study</p>	<p>2 11a - Webinar in Parlor with Pastor Richard</p> <p>5:30p - Kay Circle Mat Weaving</p>	<p>3 9a - Men's Coffee 10a - Nye Sq. Bible Study 12p - Bible Study 7p - Ernie Couch & Revival Concert in Family Center</p>	<p>4 7a - ABM Bible Study 8a - ABM Breakfast 9a - Property Team</p> <p>6p - Fun & Fellowship</p>
<p>5 COMMUNION 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service</p> <p>6p - FBYouth Snack 6:30p - FBYouth Groups 7-12</p>	<p>6 9a - Men's Coffee</p> <p>6p - Woodcarvers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7p - AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 9:30a - Women's Coffee</p> <p>Fall Break - NO FBKids</p> <p>7p - Bible Study</p>	<p>9 11a - Pastor-Led Bible Study to include Zoom</p>	<p>10 9a - Men's Coffee 12p - Bible Study</p> <p>ABC Region Convention in Scottsbluff</p>	<p>11 8:45a - Personnel Team 9:30a - Vision Team</p>
<p><u>Coffee/Cookies</u></p> <p>5 - Naomi 12 - ABM 19 - Hannah 26 - Esther</p>	<p>12 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service 11a - Bible Study</p> <p>6p - Brown Bag Fellowship followed by MOVIE NIGHT</p> <p>6p - FBYouth Snack 6:30p - FBYouth Groups 7-12</p>	<p>13 9a - Men's Coffee</p> <p>11a - Esther Circle</p>	<p>14 11:30a - Hannah Circle @ BK East</p> <p>7p - AA Meeting</p>	<p>15 9:30a - Women's Coffee</p> <p>6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids K-6th 7p - Bible Study</p>	<p>16 3:30p - Set Up for Event 5p - HALLOWEEN HYSTERIA Downtown Fremont 6th & Main St.</p>	<p>17 9a - Men's Coffee 12p - Bible Study</p> <p>18 9:30a - ABW Bible Study</p>
<p><u>FBYouth Snack</u></p> <p>5 - Doug DePue 12 - Jerry & Kelly Adams 19 - Jim & Deb Peterson 26 - Amity Bruce</p>	<p>19 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service 11a - Bible Study</p> <p>6p - FBYouth Snack 6:30p - FBYouth Groups 7-12</p>	<p>20 9a - Men's Coffee</p> <p>6p - Woodcarvers</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7p - AA Meeting</p>	<p>22 9:30a - Women's Coffee</p> <p>6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids K-6th 7p - Bible Study</p>	<p>23 11a - Pastor-Led Bible Study to include Zoom</p> <p>12:30p - Naomi Circle</p> <p>ABWM Fall Retreat at MMCCC ➡</p>	<p>24 9a - Men's Coffee 10a - Nye Sq. Bible Study 12p - Bible Study</p> <p>25</p>
<p>➡ ABWM Fall Retreat</p>		<p>26 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service 11a - Bible Study 12p - Luncheon 6p - FBYouth Snack 6:30p - FBYouth Groups 7-12</p>	<p>27 9a - Men's Coffee</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7p - AA Meeting</p> <p>Pastor's Retreat @ MMCCC</p>	<p>29 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids K-6th 7p - Bible Study</p> <p>30 5:30p - Kay Circle Mat Weaving</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN 9a - Men's Coffee No Bible Study</p> <p></p> <p></p>