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FUN CELEBRATION Sunday, Oct. 13

Join in for a morning of nostalgic fun as
we celebrate an old fashioned
Apple-Fest. Fun foods! Fun trivia!
Good memories!

Both services will focus on the
value of intergenerational relationships,
with an Apple-Festival in Fellowship
Hall between services, 10:15-11:15.

Bring a friend!

(We are still seeking donations of apple treats.)



October 2024



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Music Director Sasha White

PASTOR'S NOTES

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. --Luke 18:1

Jesus told the parable about the unjust judge to help us continue in our prayers, to not lose heart and give up. That parable was the topic for a recent sermon, and is in our study book as well. Are there areas of your walk with God that you ever become weary, where you lose heart, where you feel like giving up? I know I do sometimes. It is easy to quit praying when God doesn't seem to answer. It can be easy to get discouraged and give up when people we hope will come to Christ turn a deaf ear to our pleas. We can work at different volunteer activities in the church or other ways we are doing good things for others, and feel like giving up when we don't see any results, or feel like we are carrying the burdens all alone. Or we can be involved in a certain task or role in the church for years and years, and simply feel like we have run out of ideas, or just don't have the energy we used to have for them. Lack of appreciation and not seeing the results we hope for can be some of the dominant factors that lead to our discouragement and cause us to give up.

The scriptures have a number of references to these kinds of struggles in our faith lives, including weariness like these:

DOING GOOD—"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" Gal 6:9

"As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good." 2 Thess 3:13

LIFE'S BURDENS AND FIGHTING SIN—"let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," Heb 12:1b

WAITING FOR GOD—"I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God." Psalm 69:3

WEARY IN OUR SERVICE--"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart." 2 Cor 4:1

WEARY AS OUR BODIES AGE OR DECAY--"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." 2 Cor 4:16

WEARY OF LEARNING GOD'S WAYS--"And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.'" Hebrews 12:5

WEARY OF ENDURING--"I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary." Rev 2:3



WEARY WITH GROANING AND PAIN--*"You said, 'Woe is me! For the LORD has added sorrow to my pain. I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.'"* Jer 45:3

EVEN WEARY OF GOD!--*"Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel!"* Isaiah 43:22

Fortunately, we don't have to stay weary...God provides the antidote:

FOCUS ON CHRIST--*"Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."* Heb 12:3

FOCUS ON GOD'S PROMISE TO RESTORE US--*"For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish."* Jer 31:25

"but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Hang in there, God isn't finished yet!

Richard



Look Who Moved!!

Nye Legacy

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Leonard and Esther Bechtel #305 & #307

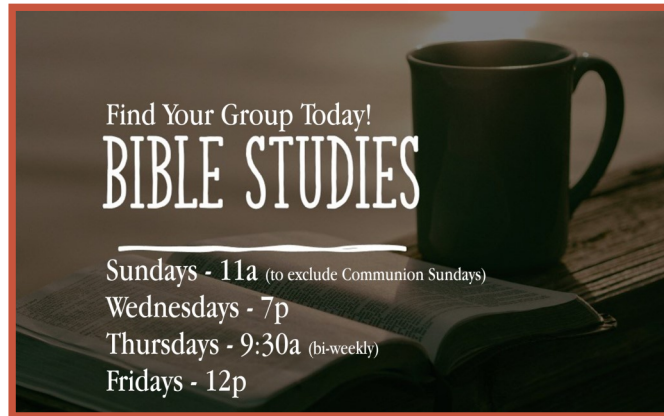
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Ladies Day Out this year was spent in the capital, Lincoln Nebraska! ABW spent there time at the Sunken Gardens, looking at views of the Governor's Mansion and the Capital Buildings, of course Shopping, Lunch was at Lead Belly's and the day wouldn't have been complete with out Ice Cream from Dairy Barn. So Blessed to have such a great group of ladies available to make it to the yearly event of Ladies Day Out!



Another time I may spend a little time discussing the way books were decided to be included or excluded from the Bible, and why. But in this segment, let's take some time to define the categories of the biblical books, and clarify one of them. Earlier we discussed the books we call "Apocrypha" that are in the Catholic Bibles but not ours, so we are going to focus on specifically

the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) and the New Testament, and the categories contained within each. These two divisions reflect the books that were written before Jesus came to earth, and those that were written subsequently. The Old Testament is primarily built around the Mosaic Covenant, and the New Testament is built around the New Covenant foretold in the Old Testament and enacted by Jesus. The covenants, of course, are more or less the relationship "contract" God has made with us.

The Old Testament is composed of three sections (as defined by the Jewish people): the Torah (or the 5 books of Moses, the Pentateuch), the Prophets, and the Writings. Christians use a slightly different system, particularly dividing the prophets into Major Prophets (the larger books like Isaiah) and the Minor Prophets (the smaller books like Nahum).

The New Testament is composed of the four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles (early church history), the Letters (epistles), and the apocalyptic book of Revelation. The Epistles are further divided between the letters of Paul (Pauline) and the General Epistles (by everyone else).

Having said that, what would you say the Gospels are? Note they are not included in the history section of the New Testament with Acts. Nor are they called "Biographies." They are Gospels, a unique category of writing. The word means "good news," and they describe the good news of salvation through Jesus. They are not history, because they do not try to describe everything that happened during Jesus's lifetime nor the context of those things, and they do not seek to present an objective reporting of events. They are not biographies, as they tell us very little of the life of Jesus, mainly about the last 3 years, and out of that, primarily the last week of his life. They are Gospels...records of portions of the life of Jesus and of the teachings of Jesus with a specific purpose in mind, aptly described in John 20:30-31 where John states that he didn't include everything, but he wrote the book so that the reader would believe that Jesus is the Messiah. In other words, it is a persuasive presentation of the material. John wrote explaining a lot of things, as if he anticipated a lot of Greek readers. Matthew quoted a lot of the Old Testament as if he anticipated a lot of Jewish readers. Each Gospel writer made their own selection of events and teachings to include, with the purpose of convincing the readers that Jesus was who he said he was, the Son of God, the Messiah for which Israel waited, our resurrected Savior. People who try to find ways to pit one Gospel against another looking for contradictions miss the point. An open minded person, doing a careful reading, can find in the Gospels the evidence they need to know Jesus as their personal Savior, and that seems the perfect way to start the section we call the "New Testament."



October Bible Puzzle:

Why in the Old Testament is the word "Lord" sometimes printed capitalized: "LORD" and sometimes isn't? And why does the New Testament NOT do that?

September Bible Answer:

Our focus is on the number seven, and there are a lot. Many of us would think of the 7 days of creation and the command to rest on the seventh day, the Sabbath. Here are some of the other more significant ones:

- There were 7 pairs of birds and clean animals on the ark (and lots more 7s in the story). Gen. 7:2-3
- Jacob served 7 years for Rachel, and 7 more for Leah (Gen 29)
- Pharaoh's dream that Joseph interpreted had 2 groups of 7 cattle and of 7 ears of grain (Gen 41)
- Joseph had 7 days of mourning in Canaan for Jacob (Gen 50:10), as Job's friends also sat with him 7 days (Job 2:13)
- God spoke to Moses at Mt. Sinai on the 7th day (Ex 24:16)
- In addition to the 7th day Sabbath, the 7th year was to be a Sabbath for the land (Lev 25:4) and at the end of 7x7 years came the Jubilee (Lev 25:8)
- The feast of Unleavened Bread last 7 days (Ex 34:18) and Pentecost occurred at the end of 7 weeks after Passover (Lev 23:15)
- There were 7 lampstands in the tabernacle/temple (Ex 37:23), the consecration of the altar took 7 days, including the priest sprinkling the blood of the sacrifice 7 times (lev 4:17)
- At Jericho, 7 priests had 7 trumpets, and the people marched around the city 7 times to conquer it (Josh 6:4)
- The feeding of the 4,000 used 7 loaves of bread and had 7 baskets leftover (Matt. 15), while the 5,000 were fed with 5 loaves and 2 fish... $5+2=7$ (Matt 14)
- Peter asked whether he should forgive 7 times, but Jesus told him 70 times 7 (Matt 18:21-22)
- Revelation is filled with sevens, including the sevenfold spirit of God, 7 churches, angels, stars, and lampstands all found in chapter one. Later in the book we find 7 bowls, 7 trumpets, seven seals and more.



"In the world you will have tribulations. But take heart; I have overcome the world"
-John 16:33

Bible Book of the Month:
Ecclesiastes

**No ABWM
this month**



**She is clothed with
strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the
days to come. -Proverbs 31:25**



American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

FBC Fremont
Saturday Women's Bible Study



Mary
Mother of God

October 26, 2024
9:30 a.m. - Third Floor, Green Room

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETINGS

OCTOBER 8 – HANNAH CIRCLE - 11:30a

OCTOBER 14 – ESTHER CIRCLE - 11a

OCTOBER 24 – NAOMI CIRCLE - 12:30p



VISION TEAM MONTHLY REPORT - September 14, 2024

In attendance were Eileen Cash, Randy Cash, Joel Foreman, John Mitchell, Mark Anderson, Vicki Anderson, Mary Weldon, Betty Laughlin and Pastor Richard.

Randy presented treasurer’s report; checking account is now about \$29,000 after quarterly Layton funds received. Buildings account is slowly growing as we still have a vacant office available. We have received about \$4,500.00 from a hail damage. Insurance changes were discussed, we now have Brotherhood insurance for all but workman’s comp.

ABWM--Eileen reported the parlor refrigerator not sealing properly with the suggestion that Mary Ann Paulger’s memorial funds be used for the repair. Eileen moved; Vicki seconded that the repair proceed using those funds. Motion carried.

Eileen also reminded Vision Team of National ABWM’s request for additional funding. No action taken; additional information will be sought first. She also reported 9 women participated in Lincoln outing and had a good time, and 9 are scheduled for the upcoming trip to Branson to attend the Sight and Sound Production of” Esther”.

ABMen--Joel reported they plan again for hotdogs for Downtown Halloween giveaway on Oct. 17, grilling here to take over, and starting earlier. We currently have available about 800 hot dogs now. They are also sending a supplementary check for Barb Waugh to make up for some confusion from last year, that is now corrected going forward

Mark and Vicki reported the Grant Elementary luncheon was well attended by teachers, and well supported by the church, with the principal saying that this would likely be the only time the whole teaching staff was able to get together like that this year. Washington and Linden are planned. Testing snacks have gone to all 3 schools, and we are donating non-perishable food to Linden and Grant (Washington and Linden share). They also hope we can find a way to let people know when there are sales of desired items.



John Mitchell reported the fire alarm system is now repaired, and the heating/cooling units in youth rooms will be checked and ready this week. They also plan to install windows in Children’s classroom doors, as requested for Child Protection policies.

The Kid’s Club/Youth Christmas celebration is scheduled for Wed, Dec. 11 with chili and cinnamon rolls. Thanksgiving Dinner date is not set yet, planning to use Mel’s for broasted chicken meal. Mary and Pastor shared that instead of the Grandparents’ Dinners we did pre-Covid, we will have a special AppleFest Sunday services on Oct. 13...more information to come. There was discussion about making sure church office is available during stated hours, even if Amity is out sick, Pastor indicated the Personnel Committee were on it.

Sept 8 Church Day at Camp had about 20 people in attendance, including a significant number of youth enjoying table games, swimming, a wagon ride and grilled burgers/hot dogs for supper. It was a good event, but might need adjustments in the future.

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	402-719-9009	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		
Adryan Bruce		27		
Nancy Cole	402-630-3150	28		







September 2, 1934

September 15, 2024

Beverley Ann Clausen



May 2, 1935

September 25, 2024

Beverly Holmen



October

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Beating Anxiety

Day 1: Job 23:12

Day 2: Mark 11:24

Day 3: Job 19:25

Day 4: John 16:33

Day 5: Psalm 34:14

Day 6: Psalm 34:18

Day 7: James 5:13

Day 8: I Peter 5:7

Day 9: Romans 12:12

Day 10: Matthew 11:28-30

Day 11: Isaiah 41:10

Day 12: Psalm 27:10

Day 13: II Corinthians 12:9

Day 14: Psalm 55:22

Day 15: Psalm 23

Day 16: James 1:2

Day 17: Galatians 6:9

Day 18: Matthew 6

Day 19: Psalm 91:1

Day 20: I Peter 4:13

Day 21: Romans 8:39

Day 22: II Corinthians 1:3-4

Day 23: Proverbs 24:10

Day 24: Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 25: Ephesians 3:20-21

Day 26: John 10:10

Day 27: Psalm 4:8

Day 28: John 14:27

Day 29: Psalm 29:11

Day 30: Hebrews 4:16

Day 31: James 5:10-11

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 17th | 6th & Main Street | 5-7p

505 N C St | Fremont | NE | 68025 | 402-721-1265 | Sunday Worship - Traditional Service 9:30a - Casual Service 11a

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**



- Wednesdays | 7pm
- Fridays | 12pm
- Sundays after the 1st Service
to exclude communion Sunday
- Zoom | Oct. 3, 17, & 31 | 9:30am



Thank you and your team
for the AMAZING and
DELICIOUS staff luncheon -
you have no idea how
much it means to us.
Thanks Again! The Grant
Elementary School Staff.

Also to the kind person that donated
\$60 for Grants Schools "Secret Santa
Shop" thank you so very much! Our
students LOVE to Christmas shop for
their family, and this will help buy
some fits for them! We appreciate you
so very much.



Women's trip to Branson Mo,
to watch a play on Esther.



"The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows
on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers
fall, but the word of our God endures forever". Isaiah 40:8



Small Group study guides on Parables are now ready. Joel's Sunday morning group will start tomorrow and the Wed evening study will discuss using the same, as are the Youth Group and Thursday morning. The Friday group also picked up materials this week. We encourage everyone to consider being part of a group, hosting or leading one, or starting a new one. Advent devotions were mentioned, and the Vision Team decided we could reprint one from the past for people to use this year, rather than create another this time.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Richard substitute recorder.

Minutes from Vision Team, Sunday, September 15, 2024, of Randy, Marcia, Mary, John, Vicki, Mark, Marilyn, Joel and Pastor Richard in the discussion.

Sunday morning team members gathered, (and a couple of latecomers also polled) to set up new check signatories to replace some no longer available. Added to the current Randy Cash, Shirley Angermund, Larry Hill and Deb Peterson, were Alan Holzerland, Lynda Raasch, and Property Department member Judi Staab to be asked to serve. Unanimous approval.

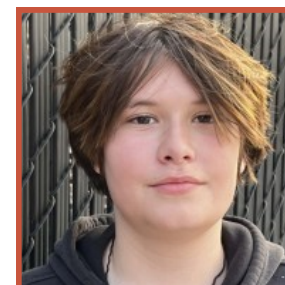
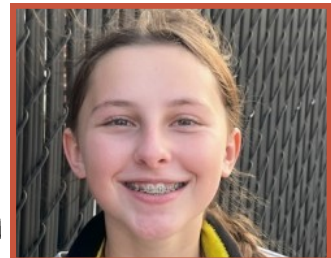
Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Richard Crooks, substitute recorder.



MEET THE YOUTH OF FBC!!

Faith is a freshman at Fremont High and has been coming to our Wednesday night programs for many years. At school, her favorite class is geometry (which, according to Richard, is what the acorn said after 30 years!). She likes playing 9 square, going to baseball games, and in the winter likes to ice skate. Faith brings a great smile and kindness to our youth group each week. Her family has a dog named Remy, who is tan, chunky little puppy. When she grows up, she hopes to become a realtor...so keep that in mind if you are thinking about buying or selling a house!



Davey is an 8th grader at Fremont Middle School, and his dad, Davey Sr. often helps us out in a variety of ways on Wednesday nights. Davey enjoys studying history, and hopes to become a lawyer one day. He enjoys camping in the great outdoors, hanging out with his friends, and likes winter not only for sledding, but because that's when he celebrates his birthdays! According to Davey, his dog, Daisy, looks like a moose...(hopefully it doesn't grow up to be one). In youth group, Davey is one who appears quiet, yet offers good input as we study together.

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

October 2024

Coffee & Cookies

6 - ABM
13 - Hannah
20 - Esther
27 - Naomi

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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!		1 7p-AA Meeting	2 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids FBYouth	3 9:30a - Pastor Led Bible Study to include Zoom 5:30p - Kay Circle Mat Weaving	4 9a - Men's Coffee	5 7a - ABM Bible Study 8a - ABM Breakfast 9a - Property Team 6p - Fun & Fellowship
6 Communion 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service 11a - Bible Study on Parables 7p - Woodcarvers	7 9a - Men's Coffee 7p - Woodcarvers	8 11:30a - Hannah Circle 7p-AA Meeting	9 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids FBYouth 7p - Bible Study	10	11 9a - Men's Coffee	12 8:50a - Personnel Team 9:30a - Vision Team
13 9:15a - Traditional Service 10:15a - Apple-Fest 11:15a - Casual Service 6p - Brown Bag Fellowship 6:30p - Movie Starts	14 9a - Men's Coffee 11a - Esther Circle	15 7p-AA Meeting	16 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids FBYouth 7p - Bible Study	17 9:30a - Pastor Led Bible Study to include Zoom 5p - Halloween Hysteria	18 9a - Men's Coffee	19
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