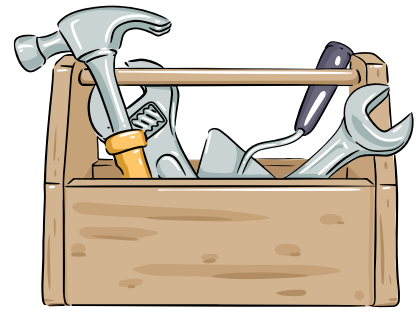




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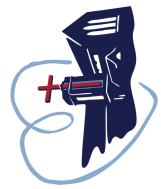


Pastor's Notes

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JUNE 2026

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



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Living like Lydia
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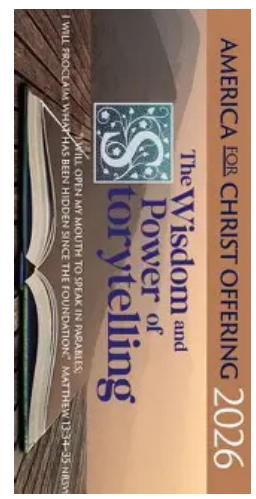
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Featuring:

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Conference Speaker:
Sasha White



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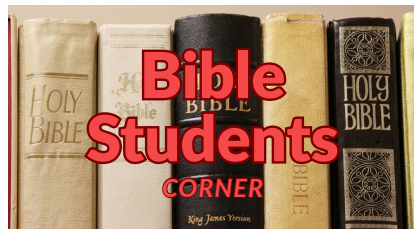
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Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 esv



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A TOOL IS ONLY USEFUL WHEN IT'S IN THE HANDS OF THE MAKER- JUST LIKE OUR LIVES ARE MOST MEANINGFUL WHEN PLACED IN THE HANDS OF JESUS.



- A hammer can build or destroy depending on how it's used. Jesus teaches us to use our words, gifts, and actions to build others up.
- Some tools shape, cut, and refine rough materials. In the same way, Jesus lovingly shapes and refines us into who He created us to be.
- A flashlight helps us see clearly in dark places. Jesus is the light that guides us through uncertainty and fear.
- A toolbox is filled with different tools for different purposes. God created each of us with unique gifts to serve His kingdom.
- A level helps make crooked things straight. Jesus brings truth, balance, and direction to our lives.
- You can own all the right tools, but they do nothing if they stay in the box. Faith also requires action.
- Just as a mechanic trusts the right tool for the job, we can trust Jesus to help us through every situation we face.
- A wrench tightens what has become loose. Jesus pulls us back together when life feels like it's falling apart.
- Sandpaper smooths rough edges. Jesus works on our hearts with patience and grace.
- A measuring tape helps keep things aligned. Jesus gives us truth and direction to keep our lives centered on Him.
- A drill breaks through hard surfaces. Jesus can break through fear, pride, and doubt in our hearts.
- A toolbox carries what's needed for the job. God's Word gives us what we need for everyday life.
- Safety glasses protect our eyes from danger. Jesus protects and watches over us even when we can't see what's ahead.
- A ladder helps us reach places we couldn't on our own. Jesus makes a way for us to draw near to God.
- An extension cord connects tools to power. Staying connected to Jesus gives us strength and purpose.

*FOOTNOTE



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10

**In this month's chimes, there are two different kinds of information and articles. There are those that are provided, and there are those that are blank this time—Pastor's Notes, Bible Students, Bible Puzzle and Answer, History Puzzle and Answer---because I didn't write them up. Other people did provide their information. This month's Chimes is intended to be an image of our work as the body of Christ. In our church, or any church, there are tasks God gives each of us to do. Which of the types in this Chimes is reflective of you? What are the ways you contribute your part to the things God is doing in our church? Are there also things that you have left blank, left undone, tasks that are awaiting YOUR hand...empty spaces that God is calling you to fill?

Richard

FBKIDS & FBYOUTH



see you **in the FALL**

WHAT A GREAT NIGHT CELEBRATING THE END OF THE YEAR TOGETHER AT BOWLING! WE LOVED SPENDING TIME LAUGHING, CHEERING EACH OTHER ON, AND MAKING MEMORIES TOGETHER. WE EVEN GOT TO HANG OUT WITH THE MIDLAND UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL TEAM! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND MADE THE NIGHT SO MUCH FUN—WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR EACH OF YOU AND FOR AN INCREDIBLE YEAR TOGETHER! SEE YOU BACK IN THE FALL!



Fill a Baby Bottle

Campaign Will Run May 10 - June 21

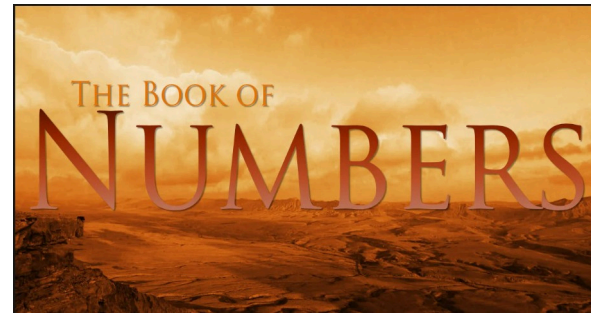
Filling a baby bottle provides:

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SCAN HERE to give

American Baptist **Women's MINISTRIES**



Monthly Meetings

Esther Circle - June 8 - 11:00a
 Hannah Circle - June 9 - 11:30a
 Naomi Circle - June 25 - 12:30p

Nebraska American Baptist Men's Camp
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Friday Steak Dinner
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“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” – Hebrews 4:12

Vision Team Minutes: May 9, 2026



Attendees: Mark Anderson, Diana Borer, Eileen Cash, Randall Cash, Pastor Crooks, Joel Foreman, Marcia Hill, Alan Holzerland, Sasha White, and Terry Woodman.

Meeting Minutes:

Opening: Marcia Hill opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

1. ABM Report: Joel Foreman reported the men will be hosting our hot-dog stand in the Midland-Breezeway for JCF days. Food donations for this project continue to be appreciated.

2. ABC Nebraska Convention: Pastor Crooks discussed the upcoming convention at our church this Fall. Using last year's outline as a guide, the format will include workshops led by ABC missionaries and stations highlighting specific ministries from Nebraska churches. Volunteers are needed for hosting duties.

3. Mission Outreach: Diana Borer reported that cards are being sent to ABC missionaries and emphasized the ongoing need for clothing donations for outreach in Africa.

4. Grants Update: Sasha White reported that five grants have been submitted for 2026. These focus on food assistance for schools and children, as well as the launch of Spanish-English classes for the community.

5. Financial Report: Treasurer Randy Cash noted that while giving is up 15% from last year, expenses have increased by 25%. Regarding the stained-glass window project, \$27,000 of the \$78,000 goal has been received, with a completion target of August. Pastor Crooks noted a fundraiser will likely be initiated soon. Current church cash assets are \$494,849.02.

6. Local Outreach: Mark Anderson reported that local elementary schools expressed gratitude for food donations. The team plans to host a meal for Linden School staff on the last day of school. Please keep Mark and the outreach team in your prayers.

7. Property and Finance: Alan Holzerland reported that Bell Creek has disconnected one boiler. The foyer roof will be replaced with metal to address drainage issues, and the sanctuary sound system is being integrated for better operation. The ice machine will likely be replaced rather than repaired. Additionally, the women's toilet in the Family Center has been fixed.

8. ABW Report: Eileen Cash reported that Bingo night was a success and the lap robes were well-received at Maple Crest. Please continue to donate used greeting cards for repurposing.

9. Children/Youth Ministry: Marcia Hill announced that seven seniors will be honored on May 31st. The recent bowling night was a success. Jesse will lead a summer youth Bible study. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 4th at Camp Merrill. Six youths are attending the national convention in Colorado, and sponsors are still needed.

10) Sherri Tharp is organizing a Mother's Day ministry outreach at Nye Pointe.

Closing: Pastor Crooks closed the meeting in prayer.

Best regards, Paul Foreman



JAM Camp: May 31 - June 2

1st - 6th grade fall of 2026
Cost: \$175

Junior Camp: June 7-12

4th - 6th grade fall of 2026
Cost: \$385 (\$360 before May 1st)

Mid High Camp: June 14-19

7th - 9th grade fall of 2026
Cost: \$385 (\$360 before May 1st)

Senior High Camp: June 21-26

9th - 12th grade fall of 2026
Cost: \$400 (\$375 before May 1st)

Family Camp: June 26 -28

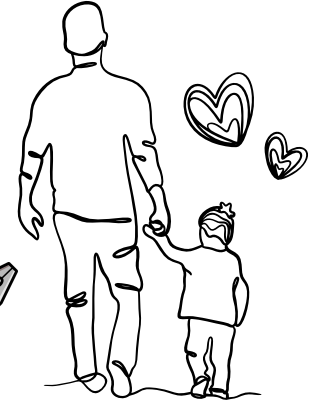
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9:30A-5:15P

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PSALM 118:24

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LOCAL OUTREACH

Because of the incredible generosity of our church family, local kids are receiving the food they need to help fight hunger in our community. Every donation makes a difference and reminds these students that they are seen, loved, and supported. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and helping bring hope one meal at a time.

AS A FATHER HAS COMPASSION ON HIS CHILDREN, SO THE LORD HAS COMPASSION ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM;
- PSALM 103:13 NIV



GRAZE Thank You

Thank you to everyone who provided food for the children at Washington, Linden and Grant Shools. They have been so very appreciative of everything we have provided. Your prayers have been a huge part of this ministry. The luncheon was we received from the staff at Linden!! There were about 40 staff that participated. What a wonderful blessing to celebrate another year of educating Fremont Children. Thank you to all who prayed, dontated food and helped serve. None of this would be possible without all off you. Thank you again and God's Blessings always. -Mark Anderson, Jim and Deb Peterson.

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
- 3 Robyn Schulz Dietz
 - 11 Mary Lamberty
 - 11 Effie Scott
 - 15 Brandon Tharp
 - 23 Steve Cardwell
 - 23 Devin Tharp
 - 24 Lee Holzerland
 - 26 Linda Rogers
- happy anniversary**
- 3 Larry & Marcia Hill
 - 9 Jerry & Kelly Adams
 - 10 Leland & Jean Foreman
 - 20 Tom & Melody Scott



JUNE BIBLE READING PLAN

Day 1 - Psalm 3	Day 16 - Psalm 27
Day 2 - Psalm 4	Day 17 - Psalm 28
Day 3 - Psalm 5	Day 18 - Psalm 29
Day 4 - Psalm 8	Day 19 - Psalm 30
Day 5 - Psalm 9	Day 20 - Psalm 31
Day 6 - Psalm 16	Day 21 - Psalm 32
Day 7 - Psalm 17	Day 22 - Psalm 33
Day 8 - Psalm 18	Day 23 - Psalm 34
Day 9 - Psalm 19	Day 24 - Psalm 35
Day 10 - Psalm 20	Day 25 - Psalm 36
Day 11 - Psalm 22	Day 26 - Psalm 37
Day 12 - Psalm 23	Day 27 - Psalm 38
Day 13 - Psalm 24	Day 28 - Psalm 39
Day 14 - Psalm 25	Day 29 - Psalm 40
Day 15 - Psalm 26	Day 30 - Psalm 41

SCAN ME!



Things Happen and Plans Change - It's Always A Good Idea to Verify Dates/Times/Places 😊

*Event in Family Center

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
	1 9a - Men's Coffee	2 7p - AA Meeting	3 10a - Women's Coffee 7p - Bible Study	4 9:30a-5:15p - VBS @ Camp 10a - Pastor-Led Bible Study/Zoom	5 ABWM Conference @ Camp 9a - Men's Coffee 10a - Nye Sq. Bible Study	6 ABWM Conference @ Camp 7a - ABM Bible Study 8a - ABM Breakfast 9a - Property Team 6p - Fun & Fellowship*				
7 COMMUNION 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service*	8 9a - Men's Coffee 11a - Esther Circle 6p - Woodcarvers	9 11:30a - Hannah Circle @ Arby's 7p - AA Meeting	10 10a - Women's Coffee 7p - Bible Study	11 5:30p - Kay Circle Mat Weaving	12 9a - Men's Coffee	13 8:45a - Personnel Meeting 9:30a - Vision Team				
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<p>Cookies & Coffee</p> <p>7 - Naomi 14 - ABM 21 - Hannah 28 - Esther</p>	<p>Junior Camp Grades 4th-6th June 7-12th</p>		<p>Mid-High Camp Grades 7th-9th June 14-19th</p>		<p>Mountain & Prairies Youth Conference FBYouth June 14-18th</p>		<p>Senior Camp Grades 9th-12th June 21-26th</p>		<p>Family Camp All Ages June 26-26th</p>	