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Let's also take time to consider briefly the time frame and preservation of the NT writings. There are no known documents of any New Testament book (the oft quoted phrase "inerrant in the original autographs" is, in my opinion, a useless statement). However, we do have multiple copies from different areas, some complete, some fragmentary, some fragments going back to just a few decades after the books were written. Variations between any of the documents are minimal compared to the agreement of the texts, and none are of real theological significance. In addition, there were people living as the NT was produced, who had been alive when Jesus, Paul and the other events of Acts occurred. If what was recorded was in any way inaccurate, all that needed to happen was for those witnesses to come forward and say, "I was there...that isn't what happened." None did. So the documentation we have, and the living witness recorded by contemporaries undergird the New Testament, rather than undermine it.

...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18



November 2024



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Music Director Sasha White

PASTOR'S NOTES

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."
--Philippians 4:4

Every once in a while I run across verses that just cause me to think, "Really? Rejoice? Always? Really? Just how does that work?" This verse is one of them for me....how about you? I mean....

What about when I find myself all alone and in a dangerous situation?
That's an always....rejoice!!

Well, then what about when I'm in a traffic jam and late for work?
That's an always....rejoice!!

Oh, and even when that guy cuts me off on the highway, almost making me wreck? Or when someone treats me poorly, saying and doing hurtful things? *That's an always....rejoice!!*

Yeah, well, how about the month I don't have the money to pay my bills?
That's an always....rejoice!!

What if I lose my job, or my bank account gets hacked?
That's an always....rejoice!!

Okay, but then, suppose the medical tests come back and I have a really bad condition, even one that might be life threatening?
That's an always....rejoice!!

Alright, well, then how about if my spouse leaves me?
That's an always....rejoice!!

What if my children, or family all turn against me?
That's an always....rejoice!!

I know some people who lost their homes in the Elkhorn tornado...
That's an always....rejoice!!

Even all those people struggling with all the hurricane damage?
That's an always....rejoice!!

So does it apply to the people in war-torn Ukraine?
That's an always....rejoice!!

Well then, how about if I lose a loved one and am grieving? We aren't supposed to pretend like the loss doesn't matter and not grieve are we? NO! But...even then.... *That's an always....rejoice!!*

Even if their death was in a tragic accident, or a long and awful illness?
That's an always....rejoice!!

Well, bottom line though, some days, I just get blue and discouraged... and the truth is, I just don't FEEL like rejoicing. *Paul didn't say FEEL LIKE REJOICING...he said REJOICE, so even then...*
That's an always....rejoice!!

If you are like me, then at this point, you might have two questions.
First, HOW?



The answer is simple. All those categories about describe the circumstances of life, which are constantly changing. But the verse says that we are to rejoice IN THE LORD....who never changes regardless of our circumstances. We still rejoice because our salvation remains secure, because God’s love for us is everlasting, because our forgiveness through Jesus’s sacrifice on the cross endures, because God’s mercy endures forever and because most of all, since God is for us who can stand against us?

Second question, WHY? The answer is because of what rejoicing in the Lord accomplishes. Consider this verse from Nehemiah: “...for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” --Nehemiah 8:10b

So, my friends, go and rejoice!

Richard



November Bible Puzzle:

Which Old Testament books are most frequently quoted in the New Testament?

October Bible Puzzle:

Why in the Old Testament is the word "Lord" sometimes printed capitalized and not in New? Sometimes the word “LORD” is capitalized because it represents God’s name as revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14---YHWH...considered sacred, ineffable and not to be used lightly, so LORD is substituted for the name. (You will find details for your Bible’s use of LORD in the preface or footnotes.) It doesn’t occur in the New Testament because the New Testament is in Greek, so the Hebrew YHWH is never used there, only the Greek word for Lord, *kyrios*, which also serves double duty for Lord referring to God, and lord referring to someone in authority over another.

Thank you for your support! We’re thrilled to announce that our hurricane relief kits have been assembled and are ready to make a difference! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed their time, resources, and love to this important cause. Your generosity will provide much-needed support to those affected by the recent hurricanes. Together, we are a strong community, making an impact when it matters most!

To
God

Be the
Glory



In youth group (and in lots of other places these days) this question sometimes arises: How do we know we can trust the New Testament is true (or the Bible....but this article is focusing on the New Testament). How can we know it wasn’t just something made up by the disciples? Or that what we have

today is not at all like the original writings? There are several ways to approach this topic, so let us consider briefly a few of them.

One way to consider whether documents are historically true is to examine contemporary documents that would refute what is written. There are only a few outside sources that refer to Jesus, and then only in passing. Given that there was later such hostility against the Christians, if there was evidence or documentation that any of the New Testament was untrue, that environment would have been a perfect time to present and preserve them. There are no such documents that are in any way reliable. Even a single faithful record that explained how Jesus or the disciples had faked the resurrection, or that the body of Jesus had been recovered would have been irrefutable evidence against the New Testament. There are none. On the contrary, what have been discovered are evidence of various truths contained in the New Testament that attest to their historical reliability. For many years, Luke’s odd wording about a “first census” and Quirinius being governor at the time of Jesus’s birth appeared to conflict with what historical records existed...until Roman records were found containing information that verified Luke’s words. In a similar way, there was no record of Pilate having ever been governor in Judea...until the archaeologists ran across an engraved stone specifically mentioning him serving in that role. John’s wording by the woman at Jacob’s well referring to “this mountain” had to be written by someone who was actually there and could see that the mountain is near enough to the well to make the wording “this mountain” logical for someone standing there. Enough examples for now.

In terms of the notion that the disciples made up the stories or formed some sort of conspiracy, the key question might be, “To what end?” The gospel story did not lead to wealth, popularity or fame, but to poverty, persecution, and infamy. So, what is it they sought to gain from making it all up? In addition, not only did they not benefit, one after another they suffered execution because of what they proclaimed, when all it would have taken to save their lives was to admit it was all a lie. Perhaps one or two people might knowingly die for a lie, but certainly not so many of the disciples, especially a lie that provided no benefit. In fact, if you examine the NT, you find that if it is a conspiracy, it is a conspiracy to help people become kinder people, more loving people, to care about the lives of others. Not anything one tends to find among lying conspirators, is it?



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.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

Birthdays	Phone	Date	Anniversary	Phone
Don Charleston	402-657-0171	2		
Cliff Hammond	402-721-7453	5		
Leland Foreman	402-719-4099	7		
Joan Sorensen	402-830-6519	8		
		9	Jim & Deb Peterson	402-727-4034
Jean Foreman	402-719-1298	11		
Mark Anderson	402-727-0740	12		
Steve Dodd	402-727-7228	22		
Dale Tharp	402-720-4912	25		

NYE SQUARE APTS

650 W 21st St. Fremont 402-721-9224
Dalton Benson 402-721-7717 #126
Joan Sorensen 402-830-6519 #178

SHALIMAR GARDENS

749 E. 29th St, Fremont, 402-721-1616
Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046) #4

NYE LEGACY

3210 N Clarkson St. Fremont 402-721-9224
Esther and Leonard Bechtel #305 and #307

What are you grateful and thankful for?



Bible Book of the
Month:
Psalms 73-150

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES



November Monthly Meetings

- November 11 | Esther Circle - 11 a.m.
- November 12 | Hannah Circle - 11:30 a.m. @ BK East
- November 21 | Naomi Circle - 12:30 p.m.



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN
You're Invited!
Brunch in Omaha
Join us for delicious food and fellowship! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women, share stories, and support one another in faith.
Saturday November 16th
Van leaves at 9am!

Minutes of Vision Team Meeting, Oct 12, 2024

In attendance were Joel Foreman, Larry Hill, Marcia Hill, Randy Cash, Eileen Cast, Mary Weldon, Betty Laughlin, Vicki Anderson and Pastor Richard. Pastor opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.



Mary reported that this year's Harvest Dinner is set up with Mel's Diner for Sunday, Nov 24 at a cost of \$11.30 a plate. It will be a combined service with a chicken dinner including mashed potatoes and green beans, and we will arrange pie and whipped cream for dessert. Pastor suggested the folks at the Second Service might be able to arrange for the salads and will check tomorrow. Pastor led a discussion about missionary contact for it as we have in the past, but doing it as a tour of one of the missions online. The Vision Team thought we could check into getting a recording of such a tour from one of our IM missionaries and then do a live contact with Kelli Foreman about Kodiak.



Pastor also shared that at the Region Gathering a missionary told how much a Christmas basket had meant to her overseas because of things included she couldn't get there. VT agreed to have him check out possibilities. Pastor also suggested that with J.D. Reed's ALS, we might want to consider making our Christmas offering be to help with their expenses and needs. VT concurred and Richard will see how we could gather information about their needs.

Vicki reported that food supplies will be taken to Grant and Linden on Monday. She also reported she had not received any response from Washington School about our hosting a luncheon for them in December. Pastor suggested he could make contact through a Chess Club member who offered to help and see if we can build a better connection that way. In addition, Grant Elementary had told us about a Christmas store for their kids they have, and we will put together ways our church could participate.

Joel reported on Halloween Hysteria this coming Thursday, grilling will start at 4:00 to have dogs ready to hand out at 5:00. We still need to pick up the rest of the hot dog buns, and Mary mentioned that we really need people to help wrap the hot dogs in the Family Center, too. We will have a donation jar for Hurricane Relief, and information about a day to make hygiene packets to send in conjunction with AB Men and ABC/NE. Marcia stated the ABWM retreat will also be making some this fall. We will set up a packet assembly day here at the Family Center people can come to. Pastor also suggested we partner with Laura Reavis and Crossing All Borders to help that ministry in the hurricane relief, because of how much they helped us during the flood. VT agreed. Joel said that is ABMen's focus right now, and Larry mentioned that the check had been sent for Barb Waugh.

Larry reviewed the changes in our insurance and mentioned the completion of the fire alarm box that

Over the past few weeks, our Wednesday Night FBKids and FBYouth have had sooo much FUN filled with laughter, games, and unforgettable moments! We love seeing our young ones grow in faith while having fun together! Stay tuned for more exciting adventures and ways to get involved!



Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving
one another, as God in
Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32



SHARE THE WARMTH THIS SEASON



The upcoming Coat, Hat, and Glove Drive for Linden and Grant Schools is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation and the wider community to come together in support of those in need this winter. We invite all members to donate new or gently used winter apparel, including coats, hats, and gloves, to help ensure that every child can stay warm during the chilly months ahead. This initiative reflects our commitment to compassion and service, embodying the spirit of generosity that FBC stands for.

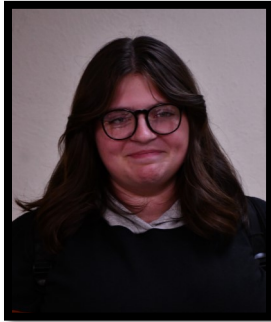
Donations can be place on the collection shelves or brought into the office. We encourage families to involve their children in the process, fostering a sense of community and the importance of helping others. As we gather these essential items, we hope to create a warm and welcoming environment for all, demonstrating that together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us. Let's come together to spread warmth and kindness this season!



FBKIDS | FBYOUTH

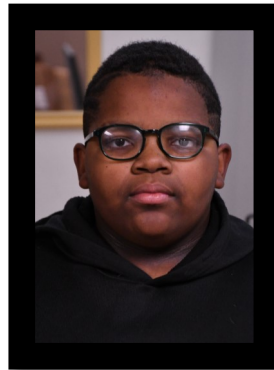


-Getting to know our Youth-



Aubrey Burt is a young lady we have known on Wednesdays for several years, and was one of the youth that traveled to Colorado last summer for the youth conference there. Aubrey is a bubbly little lady filled with smiles, which would be a great asset in her hoped for career as a paramedic or nurse. Aubrey has 4 sisters and 2 brothers. She attends Fremont High as a sophomore, likes Math and History, and as a diligent student even occasionally brings homework with her to the Wednesday evening meal! Her summer activities include swimming, softball and working on a tan, but she is still outside during the winter when she likes to play in the snow or go sledding. At home, the family Rottweiler, named Lucy, is aging but well loved. She longs to be able to share with others the things she is learning about God.

Jerre Brown is in 7th grade at Fremont Middle School and has 4 brothers and 2 sisters (just the opposite of Aubrey!). He likes science, dancing and basketball. One of his favorite summertime activities is to go to a trampoline park where he can have lots of fun bouncing around. In the wintertime, he finds there is nothing better than throwing some good old-fashioned snowballs. His home is protected by their dog, Angel, who is very nice to the family, but can also be aggressive and protective when she senses that there is danger near. He is a welcome new addition to our Wednesday evening activities, asking good questions and sharing his thoughts.



Give thanks to the Lord



Would you like to donate to Santa's workshop for the children at Grant School? We are looking for new or gently used items that the students at Grant School can shop in Santa's Workshop. Students are able to pick out items to give to their parents, grandparents and siblings for Christmas. There is a collection box to put your donations in next to where the food donations for the schools go. We will deliver all donations to Grant School on Nov. 25th! Thank You! Mark and Vicki Anderson

cost \$2,000, McKinnis have come and repaired the roof next to the elevator including replacing some tiles and underlay. There is still some wall repair to check in the 3rd floor East room. The repairs on the parsonage guttering is done, and the window wrapping is to be done soon. Also discussed were the need for the banner signs to get done, storage of the 9-square pipes, BLT to check filters again and repair a cracked pipe piece, and the need to clean carpets in the entryway of main building and family center, as well as family center hallway.

Eileen reported completing of 10 lap robes and 3 shawls completed to go to Maple Crest and a box to go to Alaska. Ten ladies made the trip to Branson to see the production of "Esther" and had a good time, are planning to attempt another trip next year to see the production of David.

Also discussed was providing a Thanksgiving meal for The Bridge clients again this year, and that Sasha has identified some grants we can apply for at the beginning of the year...more information will come next month. At the Region Gathering, Nola signed us to fill a hospitality slot at next summer's Biennial Mission Summit in Omaha. Computer/software update is moving along, and the office computer will soon be checked to clean drive and enhance speed, then at some point the computer in Randy's office will be updated.

Randy presented the treasurer's report, and that at the end of the month there was \$16,936 in the checking, some of which is the insurance payment on hail damage, and that our new property insurance costs are now up to \$21,000 for 2024-25 paid quarterly, and vehicles are \$1700. He also reported the bank needs us to provide clarity on which accounts the various new signatories are to be listed on. Going over them, the clarification is that Randy Cash and Lynda Raasch are to be on the church's savings account (**073) and Memorial Fund account (**725). The General Checking account (**232), Buildings account (**194) and Youth Checking (*814) are to have all the signatories listed...Randy Cash, Shirley Angermund, Larry Hill, Lynda Raasch, Alan Holzerland, Deb Peterson and Judi Staab.

In closing, the VT made clear for the record that Pastor Richard and Nola attended the Region Gathering as delegates on behalf of the church, a motion made by Marcia and 2nd by Randy, motion approved. Names were then suggested to be asked to serve on the Nominations and Budget Teams. Betty Laughlin closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Pastor Richard



We are thrilled to share some wonderful news! You are officially invited to attend the adoption hearing of Rowena Gonzales and her grandkids, Henry, Jordan, and Renesmay Stevenson. The special event is scheduled to take place at the Dodge County Courthouse, Monday - November 25th @ 10am.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lord, As we gather together this Thanksgiving, we pause to give You thanks for the abundant blessings in our lives. We are grateful for the love of family and friends, the food on our table, and the warmth of our homes. Thank You for the gift of each day and for the strength and guidance You provide. Help us to remember those who are less fortunate and to share our blessings with others. May this time of celebration deepen our faith and strengthen our bonds. We ask for Your continued grace and blessings in the year ahead. Amen						1 9a - Men's Coffee 12p - Bible Study in Parlor
3 COMMUNION 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service  Day Light Savings Ends. Set Clock Back 1 hour @ 2am	4 9a - Men's Coffee 7p - Woodcarvers	5 Election Day  7pm - AA Meeting	6 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids FBYouth 7p - Bible Study	7	8 9a - Men's Coffee 12p - Bible Study in Parlor	2 7a - ABM Bible Study 8a - ABM Breakfast 9a - Property Team
10 9:30a - Traditional Service 11a - Casual Service 11a - Bible Study in Parlor 6p - Brown Bag 6:30p - Movie Starts	11 9a - Men's Coffee 11 - Esther Circle 	12 11:30am - Hannah Circle @ BK East 7pm - AA Meeting	13 9:30a - Women's Coffee 6:15p - Meal 6:45p - FBKids FBYouth 7p - Bible Study	14 9:30a - Pastor Led Bible Study to include Zoom 5:30p - Kay Circle Mat Weaving	15 9am- Men's Coffee 12p - Bible Study in Parlor	16 9a - ABW Bible Study head to Omaha for brunch!
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Thank You
VETERANS
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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Coffee & Cookies

3 - ABM

10 - Hannah

17 - Esther

24 - Naomi

SERVE WITH US

SIGN UP TODAY TO JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM