



First Baptist Church

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Newsletter for Members & Friends of First Baptist Church

May 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Bob Weiss

Adult Bible Studies

9:00 am

Worship Service

10:00 am

Church Office:

Monday thru Thursday

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

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Volunteers for the Month of May

Flower Committee:

Karlene Fine &
Pat Gingery

Ushers:

Dan Baillie &
Mary Ann Simpson

1 Chronicles 28:20-21 (NIV)

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Back in 2006, my wife Beth received a great honor. Each year the National Museum For Women in the Arts in Washington, DC selects one limited-edition artist's book (a book that is a piece of art) from proposals from all over the world to fund its production and promotion, both to support the creation of artists' books and to benefit its Library and Research Center. My wife submitted her proposal and was chosen as the recipient in 2006.

Her project was the first project to feature hand lettering as an art form in the history of this grant. Even though this was a great honor, it also was going to be a huge undertaking. The grant required her to make at least 125 limited edition books. 100 would go to the National Museum For Women In The Arts and remaining 25 she could keep and sell on her own.

I knew she would go a great job, but she also needed help from friends and family – especially as deadlines approached. During this process, God gave her the verse above in 1 Chronicles which enabled her to keep things in perspective.

I didn't realize it at the time, but God also gave this verse to me. Leading a church can be challenging at times. If I try to do it all myself, not only will I destroy myself but I won't be as effective. I need to enlist the help of others. In fact the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV) says, "It was He (Christ) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

There are times when we are called upon to do things that may be beyond what we think we can do. The great thing is that if God calls us to do something, no matter how big it is, He will also help us do it. I have to remind myself this daily. I also have to remind myself what 1 Chronicles says. In fact adding verse 21 to 20 is even more applicable,

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Christian Education News

Graduation Sunday will be May 19th. Please join us for fellowship after church as we celebrate Kyle O'Brien's graduation from Century High School.

Children's Church will be on break during the summer starting May 26th.

Youth Group will start their summer schedule in May, after Awana ends. Nathan will be getting a schedule out soon. Youth starting 6th grade in the fall are eligible to start attending youth group.

Do you have an idea for a summer activity for our church family to do together? If so, please let Kathy Martin or Linda Gingery know your ideas.

Family Camp Planning Committee for 2019 is Kathy Martin, Lori Lundblad, Tara Buck Elk and Pastor Bob Weiss. The next family camp meeting will be Tuesday May 14th at 5:30pm. We hope to plan a fun and meaningful camp and we encourage everyone to attend. We are planning to have some yard games on hand during camp that people can play on their own during free times. We are especially interested in the new "giant" board games for yards. If you have any yard games we could borrow, please contact Kathy Martin.

Camp Sunday will be May 5th. There are several important things to know about this day. 1. **Dress down for church- wear your favorite camp t shirt or camp clothes.** 2. **We will take up a special offering for Camp Bentley (more information below).** 3. **We are looking for campers young and old to be part of our worship team leading camp songs. If you would like to be on the "worship team" please come at 9 am Sunday May 5th to rehearse. If kids would like to participate and need a ride, they can contact Kathy Martin by Saturday May 4th.** 4. **We will be collecting cleaning supplies for camp through May 26th. Donations can include kitchen or bathroom cleaners, clorox wipes, dish soap, bleach, sponges, paper towels, laundry soap, or dryer sheets. Please do not donate toilet paper as a special type is used at camp.** 5. **All camp registration and scholarship forms will be available. Camp brochures will also be available.** 6. **Come prepared to have fun!**

Camp Bentley Offering- in the past, money we have collected on Camp Sunday has gone to the St. Joseph's Scholarship Foundation and they double the money donated and it goes back to camp for their scholarship program. This program has been changed to "Twice Blessed" and they collect money at the end of the year only and match up to \$2500. Therefore, we will at this time continue to take a collection, but give the money directly to Camp Bentley. If we continue to participate in twice blessed, we will let you know when they are taking money.

7th Gary Lund
8th Bernard Buck Elk
15th Edwyna McRaney
15th Joshua NGoma
17th Connie Lund
22nd Deb Petron
22nd Steve Petron
23rd Braelyn McCalister
23rd Brooklyn McCalister
24th Jerry Cichos

If your Birthday is missing and you would like it added, please contact Shirley in the church office 223-8614 or firstbaptistbis@q.com.

Approved Van Drivers

Bruce Rauser
Chuck & Karlene Fine
Deb Smith
Gary Lund
Ken Quick
Larry & Kathy Martin
Leo Heinz
Lloyd Gingery
Marty & Lori Lundblad
Pastor Bob Weiss
Ralph Layton
Renee Herman



Wednesday's
6:30-8:00 pm

May 1
"Time Capsule" Night

May 8
"Awards" Night

You Have Questions

- ✓ Upcoming Events
- ✓ On-line Sermons
- ✓ Weekly Bulletin
- ✓ Monthly Newsletter

We Have Answers
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Two Signs....



Same Message

Camp Bentley Schedule 2019:

Work Camp May 28-31
Counselor Training May 29-30
Men's Roundup May 31-June 2
Women's Retreat June 7-9
Senior High June 9-15 (grades 10-12)
junior High June 16-22 (grades 7-9)
Junior Camp June 16-22 (grades 4-6)
Family Camp July 12-14

*age is based on grade the child is going into in the fall of 2019 *please register for camp at least 10 days prior to camp so that they have an accurate headcount.

If a child has never been to camp, they are eligible for a Camp Bentley scholarship. All other kids can apply for a First Baptist scholarship if needing financial assistance. Adults and families can also apply for FBC scholarships if they need financial assistance. Please be aware of scholarship deadlines on the forms. FBC can also arrange transportation to and from camp for kids if needed. For any camp needs or questions, please contact Kathy Martin at 400-6589 or <mailto:katnip1569@gmail.com>. All information and forms will be available camp Sunday, May 5th.

Name: Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Date: May 11, 2019

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM CDT

Website: <http://www.msaunitedway.org>

Event Description:

On Saturday, May 11, the national Association of Letter Carriers', in partnership with MSA United Way, will hold the 26th, annual Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive. This is the country's largest single-day food drive, providing residents with an easy way to donate food to those in need.

Customers simply leave their donations of non-perishable goods next to their mailbox before the delivery of the mail on Saturday, May 11. Letter carriers will collect these food donations on that day as they deliver mail along their postal routes. All the food items collected will help supply local food pantries and United Way's Backpack Program ensuring over 1,300 local children are fed over the weekends.



First Baptist Church will also have a collection box in the Church Foyer



Hope everyone had a beautiful blessed Easter. We are now looking forward to Women's Retreat scheduled for June 7 -9, 2019 at Camp Bentley. Our speaker scheduled is Coreene and her husband Phil. They serve homeless children and youth in Brazil through a Christian residential program of guidance, education and vocational training. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you have never attended Camp come this year you will not be sorry.

The Lois Circle will be meeting Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with Pat Gingery as hostess. The Ruth Circle will be meeting Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Karlene Fine will be hostess.

Long Term Prayer Needs

- ✓ Ann Schoepp
- ✓ Charlotte Martin
- ✓ Dale & Annette Eckstrom's granddaughter
- ✓ Edwyna McRaney
- ✓ Mary Ann Rauser
- ✓ Norma Eberle
- ✓ Sue Reuther
- ✓ The Congo

Please be in prayer for:

- ✓ Bruce Rauser
- ✓ Caryl Kaseman
- ✓ Deanna Hedegaard
- ✓ Gary Lund- surgery
- ✓ Kari Kolstoe
- ✓ Lee Weiss-Pastor Bob brother
- ✓ Steven Hawley- Charlotte Martin's brother

Military Service

- ✓ Adam Vettel
(Norma Eberly's grandson)



2019 Fishing Challenge

Sign up for the North Dakota Fishing Challenge Tournament to be held on June, 22 2019 at Parshall Bay.

This year's Fishing challenge is shaping up to be our best tournament ever. We will be fishing the beautiful Lake Sakakawea with our entry point at Parshall Bay. The prizes are bigger, the anticipation is mounting, and we can hardly wait to see you on the water.

Not only will we be having a day of fun, but when the sun goes down, the boats are docked, and there are only "fish stories" left to tell, we can go to bed knowing that we made a difference in the lives of people today. Now, that's a good day fishin'.

Register Your Team Here

<http://www.tc4hope.org/fishing-challenge/home>

Remember our Home Bound

- Ann Schoepp
- Charlotte Martin
- Curtis Funches
- Edwynna McRaney
- Mary Ann Rause
- Norma Eberly
- Shirley Zacher

If you have an on-going need for prayer, please contact the church office, so we can Include it in the newsletter.



If you are able, please visit or call our homebound.

“The homebound need to have fellowship brought to them.

They miss their friends and the fellowship of other Church members.”

A Special

“Thank you”

To those that gave to the
“America for Christ
Offering”
and the
“Path to Forgiveness”
for the Burleigh Co.
Jail Inmates.

Your support is greatly
appreciated

Happening this month

May 1,8	5:30 AWANA Family Meal
May 1, 8	6:30- 8:00 pm: AWANA and Youth
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	7:00 pm Adult Bible Studies
May 2	1:00 pm Stonecroft Meeting
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6:30 Worship Team Practice
May 4	2:00 pm Ellenora Schultz Funeral
May 6	7:00 Ruth Circle Meeting
May 8	1:00 Lois Circle Meeting
May 12	Mother’s Day
May 14	5:30 Family Camp Meeting
	6:30 Church Leadership Meeting
May 16	1:00 pm CWC Meeting
May 20	Newsletter Deadline
May 25	8:00 am Men’s Breakfast
May 27	Memorial Day-Church Office Closed

A new patriotism amid growing challenges and heightened emotions

Rich Harwood
Christian Citizen April 10, 219

I’ve been thinking about patriotism a lot lately. It’s an idea many people struggle with, especially nowadays, and rightly so. But here’s my take: We need much more patriotism among us today to help right our politics and the country and believe in ourselves.

Patriotism, no doubt, can be fleeting—like after a terrorist attack when we put flag decals on our cars, sing patriotic hymns at ballgames and donate to our favorite causes. Patriotism also is cynically manipulated to demonize opponents. It becomes a weapon.

But the actual definition of patriotism is something quite profound and beautiful: “love of country.” Within this definition resides the notion of “devotion”—that our abiding love for our communities and country make us willing to stick with them even, or especially, when we no longer like what they have become, or the

Bismarck Band Night Parade

May 12, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Location:

This year the parade follows the new parade route. The parade starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Capitol Grounds, goes down Sixth Street to Avenue A, West on Avenue A to 4th Street and then 4th Street to Arikira Ave. where the parade will end.



Sunday May 5th

Camp Sunday

Pizza Sunday

Sunday May 12th

Mother's Day

Sunday May 19th

Graduation



direction in which they seem to be going.

Patriotism—this kind of devotion—is not something you do alone. For the word patriot has a derivative: compatriot, which means “fellow country people.” We are destined to be in relationship with one another. For we live together in communities, not alone.

As I travel the U.S., I keep hearing people talk about challenges that only seem to be getting worse, often further dividing us, and to which I believe we are called to take action. We are summoned to exercise our sense of patriotism.

We face the original sin of slavery in our country. The need to address our past and decide how we will move into the future is urgent. This and other stains on our civic fabric require our undivided attention. We must act.

Political leaders are intentionally—and dangerously—using hot rhetoric to question one another’s allegiance to the nation, rather than to openly and forthrightly debate the issues. This erodes basic norms and trust.

People wonder if systemic problems like poor public schools will ever get addressed, or if the kids who attend these schools are doomed for life.

So many groups within society have grievances about their economic plight; whether they can afford to send their kids to a community college; and how closing industrial plants will undermine the future of their communities, among other issues. These and other concerns directly hit home for people.

There’s anger and hurt and sorrow and despair among many Americans. We must recognize this reality. And we must ask ourselves this question: Amid these growing challenges and heightened emotions, will we choose to turn away from others, or turn toward them? Will we see and hear each other—and truly understand one another—or will we simply raise our voices to drown out those who are different from us and who hold opposing views?

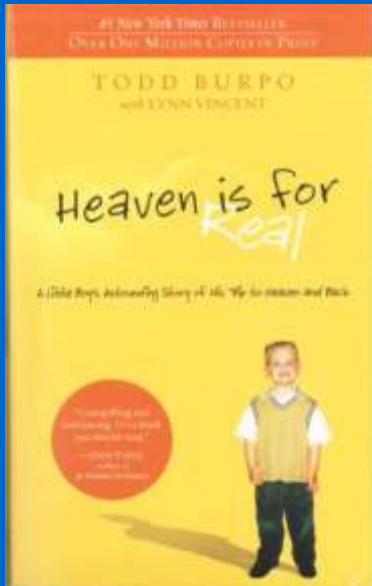
Turning toward one another today takes courage—to stand and sit with others to hear and understand their lived experiences, to feel their pain, to know their dashed hopes, to create something better. It takes humility to listen with an open heart, compassion and empathy—with the self-awareness that someone else’s experiences may be very different from our own, and that we need each other to find shared solutions.

You can be angry, filled with sorrow, even bereft and still hold love for our people, our communities and our country—and due to your love, press ahead to fight to right wrongs, improve people’s lives and create genuine hope. Indeed it is when we do not like what is happening around us that we most need to exercise our greatest patriotism.

We need patriots—and compatriots—, who are willing to see the challenges before us, come together with others and take action.

Did you know
First Baptist Church
has a library?

Book of the month



Echoes of Easter Concert

Date: May 5, 2019
Time: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Event Description:
The 6th Annual Celebration
of music and song featuring
several choirs and
musicians from the area.

Coffee, cookies, and
fellowship will follow the
performances.

Location:
Trinity Lutheran Church 502
N 4th Street Bismarck

Sunday, May 5 at 2:30

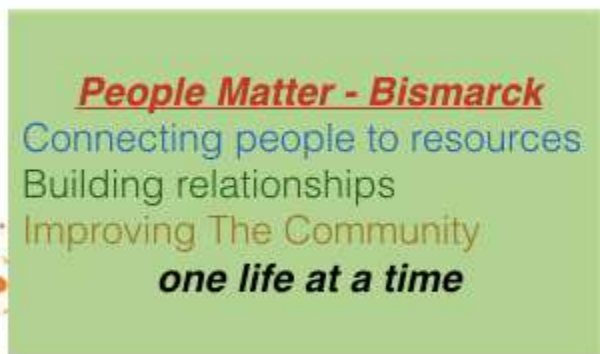
Free and open to the public. A
free will offering will be taken to
support Ministry on the Margins
and Heart River Bridges of Hope.

Moderator Report

As we move forward with the Church Leadership Team (CLT) as our official governing board, we are working out how to best work within our giftedness, empower our congregation and do ministry together. We are going back to a more 'traditional' assignment of duties with assigning 2 CLT members to work in each area of responsibility: Trustee, Christian Education and Diaconate. We are still working on contacting people from the Opportunities for Service survey to help in various ministries. Even if you did not yet fill out a survey, please consider how you can use your gifts to serve our church and community. We are in need of help in a number of area but especially working with youth and children, worship team, and sound system. With summer soon upon us, we are also in need of back-up people in a number of ministries. Thank you for the many ways you contribute to the life of our congregation.

We served at the Banquet on February 23. Our July date has been cancelled due to conflict with Camp Bentley's Family Camp. Our church will be directing Family Camp this July. Tara Buck Elk, Kathy Martin, Pastor Bob and I are working on planning a wonderful camp. Many thanks to Karlene Fine for helping keep me on target as a new church moderator.

Lori Lundblad



The third annual **People Matter Community Carnival** will take place at Wachter Middle School on
Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

About "People Matter" People Matter is a Coalition of Non Profits, Schools, Churches, Organizations and Concerned Citizens making Bismarck a better place.

Beach Break

A 3-Day Youth Conference
Join Us June 21-23 in
Virginia Beach

American Baptist pastors,
youth leaders and youth are
invited to bring your youth
groups to Beach Break:



A 3-Day Youth Conference!
The event, running in
conjunction with the
American Baptist Churches
USA Biennial Mission
Summit in Virginia Beach,
Va., June 21-23, 2019, will
be a whole new way to
experience the Biennial -
while the adults are down
the street, the youth will be
playing games, enjoying the
beach, immersing
themselves in live worship,
engaging in service
activities and learning from
guest speakers.

Please be in prayer for the
planning team of this
event, as they work
hard to ensure that
everything will be
in place for attendees
ranging in age from
Kindergarten through
twelfth grades.



Forgiveness Advocate

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32.



Dear Loved Ones,
Greeting. In the photo you are looking at
Mrs. Telusma Roseline. She holds a
Bachelor and a Master degree in
Leadership Organization. She works in the
administration of our university and since
last year she assists me in teaching the
freshmen class. Her husband, Dr. Henri
Claude Telusma, was my second assistant
I trained before going for his PH. D in
France. I feel blessed to train the man and
now his wife.

Last December 2018, I ended up the
session with forgiveness. Mrs. Roseline
was touched and moved about the lecture
and the response from some students who
have bottled up their anger for so long,
anger that they could not let go.

Since then she has decided to become the apostle of teaching forgiveness to
women in different churches. This past Sunday April 14, 2019 she went to share
her forgiveness message with women in a big church somewhere. She came back
excited to tell me that the wife of the pastor of that church said: *if there is one thing
that will prevent me from going to heaven, it is forgiveness. I have a hard time
forgiving even my own family members. My heart is full of anger. I need help. God
sent you here for me.*

Mrs. Roseline wanted a copy of my book on "Hospital Ministry" where I have
developed a chapter on forgiveness, to present as a gift to the wife of the pastor for
her reading.

Mrs. Roseline can rightly be called the mother of students. She is aware of little
details in our students' life. She is very sensitive to their needs. In my twenty years
on this campus, she is the only one to take her time to visit students outside of their
dorm life and attends most of the funerals of those who lose loved ones. I have
been blessed to work closely with her.

Thank you for standing with us in training the leaders of tomorrow in Haiti.
Happy Easter celebration to you all.

In Haiti, Nzunga & Kihomi