



First Baptist Church

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Newsletter for Members & Friends of First Baptist Church

November 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 November

Flower Committee:

Karlene Fine &
Pat Gingery

Ushers:

Leo Heinz & Karen Cichos

Thanksgiving is the season we focus on having thankful hearts. One of my favorite devotionals on this subject is from Sarah Young's book, Jesus Lives.

THANKFULNESS

"Whenever you are tempted to grumble, come to Me and talk it out. As you open up to Me, I will put My thoughts in your mind and My song in your heart.

There are so many things you would like to be different; in yourself, in others, in the world. Your natural tendency is to brood over these matters rather than talking them over with Me. The longer you focus on these negatives, the more likely you are to be disgruntled. Even when you control what you say out loud, your thoughts tend to be full of complaints. I will help you learn to think My thoughts.

Trust Me by opening up to Me consistently. Don't wait till you're already discouraged to bring Me your concerns. As we talk about these matters, remember to thank Me. In spite of how you're feeling, you can thank Me for listening and caring; also for loving you sufficiently to die for you. Your gratitude will provide a helpful framework for the things that concern you. Talk about these matters with Me; let the Light of My Face shine upon you as we discuss them. Eventually, this heavenly light will break through the fog in your mind, enabling you to see things from My perspective. Your communion with Me will bless you in another way also: you will find in My Presence irrepressible Joy. Whether or not I change your circumstances, you will discover I have given you a new song - a hymn of praise."

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26 NIV

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him." Psalm 40:1-3 NIV.

Pastor Bob



November

6th Virgina Funches
10th Barb Layton
13th Jeanne Mounkengue
15th Kathy Martin
16th Steve Lund
20st Bill Hedegaard
23rd Stephen Pickard
23rd Caryl Kaseman
26th Marty Lundblad
27th Nathan NGoma

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



We have fulfilled our White Cross request and it was mailed to Cordova, AK around the first part of October. Four quilts were mailed and the postage amounted to \$120. In addition we sent a Walmart Gift Card for \$100.00. After the first of the year we will be fulfilling the request for International Ministries which will be going to the Congo. The postage for this will be about the same as mentioned above. Even tho you do not belong to a Circle and you wish to donate towards the postage we would be so appreciative to accept your donation.

In a couple of months it will be Christmas. We are in the process of planning our Christmas Dinner which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019. More information will be forthcoming so mark your calendars for that date.

The Lois Circle will be meeting Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. The hostess will be Pat Gingery.

The Ruth Circle will be meeting Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Jane Willows will be hosting.

HARVEST DINNER



Shirley in the office, is
always looking for
individuals willing to share
their photos of FBC
Events and Activities.
Please contact her at
firstbaptistbis@q.com

This year we will have our Harvest Dinner on **Sunday, November 3** following the morning worship service. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please sign up so we prepare enough food for everyone. We will need some volunteers to bring pies so if you can provide a pie, please note that on the sign-up sheet. At the Harvest Dinner an offering of THANKS will be taken. This is an "over and above" gift reflecting each person's thanks for God's love throughout the year. The Church Leadership Team has designated this offering to go to international missions and the local mission – Ministry on the Margins. Information on the work that is being done by Ministry on the Margins will be made available prior to November 3. The Missions Committee has designated the portion for international missions to go to Rev. Jeni Pedzinski who is doing mission work in Thailand. She recently spoke at our church. Please prayerfully consider giving to the THANKS offering. (If you wish to give a check please make the check out to First Baptist Church and note that it is for the THANKS offering.)

Please come to the Harvest Dinner on November 3 and bring a friend.

It should be a wonderful time of fellowship as we gather to THANK God for His goodness.



ND American Baptist Youth Conference. Held in Minot ND October 16 -18

Long Term Prayer Needs:

- Charlotte Martin
- Dale & Annette Eckstrom's grandchildren
- Mary Ann Rauser
- Sue Reuther
- The Congo

Please be in prayer for:

- Bruce Rauser
- Caryl Kaseman
- Charlotte Martin
- Deanna Hedegaard
- Don & Kandy Kasper Kasper
- Elmer Schoch (Dan Baillie's brother-in-law)
- Eric McCalister
- Jeff French
- Kari Kolstoe
- Lori Lundblad & family (death of her Grandfather)
- Scott Simpson



Special Thanks to Lori Lundblad for providing pictures



Please Remember our Home Bound

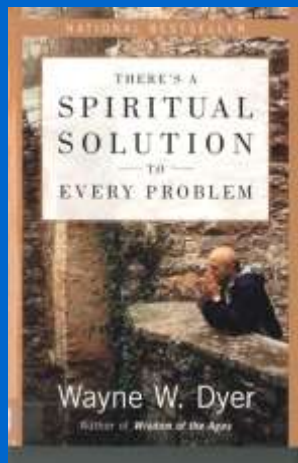
**Charlotte Martin
Curtis Funches
Mary Ann Rause
Shirley Zacher**

If you have recently visited someone homebound, please let Pastor Bob know.

"The homebound need to have fellowship brought to them. They miss their friends and the fellowship of other Church members."

Did you know
First Baptist Church
has a library?

Book of the month



FOUR12 YOUTH

Board of CE News

FBC will be serving Awana meals on the following Wednesdays this year: November 13, December 11, January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22. Rhonda Cullinan is organizing the meals this year as long as her schedule allows. If there is anyone else who would like to help organize meals, please talk to Kathy Martin.

This past Sunday we had leader appreciation Sunday. The Church Leadership Team would like to thank the following individuals for their help in the past year:

Awana- Katrina Fine, Marty & Lori Lundblad

Children's church- Kathy Martin, Marty Lundblad, Marilyn Ngoma

Children's chat- Beth Weiss, Ralph Layton, Marty Lundblad, Lori Lundblad

Wednesday night Bible study- Pastor Bob Weiss, Preston Van Loon, Gary

Allmendinger, Tom Feser

Youth Group- Kathy Martin

Sunday morning Bible Study- Ann Bucklin and Steve Pickard

Two people who do not teach, but are very important to our Awana ministry are **Rhonda Cullinan** and **Sheila Quick**. Rhonda coordinated Awana meals and Sheila filled in when Rhonda was unavailable.

We would also like to recognize the youth who helped with children's church last year- **Marilyn Ngoma, Alynna Buck Elk and Carla Ngoma**.

The church leadership team appreciates each and every one of you! We would also like to thank **Linda Gingery** who is helping with children's church this year, **Marilyn Ngoma** who is helping with Awana, and **Deo and Nathan Ngoma** for helping with Children's Church.

The following is the presentation that I read for the volunteers and I wanted to share for those who could not be there. After I read the presentation we had the kids gather around the volunteers and lay hands on them as we said a prayer. Thank you to all of you who bless our church by helping with children and adult ministry. Kathy

Leader Appreciation Sunday 2019 Today is leader appreciation Sunday. It is a day where we honor those who volunteer to serve in teaching the children, youth and adults of our church. I ran across an article by Kathryn Egli that is about reasons to volunteer in children's ministry. As I was reading it, I realized that some parts of this article pertain to all areas of volunteering in our church, not just children's ministry. Ms. Egli quoted several people in her article starting with Martin Luther King, Jr who said "Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'what are you doing for others?'" *When we serve others, we get to serve Christ himself! Matthew 25:40 says 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you

In Memory of

Anna Schoepp

January 13, 1934-
September 29, 2019



**“Your loved ones are
in great hands at the
Baptist Health Care
Center”~2019**

**#1 Best Nursing Home –
Baptist Health Care Center**

**#1 Best Nurse - Deanna Berg,
BHCC Administrator**

**#1 Best Nurse Practitioner –
Eric Lutzwick (Mid-Dakota)**

**#2 Best Large Business to
Work – BHCC**

did for me!

* Just like each person in our household has chores and responsibilities, each member of the church family should look around and say, “What needs to be done?” And then DO IT! Every person chips in and helps! Philippians 2:4 says None of you should look out for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others. *We are created to join God on a mission....he calls us to roll up our sleeves and join him with our talents, our money, our time and our passion. He wants his mission to become our mission.”

*Serving others takes the focus off YOU and your problems and allows you time to focus on others. You’ll find that when you are encouraging others, you YOURSELF will be encouraged. You will learn that our GREAT GOD is bigger than all of our problems!

*God has lavished GOOD on you so that you can lavish good on others! Each of our actions has a direct impact on the world. We create momentum for each other. * Serving children will have the greatest, LONG TERM impact! Children are just beginning to develop life-long beliefs, habits, and values – we can help shape them! What gets “poured into” children will be what comes out of them as adults. When children grasp that God loves them and has a GOOD plan for their lives, their lives take on more meaning, purpose, and JOY! *Being ‘in the action’ is way better than sitting on the sidelines. If you need a reason to smile, work with kids. Their JOY is contagious. Seeing the world through their eyes is simply delightful!

*You will learn, grow and develop skills you didn’t even know you had. Every time I serve, I learn things that apply to my life. “A critical component of someone growing in their faith is serving.” Leading others forced me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to grow in areas where I would have become stagnant. We get to develop gifts we may not even realize we have! We get to be used by God in ways we never imagined!

*You will meet new friends! Loneliness is an unfortunate problem in the current times. We text more than we talk and connect with people on social media more than we do in person. Serving changes all that. While serving, you will get to know others, build relationships, laugh together, learn together, and grow together. I have found this to be true in my life! *Serving gives us an opportunity to put our faith into action. Serving helps us grow in our faith. Scripture tells us that “Faith without deeds is useless.” James 2:20. *Serving is good for your health!! In the book entitled “The Healing Power of Doing Good,” author Allan Luks discovered that ‘Retired men who volunteer one day a week live two and a half times longer than retired men who don’t volunteer at all.’ What do YOU have to offer? More than you probably think. You have the gifts and talents you were born with. The passion that inspires you. The blessing of education. The skills you’ve honed as you’ve worked at home or in the workforce. The life experiences that have matured you. The pain that has deepened you. The love that spills from God’s heart into yours.”

Prayer:

Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain these volunteers and all those who volunteer in our church; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



Don't Throw Away That
Empty Cartridge!

Bring it to Church

Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our church will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit Frist Baptist Church, not to mention it is great for the environment.

Empties 4 Cash box is located in the Church Foyer

The High Cost of Free Love

Hosted by Zion Lutheran Church

Pam Stenzel
Wednesday, November 20
Century High School Auditorium
Youth Groups are Welcome

6:00 pm 7-8th Graders and their parents
7:30 High School Parents

In the "High cost of free love" world renowned abstinence educator, Pam Stenzel, combines her personal story and extensive pregnancy counseling experience into a hard hitting look at the consequences of sexual activity outside a monogamous, lifetime relationship. In a captivating and inspiring talk, Pam tackles the touch issues of sex with candor, insight and humor while challenging people to embrace Gods plan for sexual purity.

Tickets are free!

Contact Kristin to reserve seats
zionlmsbis@gmail.com
701-223-8286



Veterans Day at Baptist Health Care Center

3400 Nebraska Dr
Bismarck, ND

Monday, November 11th

11:00 am
Flag Pole Dedication

Veterans Day Service
3:30 pm

Keynote Speaker:
Navy Captain Duane Sand
(retired) is a graduate of the
United States Naval Academy,
and was a U.S. Navy officer
during the Iraq War.

SHEGROWS CONFERENCE 2019

Friday, November 1
6:30 -9:30 Century Baptist Church

In a culture that makes women compete against each other instead of build each other up, SheGrows is a breath of fresh air. SheGrows will engage you to continue with your own discipleship journey, equip and give you the tools to join another girl, women in her discipline journey.

Tickets are \$44 (5 for \$195.00) Please call 701-22-0478 or purchase at
[SheGrow tickets](#).

SPEAKERS:

AMBER STEPHENS (ATLANTA)
LAURIE POLICH SHORT (SANTA BARBARA),
BROOKLYN LINDSEY (LAKE LAND)



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will have shoe boxes available at the church as soon as they arrive (hopefully by November 1).

Please consider filling a shoe box or two and return them to the church by November 17th.

Kathy will be taking them to the drop off center on Wednesday 11-19.

Please be sure and grab a brochure and follow the instructions as to what can and can't go in the boxes.

Happening this month

November 3	11:00 am Harvest Dinner after Service 1:00 pm Cannon Ball
November 4	7:00 pm Ruth Circle Meeting
November 6	6:30 AWANA & 412 Youth 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
November 7	1:00 pm Stonecroft Meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day-Church Office Closed
November 12	6:30 Church Leadership Meeting
November 13	1:00 pm Lois Circle Meeting 6:30 AWANA & 412 Youth-FBC Serving the Meal 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
November 16	1:00 pm 412 Youth Shoe-box Packing Party
November 17	Return "Christmas Child" Shoeboxes to Church
November 18	Newsletter Deadline
November 20	6:30 pm AWANA 6:00 pm 7 & 8 Graders Speaker at Century High School 7:30 pm High School Speaker at Century High School 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
November 21	12:00 pm CWC Potluck Lunch
November 23	8:00 am Men's Breakfast
November 27	No AWANA or 412 Youth Group No Adult Bible Study
November 28	Happy Thanksgiving
November 30	9:00 am Christmas Decorating



Join us! **HARVEST MEAL**

Sunday, November 3 after church service.

Ham and hashbrown casserole will be served!

RSVP BY SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

At least 14 pies are needed.

Please let us know if you are able to bring one?



Advent Decorating Fellowship Time

It will soon be time to decorate our Church home for Christmas.

We will be doing this on Saturday, November 30, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and, hopefully ending by 11:30 a.m.

(If you can come for only part of the morning that is fine-- just come and enjoy this time together.)

We have several Christmas trees to put up and decorate including the big tree in the sanctuary. This is a family time -- all hands are welcome.

Donuts will be provided, and a light lunch is planned for around 11:30 a.m. Please come and be a part of this Advent activity.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY®

SIMPLE WAYS TO MINISTER IN A NURSING HOME

As many as 60 percent of those living in nursing homes do not have regular visitors. Have you ever considered building relationships with the residents at a home near you?

I still have fond memories of my grandfather, who must have been at least 70 years old at the time, announcing every afternoon that he was heading down to the local nursing home to “call bingo for the old folks.”

The irony might have been lost on Grandpa that he was already more advanced in years than some of the “old folks” he was going to visit. It didn’t matter. He was mobile, he was able, and he was ready to serve.

Studies suggest that as many as 60 percent of nursing home residents do not have regular visitors. Some of them are what have been termed “elder orphans” — men and women who have no surviving spouse or family members to visit them at the facility.

For these precious souls, life in a nursing home can be a sad, lonely existence. Their basic needs are being met — food, shelter, medical care, and so on — but their thirst for love and fellowship goes unquenched.

If you and your family have a burden for those who are suffering in this way, you might consider visiting a nursing home near you and building relationships with some of the residents there. Even if you don’t have a relative living in a facility, many nursing homes have communal areas where residents can meet with visitors during the day.

Do a little research first to make sure you’re up to speed on the do’s and don’ts of visiting a nursing home, and then consider these four ways you might be able to help a lonely resident feel noticed, valued and loved:

Game Time!

This is where Grandpa excelled. He went to the nursing home every afternoon and called numbers for the daily bingo game. Of course, he wasn’t just calling numbers. He was engaging and laughing with the residents and making them feel important. Don’t feel like you have to organize the games yourself. Many facilities have planned daily activities and the necessary materials, but they often need volunteers to facilitate them! Inquire with the facility’s management about ways you might get involved with activities they already have on the calendar.

Beauty Shop

My wife used to paint fingernails for residents of a senior center in her hometown. The ladies were always delighted when she showed up to add some color to their lives! Don’t expect to just march into a random nursing home and start painting fingernails, of course. That’s a recipe for a lawsuit, or at least some strange looks. However, if you inquire with the management first, you’re likely to get an enthusiastic response. Just be sure to follow the facility’s protocols.

Finding Hope Through the Holidays

CHI Health at Home is hosting Finding Hope Through the Holidays, a workshop for individuals and families who have lost a loved one and are anticipating the holiday season to be a difficult time.

The workshop provides specific tools and ideas to help individuals manage the holiday season. Participants will receive education about holiday grief, share about their loved one and make a memorial ornament. The workshop ends with a candle lighting service.

The workshop ends with a candle lighting service. It is free and open to the public.

Families, friends and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Thursday, November 14
6:30 pm

**CHI St. Alexius Health
Technology & Education
Center**

**1310 E. Main Avenue
Bismarck, ND**

**To register or for more
information call**

**Lori Lundblad
701.530.4500**

Musical Moments

We've already discussed the ministry of music in nursing homes, but it's worth noting again. Familiar songs and hymns have a way of lifting even the heaviest of hearts. If you've got skills on the guitar or piano, or if you're brave enough to lead songs a cappella, consider using those talents at a local nursing home. Inquire with the facility about specific times and settings that might work best for group singing.

Book Club

Depending on the age, demographics and abilities of the residents in your facility, you might consider establishing an ongoing book club. If not everyone is up for reading on their own and joining in a group discussion, you could read out loud in front of the group or even one-on-one with specific residents. Be sensitive about diving into the Bible or a Christian devotional unless it's obvious that everyone in your group is open to it. Otherwise, consider other genres like poetry, U.S. history, presidential biographies, literary classics and other titles that will likely appeal to members of "the greatest generation."

However you choose to invest in the lives of nursing home residents, know that your *time* and *attention* are the most valuable gifts you can give. It's not just about playing games, painting nails, singing or reading. It's about letting often overlooked and neglected men and women know that they are loved, that they are important, and that they matter.

As the psalmist implored the Lord, many nursing home residents are saying, *"Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone"* (Psalm 71:9, NIV).

With the donation of your time and the investment of some creativity, you could be the answer to their prayers.



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God Is Calling.
will you answer?

Is God Calling You?

Please be in prayer for the Nominating Committee as they seek Church members to serve as 2020 Church Officers. If asked to serve, please prayerfully consider the role you can have in carrying out God's plan for First Baptist Church at Third and Divide.

Recovery Reinvented 2019

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

BISMARCK EVENT CENTER

**Governor Doug Burgum and
First Lady Kathryn Burgum**

invite you to join them for this
FREE inspirational event.

The event will also include a Recovery Resources Expo, which will connect people to extensive addiction, recovery, and mental health organizations and resources from across the state. Information and resources will be available to family members to help guide conversations around addiction and recovery. Recovery Reinvented awards will honor local individuals and groups that are making a tremendous impact in the field of addiction and recovery.



American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas had four representatives among the 40 International Ministries people mentioned. Our Associate executive minister, Rev. Ruth Skarr was part of that team. This was a great gathering in a part of the world that is under heavy attack from the enemy. Please pray for our missionaries who serve there and other dark places in our troubled world.

The 2019 India Baptist Summit was at Hyderabad, India on October 3 - 6. The theme of this summit was "That All of Them May be One." There were about 1,500 domestic delegates, and about 60 foreign delegates attended summit. It was our privilege to lead a team of six delegates from Hong Kong and Singapore to participate the India Baptist Summit. There are 4 General Secretaries from the foreign Baptist conventions: Singapore, South Korea, Nepal and Hong Kong. The General Secretary of Hong Kong brought greetings to the delegates and described the current Hong Kong social movement. He also encouraged the audience to pray for Hong Kong, especial for unity among the Hong Kong churches. The IM team had about 40 people. It was so great to see old friends and meet new friends from US. Although the people at the summit are so diverse, they were sitting together and enjoying worship and fellowship. It was exciting to watch many groups of people dressed in their outfits presenting dances and praise songs. With so many Baptist churches in India today, we praise the Lord that He has called many missionaries to India since 1793.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR NORTHRIDGE FAMILIES

As part of our mission with Northridge School, we will again be providing Thanksgiving Baskets for families from Northridge who would not be able to celebrate this holiday with a traditional Thanksgiving meal without your generosity. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the foyer and note if you can provide a food item to go into the basket. The turkey and the other food items will be delivered on Monday, November 25, so have your food item to the church by no later than Sunday, November 24. This is a way of showing THANKS to God for His wonderful love that we experience every day.
