



First Baptist Church

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Newsletter for Members & Friends of First Baptist Church

February 2020

IM Responds with Relief for Outbreak of Coronavirus

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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VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 1/29/20)—The outbreak of the Coronavirus in Mainland China has been followed by reports of cases of infection in places from Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan to the US, Canada, France, Japan, Singapore, Nepal, and South Korea. As of January 27, close to 20 cities in China are being closed to travelers to prevent the spread of the virus. Confirmed cases of the Coronavirus have increased to 2,744 with more than 30,000 suspected cases under observation. The death toll as of this writing has increased to 80, including a medical professional who died of infection.

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chan, International Ministries Area Director for East and South Asia, shares, "There is an urgent need to provide medical-grade protection masks, coveralls, and other medical supplies for hospitals and patients in Wuhan province."

International Ministries (IM) is responding on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA with a \$12,250 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) emergency relief grant to Amity Foundation, a Christian-initiated NGO and IM partner in China and others are encouraged to join in support by making a gift today to OGHS-China Coronavirus fund. 100% of gifts for emergency relief go directly to this need.

The priority is to provide surgical-grade materials first to hospitals so that medical personnel are protected and can continue treating patients, and then to communities to reduce the spread of the virus. Amity Foundation will manage the distribution of the supplies to the most needed places.

With your help, IM seeks to provide \$50,000 of medical supplies in January and another \$50,000 of medical supplies in February.

Due to the urgency, we encourage online donations directly through IM's website. Donations can be made online designated to "OGHS-China Coronavirus" or via your church or check with the same designation made payable to "International Ministries" and mailed to:

International Ministries
Attn: Gifts Processing
1003 W 9th Avenue, Ste A
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Volunteers for the Month of February

Flower Committee:

Pat Ivey

Jane Willows

Ushers:

Dan Baillie

Bruce Rauser



February

2nd Selena Glekiah
6th Rev Bob Weiss
17th Erika Helms
22nd Ila Klimpel
23rd Joyce Allmendinger
26th Christopher Rowinski
26th Eric McCalister
26th Corina McCalister
28th Debra Burck

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



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



Our Pie Social is planned for Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer to sign if you plan to attend. This is a family affair so please come and enjoy the fun and games and fellowship and of course the variety of pies and ice cream.

The Lois Circle will be meeting Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. with Margaret Malmgren as hostess. The circle will meet at 3330 Nebraska Drive, #218. The Ruth Circle will be meeting Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with Jane Willows as hostess.

Webinar Recordings for All First Baptist Women

American Baptist Women's Ministries hosted "Avenues to Wholeness", a free Fall webinar series in 2019. This webinar series equipped women and girls with the tools and information they need to achieve wholeness in every area of their lives (spiritually, emotionally, and financially). Listen to the webinar recordings here:

[Avenues to Wholeness: Food for the Soul](#)
[Avenues to Wholeness: Life Coaching](#)
[Avenues to Wholeness: Serving God's Mission](#)
[Avenues to Wholeness: Healthy Self](#)
[Avenues to Wholeness: Understanding Addiction](#)
[Avenues to Wholeness: Financial and Estate Planning](#)

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped on January 11 with the de-decorating of the church. We had a great crew (Jane Willows, Pat, Lloyd and Linda Gingery, Shirley Quick, Corina McCalister, Loren Dvirnak, Micah Lundblad, Mike and Denise O'Brien, Joyce Almendinger, Deb Smith, Mavis Heinz, Karen Cichos, Larry Martin, Pastor Bob, Katrina and Karlene Fine) and were able to get it done in just over 2 hours. (Hope I didn't miss anyone.)

Way to go! It was fun working together to get this done.



FOUR12 YOUTH

A big thank you to all who donated to the hat/mitten drive for Northridge school. They were very appreciative of our gift. Donation totals were:

Hats- 35
Mittens/gloves- 52
Scarves- 14
Ear warmers- 2

We had around 30 youth for the New Year's Eve all night lock in. We had a lot of fun and there were quite a few kids who stayed up all night.

412 Youth Group had Huff Hills Ski Party Rescheduled on February 1, 2020

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
- *Deb Burke & Family- death of her mother
- *Elmer Schoch (Dan Baillie's brother-in-law)
- *Jeff French
- *Kari Kolstoe
- *Leo Heinz
- *Mark Jones the Weiss' friend (Cancer)
- *Mary Hayes
- *Nancy Zander's Sister, Janelle (Heart Attack)
- *Nancy Zander's Brother-in-law, Dave (Surgeries)
- *Pastor Boots Marsh (Cancer & Death of his Grandson)
- *Scott Simpson

Dear Kathy & other members,
Thank you so much for the warm mittens/gloves, hats & scarves. It was a very thoughtful thing for you all to do for us. I noticed many were hand-made, so thank you also for your time.
Our students are lucky to have you. Again, thank you - Thank you!!
Bobbi Leier
Northridge School Counselor

412 Youth will be having a "**Super Bowl Party**" Sunday February 2nd at 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Bismarck Baptist Church



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."



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

Happening this month

February 1	8:30 am 412 Youth Ski Party
February 2	Pizza Sunday 1:00 pm Cannon Ball 5:00 pm 412 Youth super Bowl Party
February 3	7:00 pm Ruth Circle Meeting
February 5	6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth Groups 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
February 6	1:00 pm Stonecroft Meeting
February 11	6:30 Church Leadership Team Meeting
February 12	1:00 pm Lois Circle Meeting 6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth Group 7:00 Adult Bible Study
February 17	Presidents Day-Office Closed Newsletter Deadline
February 19	6:30 pm AWANA and 412 Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
February 22	8:00 am Men's Breakfast
February 23	6:00 pm ABW Pie Social
February 26	6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth Groups Serving the AWANA Meal 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study Group

Annual Potluck and Business Meeting

Held on January 26, 2020

Thank you to all who gathered for the Annual Potluck on Sunday, January 26. Approximately 60 people were present for the potluck prior to the business meeting. The food and fellowship were great. Thanks to those who brought food, helped in the set-up and doing the clean-up. Everything was delicious.

During the business meeting the proposed 2020 budget was adopted and officers were elected for the year. There was discussion about the finances and the ministry First Baptist is assisting with at Cannonball. A copy of the 2020 budget is available in the church office. The 2020 officers are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you to Lori Lundblad (Moderator) and Preston VanLoon (CLT member) for their service this past year.

If someone would like a copy of the Annual Report which contains financial information and reports on activities in 2019, please stop by the office.

Despite all our hopes and dreams, life often doesn't turn out the way we anticipate. In fact, it's frequently really hard.

Are you in one of these scenarios right now?

*Someone you care about has betrayed you and/or hurt you deeply.

*You've been blindsided by a diagnosis or financial crisis.

*Well-meaning people keep telling you "God won't allow you to go through more than you can handle" — but you're not so sure.

*Honestly, you can't see the bigger picture of what the Lord might be doing to shape you in the midst of trying circumstances.

On today's **Focus on the Family® Broadcast**,

Lysa Terkeurst shares transparently about several devastating setbacks she has recently experienced and offers encouragement for the dark seasons when we struggle with unexpected pain.

Broadcast:

"Finding Strength in the Midst of Disappointment"

CLICK HERE

Your kids can show God's love to their friends with free Adventures in Odyssey Valentine's Day Cards. (Each card gives access to a free Adventures in Odyssey episode!) Or download free Average Boy Valentine's Day Cards provided by [Focus on the Family's Clubhouse](#) magazine or free Out Back Friends Valentine's Day Cards provided by [Clubhouse Jr.](#) magazine. It's easier than ever to let your family and friends know how much you care. [Sign in](#) to download all three themes!

Here are other ways that families have chosen to celebrate Valentine's Day:

Hearts on Door Handles

One February, my daughter and I decided to celebrate Valentine's Day by blessing complete strangers. We cut hearts out of leather scraps, punched holes in the top and threaded a string through the hole. Some hearts we left plain. On others we wrote notes, such as "You are loved." We spent the week before Valentine's Day leaving these hearts on door handles, in public areas and at the grocery store. We also handed them to people with the mission to "share the love." It's been inspiring for us to see people walking around town with our little hearts hanging on their backpacks and purses long after Valentine's Day. —*Lori Zenker*

Love Notes

My family makes homemade valentines for the widows and widowers in our church. We pray over the cards and for the people they are going to. On the Sunday before Valentine's Day, we hand them out. It's a small way for my children to begin caring for those who may be sad or lonely on Valentine's Day. —*Robin Meade*

Community Cards

Beginning when my daughter was 2, we found a way to encourage others around Valentine's Day. We made craft hearts out of paper. I wrote, "Thank you for the love you show your community" on one side and "We appreciate you" on the other. We carried these hearts with us during February, and my daughter gave them to different workers we encountered, cashiers, librarians, custodians and others. It made her more aware of the people in our community. —*Emily Yang*

Double Dates

My husband and I came up with a new Valentine's Day tradition: double-dating our children. He became our daughter's date, and I became our son's. Our hope was that our children would learn how to act on a date from our examples and would eventually look for spouses who treated them like we did on these dates. The first Valentine's Day double date consisted of dinner and a movie. My husband held the door for our daughter, which taught our son to do the same for me. The evening continued in this way, as we gave our "dates" special attention. Everyone enjoyed this Valentine's Day event so much that we've continued the tradition over the last four years. —*Heather Lynn*

Love Jar

In February, I set a "love jar" on the kitchen counter. When my kids see an act of kindness or God's love demonstrated, they write it down and place it in the jar. At the end of the month, we go out for ice cream and take time to read from the pile of slips. —*Lindsey Bell*

Love Notes

When my children were little, I'd have them make Valentine's Day cards out of paper and craft supplies. Then we'd mail them to those who might be overlooked, widows and widowers who were facing their first Valentine's Day without their spouse, or friends who had recently endured a rough divorce. Then all year, whenever my children complained that they were bored, I'd have them make similar cards that we'd send as encouragement to missionaries. —*Cindi Ferrini*



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.



Safe, Secure and Hassle Free

Support FBC weekly, monthly or yearly!

Offerings to our Missions are also available all long year.

Did you know you are able to support First Baptist Church safely and securely using electronic funds transfer?

It is a secure, hassle free, simple solution for today's busy families.

Click below for additional information.



Dear Mission Partner,

Thanks to your America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) ministers to families who have lost homes to floods, to children living lives of limitation in poverty, to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, and many more. We have been answering God's call to heal broken families and communities—as well as cultivate strong Christian leaders and equip passionate disciples—since 1832.

The world's needs today are as great as they were close to two centuries ago. We are extending our ministry by awarding grants to mission partners across the United States and Puerto Rico—partners who are also doing the work of empowering Christian leaders, nurturing disciples and intercultural awareness, and transforming congregations and communities with the healing power of God's love. By contributing to the AFC Offering, you increase our capacity to fulfill the biblical mandate in Matthew 22:39: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

In 2019, ABHMS awarded more than \$300,000 to ministries carried out by our mission partners. These are just a few examples of the impact our partners are making across our mission field:

In the Cultivating Leaders and Discipleship categories, \$8,400 was awarded to the Los Angeles-based Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity (ISAAC) to help fund its "Imagining A More Equal Pulpit" initiative, including a Gender Summit that addressed the challenges faced by women of color in ministry.

In the Healing and Transforming Communities category, \$115,000 included support to Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries, Campbell, Ohio, for the purchase of mattresses above and beyond the 104 already delivered to prevent children and teens from sleeping on the floors, couches and piles of clothing in its three housing developments.

In the Intercultural Ministries category, \$15,300 included support to Iglesia Bautista Betesda, Indianapolis, Ind., and its "Walking With the Immigrant" project, which has helped 60 families, including a family that senior pastor the Rev. Jaime Flores and a church brother accompanied to immigration court in Miami, Fla.

On behalf of ABHMS, thank you for your past generous support of our transformational mission. Our ministries—along with the ministries of our mission partners—are making a difference in the lives of so many individuals and families. With your help, we can bring God's healing touch to so many more.

May we count on your generosity once again?

With gratitude,
Dr. Jeffrey Haggray
Executive Director, ABHMS

**AFC offering will be received during the month of March 2020.
Please give prayerful consideration to what God would have you do.**

Updates from Jeni Pedzinski



On January 21, Jeni taught another personal finance course in Thai. The topics included Stewardship, contentment, debt and personal budgeting (spending, saving and giving).

"So grateful for your prayer. Can't help remembering 9 years ago when someone said, 'Jeni, of course God could use your skills in personal finance on the mission field.' Please pray that God would use this training to transform lives, including my own as well as these 16 amazing people!"

2020 Church Officers

- *Moderator-Kathy Martin (Lori Lundblad previously filled this position)
 - *Vice Moderator-Dale Ekstrom
 - *Treasurer-Larry Martin
 - *Treasurer Assistant-Shirley Quick
 - *Financial Secretary-Donella Engstrom
 - *Assistant Financial Secretary-Linda Gingery
 - *Clerk-Linda Gingery
 - *Pastoral Relations Committee at Large-Tom Feser
- (* Denotes a one-year term)

First Baptist Church Leadership Team for 2020

- Gary Allmendinger-1 year
Karlene Fine-1 year
Renee Herman-2 years (Second 2 year term)
Ralph Layton-1 year
Martin Lundblad- 2 years (Kathy Martin previously filled this position)
Deb Smith-2 years (Preston VanLoon previously filled this position)

Section 1. The First Baptist Church Leadership Team (CLT) will be primarily responsible to oversee the ministries of worship, ordinances, visitation, Christian education, membership, fellowship, missions, evangelism, indoor and outdoor church property, church personnel, financial stewardship, and budget planning. The CLT will ensure a proposed budget is available to the church membership at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Section 2. The CLT shall consist of a minimum of six active church members elected by the congregation. Each CLT member shall serve a term of 2 years to provide for a rotation of service. Terms are to be staggered to permit approximately one-half of the membership being elected each year. A CLT member may be elected to serve consecutive two-year terms, but then must take at least one full year off of the CLT. In addition, the Pastor, Church Clerk and Moderator will serve as members of the CLT. No two CLT members shall be from the same household. Members nominated for the CLT should possess at least one of the following spiritual attributes; ministry, educational, or organization and financial management.



Arctic Blast

February 21-22

Arctic Blast is an overnight retreat for 4th-5th graders. They can expect a fun, friendly atmosphere where they will worship and develop a clearer understanding of who Jesus is and what He did for each of us. Thrown into the mix will be our annual pickle spitting competition & our rock, paper, scissors tournament! Be prepared for 24 hours of fun, faith, and friendship!

Activities

Climbing Wall, Gym (basketball, volleyball, roller skating, etc.), Snow Tubing, Ice Skating (bring your own skates), Sledding, & Ice Fishing

Logistics

For students in the 4th & 5th grade.

Cost: \$55.00 (\$10 late fee after February 7, 2020)

Registration begins at 4:00pm on Friday.

Camp concludes at 4:00pm on Saturday.

What to Bring: sleeping bag/bedding, pillow, toiletries, winter gear (boots, snow pants, winter jacket, gloves, hat), pen, notebook, & Bible

What NOT to Bring: cell phones, iPods, iPads, MP3 players, video games, and other valuable items.

Registration online below

<https://www.csbcamp.org/our-camps/arctic-blast.html>

TIPI WAKAN



Tipi Wakan Baptist Church

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Cell: 701-471-7762

January 23, 2020

First Baptist Church of Bismarck
Pastor Bob Weiss
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Bismarck, ND 58501

Dear Friends:

We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the support we have received from First Baptist Church this past year. Your partnership with us enables us to effectively minister to the community of Cannon Ball. We look forward to another year of serving the Lord together.

Grace To You,

Buford "Boots" Marsh
Pastor, Tipi Wakan Baptist Church

FARGO — A four-alarm fire displaced 111 residents of a south Fargo senior care facility Thursday afternoon, Jan. 23, and caused significant damage to the building, fire officials said.

While no injuries were reported at **Elim Rehab & Care Center**, Chaplain David Juve said Thursday night the facility at 3534 University Drive S. was working with North Dakota officials to find places for displaced residents to stay. Residents were in another area of the complex or the

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/episodes/broadcast/finding-strength-in-the-midst-of-disappointment-part-1-of-2/> nearby Eagles Elementary School waiting to be relocated elsewhere.

The facility initially reported that 115 residents were displaced, but later revised that number to 111. Fire officials at first described the fire as a three-alarm blaze but later struck a fourth alarm when crews on scene needed more resources.

Fargo, West Fargo and Moorhead firefighters were on scene, and the fourth alarm called all available off-duty Fargo firefighters as backup for the senior home fire and any other possible emergencies in the city.

Fargo Fire Chief Steve Dirksen said the fire started in an attic and that senior home staff initially tried to put out the flames on their own. Sprinklers and fire doors then activated, and crews were called to the scene at about 3 p.m.

Dirksen said firefighters would likely be on scene "all night" to monitor the situation.

Dirksen said Elim's evacuation plan was executed flawlessly and commended the facility's staff for having a nearby fire hydrant cleared of snow, which allowed fire crews to quickly access water.

