



First Baptist Church

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Newsletter for Members & Friends of First Baptist Church

August 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 August

Flower Committee:

Pat Ivey & Jane Willows

Ushers:

Bill Hedegaard &
Deb Smith

Parable of the Life-Saving Station

Why do we do what we do? Sometimes we lose our sense of purpose.

On a dangerous sea coast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a crude little life-saving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves, went out day and night tirelessly searching for the lost. Some of those who were saved and various others in the surrounding area wanted to become associated with the station and gave of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews trained. The little life-saving station grew.

Some of the members of the life-saving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. They replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building. Now the life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully because they used it as a sort of club. Fewer members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do this work. The life-saving motif still prevailed in the club's decorations, and there was a liturgical life-boat in the room where the club's initiations were held. About this time a large ship wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boat loads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick. The beautiful new club was in chaos. So the property committee immediately had a shower house build outside the club where victims of shipwrecks could be cleaned up before coming inside. At the next meeting, there was a split among the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's life-saving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted upon life-saving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own life-saving station. So they did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another life-saving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that sea coast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.



August

2nd Michael O'Brien
 2nd Mickey Teubner
 6th Gary Allmendinger
 10th Kent French
 14th Rhonda Reuther
 21st Shirley Quick
 25th Elijah NGoma
 26th Carla GNoma
 27th Jane Willows
 28th Larry Martin
 29th Kim Schoepp

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 looking for individuals willing to share their photos of FBC Events and Activities.

Please contact her at firstbaptistbis@q.com



No August Meetings for the Lois or Ruth Circles

FOUR12 YOUTH

We want to give a GREAT BIG thank you to everyone who helped with Family Camp.

We had a lot of compliments on how well the weekend went, how much fun people had and the great message that was presented. Our theme was People of Promise and the message was given by Reverend Lori Dvirnak Lundblad. Pastor Bob and Beth provided music and Pastor Bob also gave the message for Sunday morning worship. Tara Buck Elk led children's activities with the help of several of our youth. We had church members who read devotions, helped with flag, read meal blessings, set up and took down inflatables and supervised the inflatables.

We had lots of great activities including the first ever Bentley Derby (stick horse racing), camp fire, smores, movie night, yard games and minute-to-win-it games. Kathy Martin directed camp and kept everything on schedule. The weather was beautiful and many people took advantage of the lake with swimming and boating.

The 412 Youth Group has had a busy summer of fun activities. Several youth spent an afternoon serving at Heaven's Helper Soup Cafe. They worked really hard and they want to do it again! Youth have also had the opportunity to play games on the Capitol lawn, go to the Super Slide and Sky Zone trampoline park. August 14th we are going to have a lake day. Kathy will get details to the youth when they are finalized.



Youth helping at the Heaven's Helper Soup Cafe



Capital Games a few weeks ago.



August 412 Youth Events

Aug 6 –Serving Schools Service Project
1-4pm to help teachers at Northridge Elementary

Aug 7 - No 412 Youth Group

Aug 14 - Afternoon at the Lake

Aug 20 – Service project pending

Aug 28-BBQ

Long Term Prayer Needs

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

Please be in prayer for:

- Dan Baillie-Injury
- Bruce Rauser

- Caryl Kaseman
- Deanna Hedegaard
- Eric McCalister-compression fracture & bulged disc
- Jeff French-surgery
- Kari Kolstoe

- Lee Weiss-Pastor Bob's brother stroke
- Steven Hawley-Charlotte Martin's brother
- Terry Giggy-Pastor Bob's brother-in-law

Military Service

- Adam Vetter Norma Eberly's grandson





Remember our Home Bound

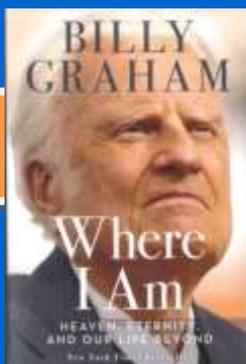
Ann Schoepp
Charlotte Martin
Curtis Funches
Mary Ann Rause
Norma Eberly
Shirley Zacher

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



Baptist Heritage

Pioneer Missionaries/abhs archives

Born in 1788, Adoniram Judson was one of the first missionaries sent from the United States to spread the Good News of the Jesus Christ.

In June of 1810, Judson and three other aspiring missionaries met with the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, newly organized by the Congregationalists. The Board advised them to ‘wait for the openings and guidance of Providence.’



Adoniram Judson

While he was waiting, Judson met a deeply devout schoolteacher named Ann Hasseltine. When the call came from the Board, Ann and Adoniram quickly married. The following day, February 6, 1812, Adoniram Judson, Samuel Newell, Samuel Nott, Gordon Hall, and Luther Rice were ordained as ‘Christian Missionaries to carry the Gospel of Salvation to the Heathen.’



Ann Hasseltine Judson

On February 19, the cargo ship Caravan sailed out of Salem (Massachusetts) harbor with the Judsons and the Newells on board. Thus started their four-month journey to India.

In anticipation of needing to defend the Congregational practice of infant baptism before British Baptist missionary William Carey, the Judsons studied their Bibles. The result was the Judsons’ conviction that believers’ baptism was correct. Upon arriving in India, they asked for baptism by immersion, although they knew that meant breaking ties with the Congregationalists who were supporting them.

The political situation prevented the Judsons from remaining in India. They eventually found themselves on a boat to Burma. On July 13, 1813 Ann and Adoniram finally arrived in the land that would be their home. Their companion, Luther Rice, had also become persuaded of the Baptist position on baptism and returned to the United States to work with Baptists congregations to support the mission in Burma. Because of his work, the first Baptist mission board was formed in 1814.

Ann and Adoniram learned to speak Burmese, and Adoniram spent years studying the language in order to translate the entire Bible into Burmese. Ann wrote a catechism in Burmese.

Life was not easy for New Englanders in this tropical climate. There were no other English-speaking people, no western conveniences, and no tolerance for religious diversity. Their children died young, and Adoniram and Ann suffered frequent illnesses. Adoniram was accused of being a spy and was imprisoned by the king of Burma.

Thanks to Ann’s care, Adoniram was eventually released. Ann died of exhaustion shortly thereafter.

CHI St. Alexius Health

is currently looking for volunteers to help in the Auxiliary Gift Shop, visiting with patients in Kidney Dial Unit, accompany visitors and patients to their destinations within the hospital.

They are also looking for volunteers to help assist families and friends in our heart and Vascular waiting room and ICU waiting room.

Please contact Tanya at

701-530-7159



AB MEN'S ROUND UP CAMP JUDSON, SD AUGUST 23-25, 2019

Round Up the Men and Boys!

Round Up the men and boys, and head to Camp Judson for a great weekend to grow in your faith, bond in fellowship, relax, have fun, and eat some great food! No need to preregister, just register between 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Friday, August 23 at Camp Judson.

Costs: \$95 (15 and older); \$70 (ages 6-14); \$ half price for pastors; \$45 one-day rate; FREE (5 and under); Cabins 1, 2, & 3, and Insp. Lodge + \$40 a room.



HEAD 'EM UP TO:

worship
play
learn
relax
fellowship
eat great food
have a great time!

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chuck Hiatt

THEME:

Constructing a
Meaningful Life
(1st Thessalonians)

MUSIC LEADERS:

Dave Knutson
Hutch Hutchins
Bob Weiss

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**Short Term Mission
Opportunity Black Hills of
South Dakota
August 3-11, 2019**

The ABC Emergency Services Center was created in the basement of the First Baptist Church of the Northern Hills in Deadwood to help those who became stranded due to injury, abandonment, or mechanical breakdown. The local law enforcement and social services agencies were encouraged to contact our workers when they ran across people in need. The distribution of thousands of posters and brochures helped others find the ESC on their own. (NOTE: Since 2011 we have been based at First Baptist Church of Rapid City.) Volunteers from both regions spend all or part of the week helping, feeding, transporting, and counseling the dozens of individuals who come to the ABCESC for assistance.

Throughout the week calls come in at all hours of the day and night from churches, police and rescue workers, and individuals, wanting us to help men, women and children in need. Rapid City has become a strategic base of operations as transportation to the hospitals, rescue mission, bus station, and airport is provided.

Volunteers don't need to be motorcyclists, but ought to have a heart for evangelism and a willingness to serve.

Women volunteers are especially needed due to the large percentage of women and children that we end up assisting. If you can come for all or part of the week we can find a job for you
For additional information
[CLICK HERE](#)

Happening this month

- August 1 Stonecroft Meeting
- August 4 4:00 pm Church Picnic
- August 6 1:00-4:00 pm 412 Youth
"Serving our Schools"
- August 7 **NO** 412 Youth Group
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
- August 13 Church Leadership Meeting
- August 14 6:30 412 Youth Group Lake Day
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
- August 15 1:00 pm CWC Meeting
7:00 Adult Bible Study
- August 20 412 Youth Service Day PENDING
- August 21 **NO** 412 Youth Group
7:00 Adult Bible Study
- August 24 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
- August 28 NO 412 Youth Group BBQ
7:00 Adult Bible Study



FBC Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 4 pm at the church.

Coffee and lemonade will be furnished along with plates, Utensils and the meat & buns.

Please bring a salad, vegetable dish or desert to share.
Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy s wonderful time of fellowship.
Games are being planned for the children.

Bismarck Baptist Church is hosting the 2019 Global Leadership Summit

On August 8-9, 2019 you're invited to gather with thousands of leaders across North America for The Global Leadership Summit. Commit now to be a part of this annual event designed to stretch and challenge you with world-class speakers, interactive dialogue and practical training.

Get a unique blend of vision, inspiration and skills you can immediately apply.

Learn from a faculty representing multiple sectors and backgrounds
Leverage the Summit as a resource to transform yourself and community.

Network with influencers in your community who are committed to living out God's purposes in our world.

[Register here](#)

SERVING OUR SCHOOLS

Each summer Century Baptist organizes some service opportunities with schools in Bismarck to help them with needed projects before the school year begins. On Tuesday, August 6th from 1-4pm, youth group and parents will help a few teachers at Northridge Elementary.

Members of First Baptist Church are now able to make simple and secure online donations to the Church, through our website.

Go to our website: www.Firstbaptist.faith

Click



Fill out your amount. Click the blue question mark if you have questions. Re-occurring donations can be changed with help from Lori Lundblad.

Complete payment information on next screen.



Family Camp at Camp Bently July 2019

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

In Memory of
Jacob M Ehli
1941-2019





WORKSHOP

Christian Retirement: What it is and what it is not will be the subject of a four-part workshop in August, at Charity Lutheran Church, 120 Aspen Av., Bismarck.

Are you retired? Do you have plans to retire? Have you been looking for a purpose as you enter the winter season of your life? Then it's time to retire the world's view of retirement and "refire" your life to live out God's purpose.

You may be surprised at the Bible's view of retirement.

Bill and Karen Schneider will be leading this course on God's perspective for using your time, talents and treasures to make a difference in this broken world. Class begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 4, 11, 18 and 25. There is no cost to attend, and everyone is invited to attend (even if you are not retired).

You can preregister for this free course at www.CharityLutheran.org.

If you have questions, call Bill Schneider at 701-426-9040, or the church office at 701-258-1228.



Pray for Jeni Pedzinski serving young tribal women in Thailand who are at risk for human trafficking.

Jeni serves on the leadership team at the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF) in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Established in 1987, the New Life Center serves young ethnic minority (tribal) women who are at risk for, or survivors of, human trafficking, forced labor and sexual abuse. NLCF residents are provided with shelter, education, vocational and life skills training and legal assistance. Special therapeutic activities for survivors include comprehensive art, dance and music therapy and individual counseling. With degrees in development and Christian theology, Jeni provides administrative support, Christian discipleship and financial literacy training to NLCF staff and program beneficiaries. In collaboration with the NLCF's senior staff, she writes grants, oversees the monitoring and evaluation of program outcomes and assists with public relations.

Jeni writes - I continue to work full-time to support the local staff on the front lines of trafficking prevention and after-care for survivors of exploitation and trauma. It is my great joy to work alongside these capable, committed women. Showing compassion by turning toward (not away) and reaching out to those who are hurting is our costly privilege.

**Jeni Pedzinski will be speaking
in our church on
October 23, at 7 PM.**

**This will be a gathering in place of Bible
study that night; all are invited to this
informal desert and sharing time.**