



First Baptist Church

306 E Divide Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501
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Newsletter for Members & Friends of First Baptist Church

March 2020

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

701-223-8614

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**Volunteers for the
Month of March**

Flower Committee:

Barb Layton

Ushers:

Renee Herman

Tim Feser

Jesus teaches us to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39). Our church follows the teaching of Jesus by reaching out to the community and providing for our neighbors’ needs, physical and spiritual alike.

Our church’s efforts are supported by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), which provides resources for cultivating leaders, equipping disciples, and healing and transforming communities. Through ABHMS, we serve neighbors in Puerto Rico and other places in the United States in long-term recovery after natural disasters. Indeed, ABHMS provides many ways to help our church love our many neighbors, near and far! Our church supports this work through our generous gifts to the America for Christ (AFC) Offering. Each dollar given increases the ministry and impact of ABHMS to serve neighbors with ministries incarnating Christ’s love, justice and compassion. Further, a portion of this offering (28%) will be shared with our American Baptist Churches region for strengthening local church leaders through programming, pastoral search support and other efforts to help our local church thrive, especially in these times when North America is its own challenging mission field!

In 2019, our church’s AFC gifts supported the following ministries:

- “Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico” — rebuilding the island one church and one building at a time.
- Scholarships and Emerging Leaders — providing scholarships to students to help ease the
- Debilitating effects of excessive student-loan debt.
- Immigration and Refugee Resettlement — partnering with organizations that have resettled more than 100,000 displaced persons from across the world.
- Rizpah’s Children — partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.

Additional supported ministries included Disaster Response, Volunteer Mobilization, Prisoner Re-Entry and Community Outreach Ministries.

AFC 2020 empowers our local and national efforts to “love our neighbor.” I ask you to join me in giving generously to this year’s AFC Offering and help us to reach our goal, as we partner with ABHMS to love our neighbors and share the gospel

Pastor Bob



March

5th Dan Baillie
6th Ben Lundblad
10th Bruno NGoma
11nd Katrina Fine
17th Scott Simpson
18th Bruse Rauser
20th Charlotte Martin
23rd Dwight Reuther
26th Elijah McCalister
27th Dekunseh Glekiah
29th Mary Ann Simpson

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

American Baptist **Women's** MINISTRIES

Our annual ABW Pie Social was held on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Many families attend and enjoyed the fun, games and the fellowship.

The Lois Circle will be meeting Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. The Ruth Circle will be meeting Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with Shirley Quick 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](#)



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



Camp ReCreation is looking for nurturing, compassionate and driven volunteers who are 14 years or older to help at summer camp for people with intellectual and development disabilities.

Camp dates are May 31- June 4, 2020
June 7-June 12, 2020

For addition information please register here:
<https://www.camprecreationnd.com/>



412 Youth 2ND ANNUAL HUFF SKI/BOARD DAY

February 1, 2020

We had a warm and fun day out at Huff!



Long Term Prayer Needs:

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

Please be in prayer for:

- Anita Baillie-Health Issues
- Armin Sayler
- Bruce Rauser
- Caryl Kaseman
- Charlotte Martin
- Corina McCalister (surgery Feb 5)
- Deanna Hedegaard
- Deb Burke-Death of Mother
- Jeanne Mouko Moukengue'
- Jeff French
- Kari Kolstoe
- Kyle O'Brien-Boot Camp
- Leo Heinz
- Mark Jones the Weiss' friend (Cancer)
- Mary Hayes
- Pastor Boots Marsh (Cancer)
- Scott Simpson

***YOUTH WINTER SOULSTICE MARCH 13-15, 2020**

Winter SOULstice is a weekend of fun for middle schoolers! Come hang out with your friends, tube on the snow, play broomball, but most importantly hear God's word & spend time in worship!

ACTIVITIES

High Ropes Course, Climbing Wall, Gym (basketball, volleyball, skating, etc.), Gaga Ball, 9 Square In The Air, Disc Golf, Archery Tag, Coffee House/Snack Shack, Snow Tubing, Ice Skating (bring your own skates), Sledding, & Ice Fishing

LOGISTICS

For students in the 6th-8th grade.

Cost: \$75.00 (\$10 late fee after February 28, 2020)

Registration begins at 7:00pm on Friday. A snack will be provided on Friday evening, but no supper will be provided.

Retreat concludes at 11:00am on Sunday.

What to Bring: sleeping bag/bedding, pillow, toiletries, winter gear (boots, snow pants, winter jacket, gloves, hat), pen, notebook, & Bible, spending money for the Candystore & Coffee House

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



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

March 1	Communion & Pizza Sunday 1:00 pm Cannon Ball
March 2	7:0 pm Ruth Circle Meeting
March 4	6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth Groups 7:00 pm Youth Bible Study
March 5	1:00pm Stonecroft Meeting
March 11	1:00 pm Lois Circle Meeting 6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth Groups 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
March 16	6:30 p Church Leadership Meeting
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March 18	6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth Groups 7:00 Adult Bible Study
March 23	Newsletter Deadline
March 25	6:30 pm AWANA and 412 Youth Group Serving the AWANA Meal 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
March 28	8:00 am Men's Breakfast





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.



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2020
MARCH 27-29
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
3RD STREET & AVE A
BISMARCK, ND

REGISTER ART ENTRIES HERE BY FEBRUARY 3
REGISTER FOR SATURDAY WORKSHOPS BY MARCH 13

Artists Celebrating Christ

remains committed to spreading the message of Jesus Christ through art. Our annual event is a three day Christian themed art show packed with other uplifting creative activities.

March 27-29, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church
502 N 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

Visual art and liturgical art from across the nation, Student art and art classes, Saturday art workshops for families and adults, Artist Reception, Silent Auction, Art Demonstrations, Performing artists throughout the show, and Art vendors.

For additional information [CLICK HERE](#)

PARENTING WITH A PURPOSE: **GOD'S PICTURE FOR PARENTING**

**GUEST SPEAKERS STEVE & DEBBIE
WILSON**



Parenting is one of our greatest ministries and often one of our most difficult challenges. The spiritual war rages around us and our children need parents with a plan for success. Parenting with purpose will help encourage and equip parents to succeed with their children.

Evangelical Bible Church
2891 5th Street W
Dickinson, ND 58601

March 20-21, 2020
Event is FREE



Register Here: [HTTPS://DICKINSONEBC.COM/PARENTING-CONFERENCE-2020/](https://dickinsonebc.com/parenting-conference-2020/)

Updates from Jeni Pedzinski



February 18th, 2020

Today, I received another request for a biblical personal finance course. That makes four trainings scheduled for the next three months. A bit stressful, but so exciting!! Please pray with me that these trainings yield tangible results in the lives of participants!

If you want to send a card or letter of encouragement
to Kyle O'Brien

PVT O'Brien, Kyle G
A Co. 787th MP BN, 3 Plt
7644 Loyalty Loop, BLDG 936
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 5473

On back of envelope
top flap, has to have:

PLT #3

Manhood Is Not the Problem: Teach Your Sons to Be Men By Glenn T. Stanton



Teaching our boys to be men is not dangerous, and we fathers should not shrink from this essential task.

I read an article from a major publication earlier this year explaining how mass shootings are not the fault of too many guns or mental illness, but ... brace yourself ... manhood itself. Not bad men. Not violent men. The cause is simply men, period. As a man and the father of a young man, I was stunned at the audacity — and ignorance — of such a statement in an otherwise serious publication. As if manhood were a social disease or mental condition!

Teaching our boys to be men is not dangerous, and we fathers should not shrink from this essential task. Every community requires it. We did some research here at Focus on the Family, examining the qualities of manhood that are most valued across human cultures. These characteristics were quite similar from place to place. Wherever we find a community teaching and praising positive manhood, we find the following qualities in men.

Courage

Men will face danger and difficulty when called upon.

Initiative

When a need arises, a man gets involved.

Integrity

Men do the right thing at the right time in the right way for the right reason. A man is dependable and keeps his word. He doesn't exploit the weakness of the innocent.

Self-control

Men are aware of and respect the proper limits for themselves and call others to do the same.

Respect

Men show respect to those they meet, regardless of station.

Loyalty

Men are loyal to their family and friends, even at great price to themselves.

Humility

Men understand there is strength in apologizing and asking forgiveness when they have offended others or let them down.

You can help your son learn these qualities by observing and pointing out the actions of men who model these traits. Together, watch for men doing simple things to solve problems or serve others.

Here are some examples:

A man who quickly stands in a meeting to offer his chair to someone who just arrived.

A man who clears plates and collects trash at a picnic.

A man who steps up to lead a group activity when no one else is sure what to do.

Men who provide these positive examples and are motivated to demonstrate their manhood in such constructive ways are anything but harmful. And hopefully, their example becomes contagious. What community does not appreciate and benefit from such men stepping up?



Dear Loved Ones,

Greeting. We are back in our beloved Haiti after almost three weeks of decompression in the States. In general, the situation in the country has largely improved. People are moving about their daily business.

The eye clinic continues its daily care. Every Tuesday is the surgery day unless there is an emergency case on another day during the week. The crisis that suffered the country is now manifesting itself in poor people. Medical care, schooling fees and food is not reachable for many persons.

Our university got a break of a week. Now it is busy with the registration of all the students this week. Classes resume next week. The campus is almost empty except some few students who came from far away. Those girls are being taken care of by Mom Kihomi, their mother away from home.

Mom Kihomi started her home visitation. She goes out every 3 PM to return around 6:30 or 7. Some of the situation she sees breaks our hearts. Take for instance a shut-in man who was our village wake up call. He always got up around 3 or 3:30 to go up and down the village with his loud mic waking all of us up for the morning prayer. Now he has become very sick, blind, sleeping in his own pees, bed wounds have taken his failing body over. He has considerably lost weight. Two daughters with no means are powerlessly looking after their dying father. And one of the daughters is mentally disturbed. Many times, we wonder where is the church he faithfully served?

When Mom Kihomi goes to make those rounds, she takes with her all kinds of goods: food, blankets, clothes and some money. She became the chaplain, the counselor, the pastor, the diabetes and High blood pressure adviser/counselor.

Thank you for standing by our side to be the feet and hands of the One who loved us all.

In Haiti,
Nzunga & Kihomi

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has not pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

1 John 3: 17

Crystal Springs Camp "Crafting Retreat" For all Women

CSBC's Crafting Weekend is a getaway to have some uninterrupted time to get your projects going! Whether starting or finishing a project, these weekends are for you! Come enjoy the peacefulness of Crystal Springs and let your creative side go wild!

For all women

Cost: \$108.00

(Deduct \$10.00 if postmarked before February 21, 2020)

Crafting begins at 9:00am

Crafting Weekend ends
at 4:00pm

What to Bring: sleeping bag/bedding, pillow, toiletries, crafting supplies (sewing machine, fabric, scrapbooking materials, etc.), Bible.

[Click here for additional information](#)

Baptist Health Care Center

80th Anniversary Gala Dinner –
It's about the Journey –
Celebrating 80 Years

Silent Auction – It's about the
Experience (looking for any
"experience based" gifts for silent
auction)

Shelle.Aberle@CassiaLife.org

Tuesday March 31, 2020
6:00 pm -9:00 pm

Keynote Speaker: Kori
Remington Messer
Music: Johnny Vincent

Ramkota Hotel
800 South 3rd Street
Bismarck, ND

JOY Breakfast

Join us for the 14th annual JOY
Breakfast on Saturday, March 14th!
We are excited to welcome back
Carla Robinson, a popular
conference speaker known for her
unique blend of humor,
transparency, and spiritual insight.
Carla will talk on how to successfully
walk through life's doors of change
and transition—expected and
unexpected, happy and sad,
welcomed and unwelcomed—to
help you embrace change with faith,
courage...and even joy!
So treat yourself (and a friend) to a
great morning out!
date and location

Saturday, March 14, 9:00-11:30 AM
Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND
Tickets

Tickets are \$20 (+ \$1 credit
card/online processing fee) and are
available for purchase at Rainbow
Shop or online here. All purchases
are non-refundable.

<https://www.joyintl.org/joybreakfast>

America for CHRIST OFFERING 2020

“You shall
LOVE your
NEIGHBOR
as **YOURSELF.**”

MATTHEW 22:39



What is the national goal?

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is promoting the America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2020, which seeks to raise \$1,000,000 to support American Baptist mission and ministry across the United States and Puerto Rico.

What is the AFC 2020 theme?

The theme for the AFC 2020 Offering is “Love Thy Neighbor” based on Matthew 22:39: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

How can I support AFC 2020?

You can give during the congregational offering Sunday at your church, or you can give an individual gift online by visiting abhms.org/afcnw. Also, consider encouraging your congregation's Mission Committee to include an America for Christ Offering contribution in its annual budget.

How is my gift making a difference?

Your generous AFC gifts support our mission—connecting our partners to cultivate leaders and equip disciples who bring healing and transformation to communities across our nation and Puerto Rico. Your contributions share God's love by:

Cultivating Leaders — Strong leaders advance the mission of faith communities.

Equipping Disciples — Broadening the understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Healing Communities — We believe the power of Christian love can—and will—change the world.

How is the AFC offering used?

The offering is distributed in three parts:

59% supports the ministries of ABHMS;

12% supports the offering's promotional and deputation costs; and

29% supports regional ministries (ABHMS is the only mission board to share its offering with American Baptist Churches USA regions).

2020 Camp Schedule

**Work Camp:
May 26-29**

**Counselor Training:
May 27-28**

**Men's Roundup:
May 29-31**

**Women's Retreat:
June 5-7**

**Senior High Camp:
June 7-13**

**Junior High Camp:
June 14-20**

**Junior Camp:
June 21-26**

**Family Camp:
July 10-12**

Camp Bentley

Scholarship Application



February 24, 2020

Dear Pastor Bob and First Baptist Congregation,

Camp Bentley has been blessed financially many times over this year, thanks to generous, giving hearts!

We received a \$2500.00 **Verendrye Electric grant** for new LED lights at camp. We are also eligible for rebates.

We are receiving a \$2500.00 grant from the **St. Josephs Community Health Foundation (SJCHF)** for the new handicapped accessible sidewalk which extends from the Dining Hall to the Chapel. Also included are new chapel steps and a ramp, and a new patio on the east side of the Dining Hall.

We have received a matching grant from the **St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation** for camp scholarships. We received a check for \$10, 247.88 which includes the \$2500.00 from SJCHF. (We raised \$7,747.88!) Please encourage your children (and you too, adults) to **invite** friends to Camp Bentley this summer! Camp Bentley provides scholarships for first time campers and campers with a financial need.

This year, Camp Bentley was invited to participate in **Giving Hearts Day**. What an experience! Thanks to the generous donors of North Dakota (and a few outside of ND who have a heart for Camp Bentley), we raised \$ 35, 075.00. We set a goal of \$15,000.00, and a generous donor contributed our Match of \$5000.00. Our goal was reached and went well beyond. 233.8%!

Please read the Bentley Breeze to read all of the improvements being done at Camp Bentley this year.

On behalf of Camp Bentley, and the board, THANK YOU ALL!

Blessings!

Ruth Skar

