



First Baptist Church

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Newsletter for Members & Friends of First Baptist Church

October 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 October

Flower Committee:

Barb Layton

Ushers:

Gary & Joyce
Allender

During the month of October, we will be taking up this year's World Mission Offering themed around Jesus' words to the woman at the well, "Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14, NIV)

Sharon Koh (Executive Director, CEO of International Ministries) stated: *"One of the questions I often hear in my travels is, 'what is my purpose in life?' Usually, the person asking is feeling aimless in terms of identity and purpose, or they are troubled by the times of uncertainty and unrest in the world around us. It is the human condition to long for a sense of purpose, and to search for meaningful ways in which we can leave a positive mark on history."*

Our thirst for more is much like the woman at the well. We desire to know our true purpose, and once our Creator meets that need and heals our brokenness, we cannot help but rush to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ so that others can know Jesus as well."

The resources from International Ministries will provide inspiring stories of hope for our congregation. Each shows how Christ is working in the world through IM global servants and our partners – to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19) Like water, the most essential ingredient for life, the life-changing love of Christ is flowing and moving throughout the world, satisfying the thirst of those who seek him. Our church's gifts through the IM World Mission Offering bring us into partnership in God's mission with IM's global servants and partners worldwide. Each of us has an essential role, and none can be considered insignificant. I invite you to come alongside IM's global servants and partners to give generously for the World Mission Offering. In God's hands, our gift impacts communities around the world and I pray that you are inspired, knowing you are a part of these stories.

Pastor Bob



October

6th Gina Funches
 9th Nelly NGoma
 9th Emmanuel NGoma
 9th Annette Pickard
 12th Rhonda Cullinan
 14th Massa Bestman
 20th Karlene Fine
 21st Pat Gingery
 29th Ralph Layton
 29th Margret Malmgren
 29th Sheila Quick
 31st Micah Lundblad

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



Even tho we had inclement weather for our Salad Potluck Luncheon on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at noon there were 9 ladies in attendance. Pat welcomed the ladies and opened with reading Scripture Ephesians 3-16-17a and prayed. Our theme this year is "Sisters Seeking Wholeness". Mission Focus "Addiction"

After the luncheon we reviewed our business. Minutes were read and approved. The booklets for the year 2019-2020 were distributed and reviewed. The budget was given and the only change was the Special Interest Missionaries item as we do not have a missionary this year so \$180 was deducted making our budget for 2019-2020 at \$675. Budget approved.

Pat went over White Cross. Overland to go to Cordova Community Christian Center, Cordova, AK. Items are listed in the booklet. We will be sending 4 quilts in addition to \$100. in a gift card from Walmart. IM Request for Congo. Baby Birthing kits in addition a cash donation to General Fund and Human Trafficking. No roller bandages this year. White Cross quota approved.

Shirley gave the Love Gift presentation and the amount given was \$112.00.

For our program Pat went over the history of White Cross which is celebrating 100 years.

Missionary Jeni Pedzinski from Thailand, New Life Center Foundation will be speaking Wednesday, October 23, 2019 in the Pioneer Room at 7:00 p.m. on Human Trafficking, forced labor and sexual abuse. (See Bio below).

Thank You to all the ladies for their delicious salads. Fellowship is always enjoyed.

The Lois Circle will be meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with Judy Wittmier as hostess. The Ruth Circle will meet Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Shirley Quick as hostess.



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

Rev. Jeni Pedzinski is an American Baptist missionary who has been serving at the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF) in Chiang Mai, Thailand since 2015. Established in 1987, NLCF serves young ethnic minority (tribal) women who are at risk for, or survivors of, human trafficking, forced labor and sexual abuse. With degrees in development and Christian theology, Jeni provides administrative support, Christian discipleship and financial literacy training to NLCF staff and program beneficiaries. **In place of Wednesday night Bible Study.**



You may not know it, but this is a significant month for your pastor.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, bringing with it a complex mix of conflicting thoughts and emotions for most pastors.

A few weeks ago, I spoke with a pastor friend about his recent day off. He was shopping at Home Depot, quickly grabbing a few items for a home project. After checking out, he bumped into a congregant in the parking lot. You can probably guess what happened—a short greeting turned into a much longer conversation. The congregant shared a number of difficult things happening in the church and in his own spiritual life. Each question from the pastor uncovered five new frustrations. Forty-five minutes later, they finally parted ways.

I asked the pastor how he felt in that moment. “It was my day off,” he said, “but I don’t really have a day off. I mean, when am I *not* a pastor?” This always-on, week-in, week-out grind takes a toll on pastors and their families. It’s why leadership guru Peter Drucker said this:

“Over the years I have made a career out of studying the most challenging management roles out there. After all of that I am now convinced the two most difficult jobs in the world are these—one, to be President of the United States, and two, to be the leader a church.

Ministry is an amazing call, full of great joys and significant moments in people’s lives: officiating weddings, presiding over funerals, seeing first-hand how lives are changed for Christ. But it’s also full of tension: intense conflict, unrealistic expectations, relational strain, and, at times, soul-aching loneliness.”

Pastors have told me they wept tears of joy when they read an out-of-the-blue note of encouragement. Whatever you do—a sincere Facebook shout out, a two-minute word of affirmation during the Sunday announcements, a heart-felt email, a handwritten note, or an arm around your pastor in the hallway between services—know it carries more weight than you may realize.

Pastors don’t always get this ministry thing right. They may not preach as well as you prefer, pray as much as you deserve, counsel as well as you need, or lead as well as you desire. They know this because they feel it deep in their bones and because congregants are often quick to tell them so. Ministry can be difficult.

Still, most pastors are trying their best to serve and lead and pray and listen and preach and love as faithfully as they can. They won’t say publicly that they think about Pastor Appreciation Month every October, but many of the pastors I talk with do. Everyone needs a little encouragement now and then. That includes your pastor.

Church Life by J. R. BRIGGS



Long Term Prayer Needs:

- Ann Schoepp
- 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 Kasper
- Eric McCalister
- Jeff French
- Kari Kolstoe
- Scott Simpson

Bismarck State College Music Concert

October 22nd, 2019

7:00 pm

Will be held at
our Church, First
Baptist Church



Please Remember our
Home Bound

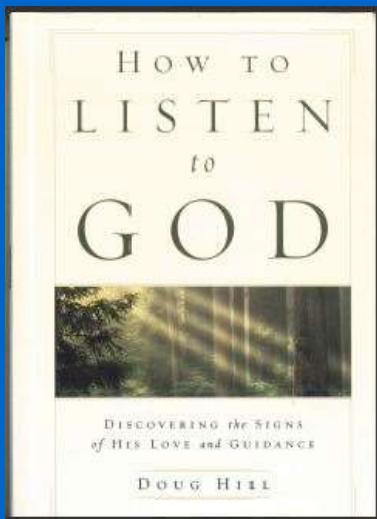
Ann Schoepp
Charlotte Martin
Curtis Funches
Mary Ann Rause
Shirley Zacher

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

Senior High Fall Retreat

October 18-20, 2019

Annual gathering of high school students. The school year is just getting started and this weekend break is a great way to help high schoolers remember to focus on God throughout their year. The weekend is encouraging and uplifting and it can be just that boost that high schoolers need to stand firm in their faith!

Activities

High Ropes Course, Climbing Wall, Gym (basketball, volleyball, skating, etc.), Gaga Ball, 9 Square In The Air, Disc Golf, Paintballing, Archery Tag, Coffee House/Snack Shack

Logistics

- *For students in the 9th-12th grade.
- *Cost: \$75.00 (\$10 late fee after October 11, 2019)
- *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, warm clothing, clothing that can get dirty (paintballing), 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.

The ND ABY Convention

In Minot this year Wednesday evening, Oct 16th through Friday afternoon, October 18th. Due to a job change, Kathy cannot take youth this year so we are in need of adult volunteers to chaperone FBC youth. Youth convention is always a fun time and chaperoning the kids is easy.

Please consider helping out our Youth Ministries!

- *Awana Wednesday nights from 6:30-8 pm
- *Awana meal leader for 1 Wednesday a month through April
- *Children's Church leader Sunday mornings
- *Youth convention chaperone Wednesday evening Oct. 16th through Friday afternoon Oct. 18th in Minot. We are looking for a second adult to go with Lori Lundblad and the youth.

Please contact Kathy Martin at 400-6589 if you can help in any of these areas!



STEER Missions Conference

"How will they Hear"

October 4-5, 2019

Ramkota Hotel
800 S 3rd Street
Bismarck

You and your family are
invited to this one-of-a-
kind mission's conference.

For a complete listing of
workshops available,
please check Church
Bulletin Board or contact
STEER 701-258-4911

In Memory of

Norma Eberly
1934-2019



The 50th Anniversary CROP Hunger Walk for Hunger

October 13th, 2019

Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

Starts at 12:30

1:30 Walk for
World Hunger



The 1st CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk started 50 years ago in Bismarck. Walk or sponsor a walker in the 2019 Bismarck/Mandan CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 13, at 1:30 pm at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

To celebrate 50 years, the event will kick off at 12:30 with the walk's registration, an education fair, and a visit from Clark the Lark and Merifeather Lewis.

Special guests from Church World Services will be joining the Bismarck walk to help fight World Hunger. There will be two distances for the walk. A shorter walk of about 1/2 mile and the longer walk of about 2.5 miles. Be sure to stick around after the walk and have an ice cream sundae to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

Not only does the CROP Hunger Walk help those around the world, but also those in needs locally. 25% of the funds raised at the Bismarck/Mandan CROP Walk for Hunger will benefit the Soup Cafe, the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry, the Abused Adult Resource Center and AID, Inc.

Let's keep the ecumenical tradition of CROP Walk strong. Church World Service, our sponsoring organization, is made up of 35 different denominations of churches all working cooperatively to help people here and around the world. You can even designate the money you raise to go to a specific supporting entity. (ex. Heifer Project, Lutheran World Relief, etc.).

Sign up today to walk or sponsor a CROP Walker! To take part, contact the CROP Walk recruiter from your church, sign up online at crophungerwalk.org/bismarcknd or contact Allison Germolus at 400-0053. Or, just show up at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on October 13 at 12:30 to learn, serve, and have fun.



“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



Don't Throw Away That Empty Cartridge!

Bring it to Church

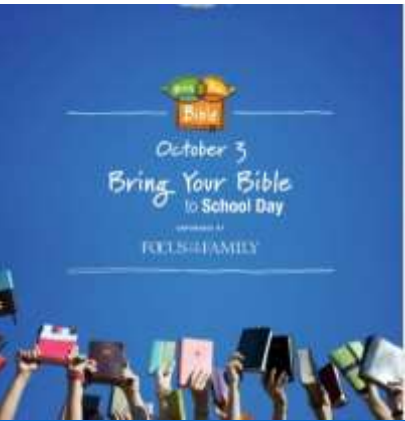
Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our church will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit Frist Baptist Church, not to mention it is great for the environment.

Empties 4 Cash box is located in the Church Foyer

Happening this month

October 2	“Bring your Bible to School” Day 6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
October 3	1:00 pm Stonecroft Meeting
October 6	Communion & Pizza Sunday Start of Children’s Church
October 7	7:00 pm Ruth Circle Meeting
October 8	6:30 pm Church Leadership Meeting
October 9	1:00 pm Lois Circle Meeting 6:30 AWANA & 412 Youth 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
October 16	6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
October 16-18	ND ABY Conference in Minot, ND
October 18-20	High School Fall Retreat at Crystal Springs
October 21	Newsletter Deadline
October 22	7:00 pm BSC Concert at First Baptist Church
October 23	6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth 7:00 pm Speaker Jeni Pedzinski
October 26	8:00 am Men’s Breakfast
October 27	Quarterly Meeting after Church Service
October 30	6:30 pm AWANA & 412 Youth 7:00 Adult Bible Study





WHAT'S BRING YOUR BIBLE TO SCHOOL DAY ALL ABOUT?

On Bring Your Bible to School Day— this year's event is on **Oct. 3, 2019** — students across the nation will celebrate religious freedom and share God's love with their friends. It's an annual event for students sponsored by Focus on the Family. The event is designed to empower you as a student to express your belief in the truth of God's Word—and to do so in a respectful way that demonstrates the love of Christ.

Participation is voluntary and student-directed— meaning it's completely up to students, Christian clubs and youth groups to sign up online and then lead the activities in their school



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

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

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FREEDOM Gala
featuring
'MYPILLOWS' Mike
Lindell

Friday, October 18, 2019,
6:30 PM

Ramkota Hotel & Conference
Center, 800 South 3rd Street,
Bismarck, ND, 58504

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Mike Lindell lived through intense drug addictions, money issues, and adversity. But yet, he was able to create fame and fortune by following his dream of achieving the American dream through developing his dream of a pillow and by trusting in the Lord.

And, along with the highly successful MyPillow, you will now find Mike inspiring others through spreading his story and the word of Jesus to stadiums full of people, as well as helping others through his Lindell Foundation, Lindell Recovery Network, and MyStore.com site for entrepreneurs.

As if that wasn't enough, Mike is also an executive producer for the pro-life movie *Unplanned*. Plus, Mike has been to the White House as a crusader for American-made products and has joined President Trump many times in support of his presidency



HOW I LEARNED TO AVOID OVERREACTING *BY JONATHAN HOOVER*

I used to overreact. Now I seek clarity before reacting in communication with my wife. I slow down and examine my heart before engaging.

You never know what deadly creature you might encounter in an attic. Last year I climbed a ladder to the attic above my garage and was opening the access panel when something brown and green dropped onto my shoulder and coiled around my neck. I'd never crossed paths with a rattlesnake before, but I was certain that one was now hugging my neck. I briefly considered jumping off the ladder onto the concrete floor of our garage. *Maybe if I land hard on my shoulder, I thought, it will stun the snake and scare it away.*

Seconds before I would have jumped and dislocated my shoulder, I got a better look at the venomous serpent. It was actually a garden hose.

What a relief! But I'd almost done something really stupid to avoid being fatally wounded by an innocuous piece of tubing.

How often do we react before we really know what kind of problem we're facing? I've done it many times in my marriage. And I've tried to solve problems for my wife, Wendy, only to realize later that she never saw them as problems. As a result, I've become angry about things she's said before I realized that her comments weren't meant to be hurtful.

I'm learning, quite literally, to look before I leap. Here's how I do that:

I slow down before overreacting.

The faster I think, the fuzzier I think. One of the greatest ways to strengthen my connection with my wife is to slow down my reactions and wait for clarity before I respond to a situation.

I examine my heart.

There's a reason my mind immediately thought *snake* when that hose fell on me: I'm afraid of snakes. In the same way, I'm sometimes quick to draw conclusions about Wendy's behavior or words because of what I'm afraid of or what I dislike, not because of what she's actually done or said. I need to check myself. If I want garden hoses to be less threatening, I need to face my fear of snakes.

Every once in a while, I come across that garden hose in our garage. It reminds me to push the pause button on my reactions until I can really get clarity about the problem.



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She serves young ethnic minority (tribal) women who are at risk for, or survivors of, human trafficking, forced labor and sexual abuse.

She also continues 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.

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



Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This year's World Mission Offering resources are enclosed, themed around Jesus' words to the woman at the well, "Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14, NIV) One of the questions I often hear in my travels is, "what is my purpose in life?" Usually, the person asking is feeling aimless in terms of identity and purpose, or they are troubled by the times of uncertainty and unrest in the world around us. It is the human condition to long for a sense of purpose, and to search for meaningful ways in which we can leave a positive mark on history. Our thirst for more is much like the woman at the well. We desire to know our true purpose, and once our Creator meets that need and heals our brokenness, we cannot help but rush to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ so that others can know Jesus as well. The World Mission Offering resources from International Ministries provide inspiring stories of hope for your congregation. Each shows how Christ is working in the world through IM global servants and our partners – to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19) Like water, the most essential ingredient for life, the life-changing love of Christ is flowing and moving throughout the world, satisfying the thirst of those who seek him. Your church's gifts through the IM World Mission Offering bring your congregation into partnership in God's mission with IM's global servants and partners worldwide. Each of us has an essential role, and none can be considered insignificant. I invite you and your congregation to come alongside IM's global servants and partners to give generously for the World Mission Offering. In God's hands, your gift impacts communities around the world and I pray that you are inspired, knowing you are a part of these stories. Please set aside time in September or October to use the World Mission Offering 2019 videos (stream or download from our website at www.worldmissionoffering.org, or order a DVD by calling 1-610-768-2168), bulletin inserts and pew envelopes during your service. When your congregation sees what God is doing globally through you and IM, they will be amazed at how much is accomplished when we work together in God's mission. Please join me in praying for our global servants and in giving generously to the IM World Mission Offering as the Lord Jesus leads you to give. Gratefully,



Sharon Koh Executive Director/CEO