

# First Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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**September 26<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**



## **Birthdays this Week**

29<sup>th</sup> Dale Ellison  
29<sup>th</sup> Lori Lundblad

## **Sunday's Sermon**

"The Healing Power of Gratitude"  
Luke 17:11-19

## **ND ABY Youth Convention**

October 20 – 22

Registration forms for the ND ABY Youth Convention held by ND ABY on October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at Camp Bentley can be found on the table in the entry way of the church. There are also copies of the ABY Youth Ministry Policy, and Medical Release Form.

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**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Middle School (6:30-8:00pm)  
High School (8:15-9:15pm)

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."*



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**6:30-8:00pm**

## **STEER Inc.**

### **Missions Conference 2021**

"Rise Up and Stand Firm"  
based on Psalm 20:8

October 1 & 2, 2021

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center  
in Bismarck

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## **A Builder or a Wrecker**

I watched them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town.

With a ho-heave-ho and lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and a sidewall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are these men  
skilled,  
The men you'd hire if you had to build?"

He gave me a laugh and said, "No indeed!  
Just common labor is all I need.

I can easily wreck in a day or two,  
What builders have taken a year to do."

And I thought to myself as I went my way,  
Which of these two roles have I tried to  
play?

Am I a builder who works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square?

Am I shaping my deeds by a well-made  
plan,  
Patiently doing the best I can?

Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,  
Content with the labor of tearing down?

## **Preston's Perspective**

Dear members and friends of FBC,

I am humbled and honored by the church's decision last Sunday to call me as your next Pastor. I could have never anticipated this one year ago, but God works in mysterious ways.

We are a loving and caring church. Unfortunately, our church has suffered and experienced its share of difficult moments during these challenging times. Yet, God is still at work in the life of our church and has a plan for our future. Now is the time to move forward and continue building up the body of Christ here at FBC.

As we look to the future, I sincerely ask for your prayers and support, not only for myself, but also for the church and its ministry. The church is a community of believers who work together and use their gifts and abilities to glorify and bring honor to God. We are in this together and everyone is needed and has a place to serve here at FBC.

My hope and prayer is that we will continue the healing process that God has begun in the life of our church. Let us be faithful to God and work to strengthen our congregation. Together, I invite you to prayerfully consider with me what the Lord has planned for us a church so that we can all share in this vision.

The Apostle Paul wrote something similar to the church at Philippi when he said "I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it, but one thing I do: Forgetting what lies behind and straining toward what lies ahead. I press on..."

Let us move forward in unity, as one body, as the family of God here at the FBC of Bismarck. As we do, know that I am here for you. I care about you. I am praying for you (and our church). Let us press on together through Him who is the Head of the church, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Preston VanLoon