

First Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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October 31st–November 6th, 2021



Birthdays this Week

31st Micah Lundblad
6th Virginia Funches

Sundays Sermon

"Hope for a Certain Future"
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

FBC Advent Devotional

There are still several devotions that need to be written for our Advent Devotional. If you would like to write one, please let the Pastor or church secretary know.

A Thank You Message

Caryl Kaseman has returned home and is doing well. She wants to express her thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards and phone calls. She asks that we all continue to pray for her.

Bible Study

The Wednesday Bible Study is now meeting at 10:30 am at the church in the Pioneer Room. Everyone is invited to come.



November 3rd, 2021

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

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Gandhi

World Mission Offering

Throughout the month of October we will be taking the World Mission Offering.

"Let us be surprised every day by your grace. Let it create hope and may this grace, this hope, surprise those who need it most with water, food, shelter and peace"

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to sign up to serve as a GREETER and COMMUNION PREPARERS.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

If you cannot do it for a given week, please let Gary Allmendinger know.

Devotion Writing Class

Pastor Van Loon will be offering a 15 minute Advent Devotion Writing class after church on October 31 at 11:15 am in the Pioneer Room for anyone who is interested on "How to Write a Devotion."

Your Present Blessings

Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every person has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all people have some.

ABC Region Board

At the recent American Baptist Churches of the Dakota's virtual Biennial on October 19, Pastor VanLoon was elected to the Region Policy Board. He will be the Northern Lights area representative for our Region.

Preston's Perspective

In 1 Thessalonians 5: 18, The Apostle Paul wrote "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." So, this week, I would like to express my gratitude.

Thank you for the Pastor Appreciation recognition this past Sunday. I was very touched by all of your thoughtful cards and the generous gifts you gave to me. I appreciate you, all of your support, and words of encouragement. I am honored to serve as your Pastor.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to write a devotion for our church Advent Devotional booklet. We only need a few more people who will commit to sharing their thoughts and faith in a short devotion. **Thank you** to all who have signed up to serve as a greeter, provide the Children's Chat, prepare communion or scripture reader over the next few months. Your service is such a blessing and an important part of our worship service.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the church, your participation in Bible Study, commitment to missions, generous giving, and all of the ways you express and share your faith in the life of our church. It is a blessing to see the many ways that our church is alive and active in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Thank you to the Church Leadership Team, their time, and the many sacrifices they make to guide and lead our congregation. Each person gives of themselves in so many ways to give direction and help the life of our church.

Most of all, **I give thanks to the Lord** for His love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, and salvation. We have an awesome, loving, and caring God who has blessed us abundantly in Jesus Christ. It's great to be part of the family of God with you here at FBC. Have a great week!