

When Trouble Can Be “Good”

“Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I keep your word.”
– Psalm 119:67

“Very little is to be learned without affliction. If we would be scholars, we must be sufferers . . . God’s commands are best read by eyes wet with tears.”
– Spurgeon

Whether the news was joyful or challenging, Jesus never hid the truth from his disciples. “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life” (Mark 10:29-30).

The Christian life mingles joy and sorrow. How are you encountering the challenge part today? Jesus said, “In the world you shall have tribulation” (See John 16:33). Bible teacher Charles Bridges challenges us to see this as our Savior’s allotment for His people. He says it “marks not less His wisdom than His love. This is the gracious rod, by which He scourges back His prodigal children to Himself. This is the wise discipline, by which He preserves them from the poisoned sweetness of carnal allurements, and keeps their hearts in a simple direction towards Himself, as the well-spring of their everlasting joy. With all of them this one method has been pursued. All have been taught in one school. All have known the power of affliction in some of its varied forms of inward conflict or outward trouble. All have found a time of affliction a time of love. All have given proof, that the pains bestowed upon them have not been in vain.”

Trouble can be “good” if it deepens your life in the Word.

“He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”
– Hebrews 12:10-11

This Week At FBC Sunday’s Sermon

“Dear Church”

Hebrews 10:23-25

Pastor Chris Eaton

August 30 - September 5

Wednesday	6:30p	Awana All Leaders Meeting
Friday	6:00p 7:00p	Celebrate Recovery Dinner Celebrate Recovery
Saturday	8:00a	Men’s Breakfast

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WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

“Scottish Baptist minister Alexander Maclaren (1826-1910) observed that many who followed Jesus “were quite unaffected by the wisdom of His words and the beauty of His deeds.” Yet, “a miracle that found food precisely met their wants, and so there was an excited but impure enthusiasm, very unwelcome to Jesus.” (See John 6:1-59). Like them, our material needs and wants can draw us from seeking God and what He wants to do in our lives. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (See Colossians 3:1-3). Recall, “this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are -eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).





This week we are going to get out of our norms and remind ourselves of the gift of meeting on the Lord's Day as a church body. The enemy tempts us to believe that the gathering of the saints is first about personal preferences. Instead, let us first focus on God, be a blessing to our fellow believers, and challenge ourselves to die to self—all for HIS glory.

Pastor Chris & Jess Eaton

Missionary of the Week: Pete and Krista Zagadora-CRU

Though their transition to their new country in Central Asia is just over a year away, they are starting preparation now. Please pray they draw closer to the Lord over the next year and that all the paperwork will go smoothly.

NCA Ministry of the Week

Turtle Lake Baptist, Turtle Lake, ND

Prayer

"When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest'" (Matthew 9:36-38). Let's ask God to grant us hearts like His, hearts alive with compassion for those who are helpless. This will also prepare us for our upcoming ministry theme in 2027: People Matter to God (Key texts: John 3:16, 20:21; 2Corinthians 5:20).

Giving Thanks

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10). Our church family wishes to honor Ali Monley on her recent selection as Teacher of the Year by the Minot Education Association. Ali is a physical education instructor at Jim Hill Middle School. She is married to Nick and they have three children. Ali's parents are Reinaldo and Debbie Guitian. Congratulations, Ali!

Open Position: FBC is looking for a Media Coordinator. Please complete an application and drop off a resume at the Church Office.

THIS MORNING AT FBC

Nursery

Staffed for kids through 36mos
9:00a and 10:30a

Pre-school - Ages 3 - 5

Resumes Sept. 13

Elementary - K - 5th

Resumes Sept. 13

Children's Church - Ages 3 - 5

Resumes Sept. 13

Middle/High School Ministry

Resumes Sept. 13

Young Adult Ministry S.A.L.T.

Room 103 9:45a

Adult Ministry

Sunday School 9:45a

Find details for each ministry at the Information Booth in the Foyer, at fbcminot.org, or at the Church Office.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT FBC

1st Baptist Seniors: If you are 55 years or older, please join us in the Upstairs Lounge this week Thursday, Aug. 27, at 1:00p, for food, fun, and fellowship.

Awana: Cubbies, Sparks and T&T will begin at 6:30p on September 9. Registration is now open through the Church Center app.

Children's Sunday School Starts

September 13 at 9:45a: Log on to your Church Center App to register your child for Sunday School. If you have questions, please contact Lexy.

Save the Date - Mission Sunday:

We look forward to this yearly opportunity to appreciate Mission work and to celebrate the important role Missionaries play in today's world. We will be having a potluck after the 3rd service on September 13. Everyone is encouraged to bring sides to share. More info to follow.

First Baptist is holding a Tech

Training Session on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00a to 12:00p. All tech volunteers and those who are interested in joining our tech ministry are encouraged to attend. Contact Carrie Trondson with questions or to RSVP.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study:

6:00a: Starting September 15 FBC will be hosting a 30-week study of Romans titled "From Guilt to Grace," drawing us to the God who not only saves but also transforms. For more information check out mybsfinternational.org or call/text Jennifer @ 701-720-97

9:30a: This Ladies Bible Study resumes on Sept 15, and they are looking for either two adults or a mom and teen to work in the nursery from 9a to 11a—with pay. If interested, either contact Carey at 701-720-0190 or talk to Esther Redington.

Fall Family Tailgate on Sunday,

September 20, 2-4pm: All are invited to attend the Fall Family Tailgate to kick off both the new school year and the children and youth ministries! There will be yard games, bouncy castles, popcorn, popsicles, and Gospel face painting! Bring your friends!

Lost and Found: A number of coats and shirts have been left in the church. Please check the coat rack in the upstairs hallway to see if they belong to you. Any articles left will be donated to the Salvation Army at the end of the month.

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