

## Precious Percents

A recent study by Barna (2019) reveals that 64% of young adults who grew up in the evangelical church will drop out of church between the ages of 18-29. According to this study, only 36% of evangelical-raised students remain actively connected to a church after graduation.

The average U.S. student graduates at 18. By then, they will have about 90,000 waking hours. If a student attended every weekly meeting, monthly event, camp, and mission trip from 6th-12th grade, that would be about 2.5% of their life by graduation. Put another way, the time we can get with a student is equal to 9-14 sports seasons. Meaning a multi-sport athlete can log more hours in 3 years of sports than full youth ministry involvement over 7 years.

God reminds us through the psalmist, "Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked . . . But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night" (Psalms 1:1-2, NLT). If we become what we behold, then we want to be intentional about what our kids are meditating on.

Our time with your students is short, so each meeting is crafted with purpose. Sunday school gives understanding of Scripture in its entirety. Wednesday night creates small group accountability while discussing Scripture amongst peers. Sunday night youth group teaches doctrine and its impact on how we live. Events foster joy in Christian community and outreach. Camps immerse students in time with God in all daily activities. Mission trips train students to actively live out their faith.

Every bit of that 2.5% of your student's time is precious to us, and we thank you for it; but as believers, we must consider what is influencing the other 97.5% and pray God increases our 36%.

In His Service,  
Pastor Christopher Eaton

## This Week At FBC Sunday's Sermon

### Build of a Lifetime

**Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20, & Selected Scriptures**

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## August 31 - September 6

<b>Monday</b>		Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30p	Awana Begins
<b>Friday</b>	7:00p	Celebrate Recovery Dinner Celebrate Recovery
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00a	Men's Breakfast

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## WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). What enables us to aim for such heights in the Christian life? The indwelling resurrection power of Christ. "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you (Romans 8:11). The strongest power in the world is the resurrection power of Jesus. As followers of Christ, we can live in this power. "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).





Moses & Joshua, Elijah & Elisha, Jesus & the 12, Paul & Timothy—all of these are examples of discipleship. Though each one is different in what they were discipling for, they have a common thread of being someone who pours into another individual's life. As we look to their example, we must see how God is calling us to put discipleship into application in our own lives.

**Pastor Chris & Jessica Eaton**

### Missionary of the Week - Troy and Nancy Shirley - CRU

They have made the decision to leave Cru, an organization they love and respect, to pursue the next horizon they believe God has for them. Nancy is beginning work at Sanford as a Pediatric Occupational Therapist, and Troy will begin the steep climb of studying to become a financial planner. They want to let us know they aren't leaving because of dissatisfaction with Cru or due to financial stress; they just feel the time is right.

### NCA Ministry of the Week

First Baptist, Linton, ND

### Prayer

"A little pride, vanity, or carelessness will dash to pieces everything we have been wearily working a long time for. Therefore, the joy of our life, the comfort of our souls rises and falls with our diligence in this work to keep our heart with all diligence" (John Flavel, *Keeping the Heart*). Grace cannot thrive in a careless soul. The surrounding culture will absorb us if we do not develop practices to fight it! Pray today for a heart to stay fueled by the Word of Christ and the Spirit of God (Proverbs 4:23; Romans 12:1-2).

Pray for those impacted by the school shooting in Minneapolis on Wednesday, August 27. Pray especially for those who have lost a loved one. Their loss is great.

### Giving Thanks

What a wonder is Jesus! "If Jesus had never lived, we would not have been able to invent Him" wrote Walter Wink. "Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory" (1 Timothy 3:16). Give thanks to God today for revealing to us His Son who brings us life!

### Announcements

A church member has some nice girls clothes sizes 10-12 and 14-16. There is no charge for these items. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

### THIS MORNING AT FBC

#### Nursery

Staffed for kids through 36 months  
9:50a and 11:05a

#### Pre-school/Kindergarten

Sunday School - Resumes Sept.7

#### Children's Ministry

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#### Adult Ministry

9:45a in the Gym

#### Children's Church - Ages 3 - 5

Room 101/102 Resumes Sept.7

#### Middle/High School Ministry

Downstairs Lounge - 9:45a

#### Young Adult Ministry S.A.L.T.

Room 106 - 9:45a

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT FBC

**1st Baptist Seniors:** If you are 55 years or older, please join us Thursday, Aug 28, at 1:00p.

**Church Office Closed Sept. 1:** The Office will be closed for Labor Day.

**Sunday School Kickoff:** A Children's Ministry Kick-Off Event has been scheduled for Sunday, Sept 7, from 2:00-4:00p, at Radio City Park, 3417 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Minot. We hope all families involved in any of our Children's Ministries plan to attend. Expect a good time of Fellowship, root beer floats, a snack, a Family Scavenger Hunt, a few brief updates on our children's ministries, and time for the kids to play. Invite a new family!

**Worship Night:** If you are looking for an opportunity to replenish your spirit and focus on God, join us for an extended time of praise and worship on Sunday, September 14, at 6:30p.

**Celebrate Recovery:** If you would like to prepare a meal for the group the next available dates are in 2026. Contact Larry Stenson at 701-509-7720.

### Fall Adult SS Classes

**Dean Redington** will continue 1st Samuel beginning with Chapter 11 in the Gym at 9:45a. Even though God has guaranteed an eternal land inheritance to the nation of Israel, enemies tried to take over the land, a struggle that endures to the present-day Arab-Israeli conflict.

**Bob Crackel** will lead a discussion on *Design for Discipleship* in the SE Classroom at 9:45a.

**Pete Barrett** will continue "Bible Lessons" for the Young Adults (S.A.L.T.) in Room 106 at 9:45a.

### Ladies Bible Studies Begin

#### Tuesday, September 9

#### 6:00a Ladies Bible Study Fellowship:

"Exile and Return" will explore how God equips and positions His people with a study of Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Malachi. One of the three classes in Minot meets in the SE classroom at FBC. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Nelson at 720-9717 or go to bsfinternational.org

**9:30a Ladies Bible Study:** Follow the people of God as they work to secure the land God had promised to them in this video series called *The Book of Joshua* by Louie Giglio. Come and bring a friend!

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