

First Word - Issue 28 - July 19, 2026

**“I’m sorry, I’m sorry, I don’t know how to pray;
My mommy never taught me, and I don’t know what to say;
I know you love Jesus; I can feel it here today; but I’m sorry,
I’m sorry, I don’t know how to pray.”**

Those are the lyrics of a song I listened to on Children’s Bible Hour when I was a little girl. I recall writing a letter to the children’s ministry and asking for the song to be played again. I also asked for a picture of Uncle Steve and Davy Duck! I still have those pictures somewhere—and the song is still in my head!

Looking back, prayer is one thing that I have consistently pursued. I am so fortunate to belong to a church where corporate prayer is encouraged and scheduled three times a week: in Pastor Kent’s office half an hour before the first service on Sunday, and at The Gathering on Sunday at 4:30pm and Wednesday at 7:00pm. We share praises and present prayer requests. We are also encouraged in God’s Word individually and as a group with Bible readings or hymns. Being aware of prayer needs in the life of the church also encourages personal prayer.

Here is a personal example of an amazing, answered prayer just this week. I was reflecting on James 1:5: “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” This prompted the prayer, “Please God, give me wisdom in how to parent my adult children!” The answer came soon. I was led to apply the instruction found in James 5:19-20: “My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth, and someone should bring him back, whoever turns a sinner from the error of his ways will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.” A simple act of prayer helped me identify the next steps to take with my adult children.

I invite and encourage you to come join in the fellowship of prayer!

Partners in Prayer,
Melanie Skar

This Week At FBC Sunday’s Sermon

Your Mind Matters
Psalms 119:33-40
Pastor Kent Hinkel

July 19 - 25

Sunday	4:00p	Missions Committee
Monday	6:30p	Deaconess Committee
Thursday	1:00p	1 st Baptist Seniors
Friday	7:00p	Celebrate Recovery

Summer Service Hours: Traditional Worship 9:00a-10:00a, Fellowship Time 10:00-10:30a, and Contemporary Worship 10:30a-11:30a

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Download the FBC App today! Easily submit prayer requests and connect with our church family. Scan the QR code to get started!



WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

According to Scripture, Jesus prays for us. What does He pray? (See John 17:20-26; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25). These are prayers for our unity, our joy, and our continuance in mission. Christ’s prayers for us leave no room for “lukewarmness.” Richard Baxter observes, “The very last accusation brought by the Savior against a fallen church was that of lukewarmness—being neither cold nor hot” (See Revelation 3:16). Today, invite a fresh awakening of God’s Spirit into your life. Pray for the strength to finish well in the life of faith. With the psalmist, say to God, “Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in Your ways” (Psalm 119:37).



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Charles Spurgeon writes, “No man ever received spiritual life, or the renewal of it, from any other source but the living God.” Today, let’s join with the author of Psalm 119 and pray, “Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in Your ways” (Psalm 119:37). Serving Christ together, Pastor Kent and Trish

Missionary of the Week: Lynn Mathes-CRU

Please pray for their team’s summer ministry initiatives to send and equip new teams to launch ministries and discipleship overseas. Pray for the staff who are raising finances, and pray the group will be fully funded for kingdom work.

NCA Ministry of the Week
Martin Baptist, Martin, ND

Prayer

John Bunyan (1628-1688) is best known for *Pilgrim’s Progress* (1678), a book that has never gone out of print and is one of the best-sellers of all time. C.S. Lewis called it, “a book that has astonished the whole world.” This allegory tells of a man named Christian as he travels from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Another important book by John Bunyan, *Prayer*, concludes with ten exhortations to God’s people. Here are five of them.

1. Believe that as sure as you are in the way of God you must meet with temptations. When they do come, beg of God to carry thee through them.
2. Keep in the life and power of truth.
3. Look most at the things which are not seen.
4. Consider the work of thy generation.
5. Count to run with the foremost therein.

“Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.”

Bunyan, John. *A Discourse Touching Prayer*.

Giving Thanks

Today, recall the goodness of God in sending the Son to be our rescue from sin. Without the Son, we would have no lasting hope in this world. (See Ephesians 2:12). For those who “Taste and see that the LORD is good!” there is the promise of a blessed, abundant life.

“The abundant life is above all the contented life, in which our contentment is based upon the fact that God is equal to every emergency and is able to supply all our needs according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus.” (James Montgomery Boice)
“Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne.” (Isaac Watts, 1674-1748)

Condolence

We offer condolences to Connie and Bob Opperude on the passing of Connie’s sister Denise Simpson, 66, who passed away on July 14 at Trinity Hospital. A memorial service is planned for later this summer in Virginia.

THIS MORNING AT FBC

Nursery

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

Pre-school/Kindergarten

Sunday School 9:00a

Children’s Ministry

Sunday School 9:00a

Children’s Church - Ages 3 - 5

Room 100/101 10:30a

Middle/High School Ministry

Downstairs Lounge 9:00a

Young Adult Ministry S.A.L.T.

Room 103 10:30a

Adult Ministry

Sunday School 9:00a and 10:30a

Thank you

I would like extend my thanks to my FBC family for the lovely commemorative personalized plaque honoring my time as the FBC Children’s Ministry Director. It is beautiful and very special to me. Thank you also for the gift card. Elaine Carlson

WHAT’S COMING UP AT FBC

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

Memorial Service: Matt and Coreen Berube will host an informal celebration of the life of Judy Hall on July 19 at 3pm at FBC. Contact Coreen at 701-240-8741 for more information.

Gratitude: “Donut” forget to stop in for coffee and conversation in the gym from 10:00 to 10:30a. **Thank you** for “tipping” the Bearscat Bakery staff for their generous gift of sweet treats. All donations will be distributed to their employees at the end of the summer.

Allergy Sensitivities: To assist those with allergies, we ask that you refrain from using perfumes, colognes, or scented lotions prior to attending worship. Thank you.

Child Dedication Service: “Children are a Heritage of the Lord . . .” (Psalm 127:3). If you would like to have your child dedicated, please call or email the Church Office.

RightNow Media: This is an incredible video library of Bible studies, conferences, and so much more! Contact the Church Office at office@fbcmint.org to get an email invite for this free offer.

Prayer Chain: During the day send prayer requests either to the Church Office or to Lois at 701-838-0405; send evening requests to Marsha at 701-500-2836. Discover that PRAYER WORKS.

Men’s Monday Night Bible Study: Do you want to grow deeper in your relationship with the Lord? Join other men on Monday nights, at 7:00p, in the Downstairs Lounge. “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17).

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