

Skin in the Game

Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly used improbable people. David was an overlooked shepherd, Gideon thought of himself as the lowest in his father's house in the weakest clan, and Moses doubted his speaking abilities (also murdered someone and ran away from home for 40 years, but hopefully focusing on only the relatable things here). These are just a few examples of people that God used who were unexpected or "lowly" (by earthly standards) in His handiwork.

God does this on purpose even today. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:27-28, "But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are. . . ." God repeatedly demonstrates throughout history that His strength and wisdom far surpass what the world considers strong and wise.

David, Moses, and Gideon were not used by God because they were the most qualified for the work. They were used because they trusted in God and were willing to obey. He did not NEED them to accomplish His work, but what a privilege it was for them to be used.

The opportunity and privilege to be used by God is still available today. Yet when we walk into church and see many people faithfully serving, it can be easy to think, "They have it covered," or "They don't need me." The truth is that God has uniquely gifted every believer and designed His church so that each person has a role to play. Whether it is serving in a ministry, sharing the Gospel with someone, discipling a new believer, or simply meeting a need where you see it, God loves an underdog just as much as the rest of us. You don't have to be the best, you have to be willing. Willing to serve, learn, grow, help others do the same, and get some skin in the game. The question is not whether God can accomplish His work without us. The question is whether we are willing to experience the joy of joining Him in what He is already doing.

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Children's Ministry Director

P.S. Jonah was unwilling and got swallowed up by a fish. Just something to consider.

This Week At FBC

Sunday's Sermon

Ask for the Ancient Paths

Psalm 119:1-8

Pastor Kent Hinkel

This is what the Lord says: "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; Then you will find a resting place for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" - Jeremiah 6:16

June 14-20

Monday	6:30p	Deaconess Committee Meeting
Thursday	7:00p	Elder Board
Friday	7:00p	Celebrate Recovery
Saturday	8:00a 10:00a	Men's Breakfast Men's Fishing Event

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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WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

In times of uncertainty, those who belong to Jesus can be certain of an unlimited future. They have ". . . come to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels . . . to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect" (Hebrews 12:22-23, emphasis mine). Christians are not yet "the righteous made perfect." Yet, every person who claims to know Christ is called to grow in obedience to Him. Let us say with the psalmist, "Search me, God, and know my heart; Put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there is any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way" (Psalm 139:23-24).





How important is Scripture in your daily life? God intends it to be all-important. God's Word reminds us of the hope we possess in Christ (see Eph. 1:18-19; Hebrews 12:22-23). God's Word helps us take up the full armor of God for spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:10-17). God's Word is also a great protection from sin. Thus says the psalmist, "I have treasured Your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11). Let us be servants of the Word! Our love, Pastor Kent and Trish

Missionary of the Week: CEF-Child Evangelism Fellowship

Pray God would use CEF to equip fellow saints by deepening their love for and knowledge of His word. Pray the Good News Clubs will be equipped to ". . . tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and His might, and the wonders that He has done" (Psalms 78:4).

NCA Ministry of the Week
Temple Baptist, Jamestown, ND

Prayer

Pray for the Iranian people to soon be able to enjoy freedom in life and worship. Pray for the end to the war in Ukraine.

Pray for the individuals serving on the Summer 2026 Summer Staff at Crystal Springs. Ask for sustaining grace and daily wisdom for the camp staff as they put in long days. Pray for each camper's life to be genuinely impacted for the gospel of Christ!

Giving Thanks

The long-awaited facility expansion will soon begin! A few remaining steps will soon be completed by the general contractor and a projected date will be established to break ground! Thanks for supporting this significant project!

Open House

You are invited to an Open House in the 221 Room at Planet Pizza on Sat, June 20, from 5-8p, to celebrate the May 23 marriage in Sun City, AZ, of Jonas Bubach and Tatum Lopez. RSVP name and number attending by email to rbubach@minot.com or text to 701-720-3641. Invitations are available at the Information Desk.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT FBC

VBS Food Donations Needed! Stop by the VBS table in the Foyer and sign up to donate a food item(s) needed to serve meals for the VBS workers and their families. Your donation helps us defer the cost of VBS and ultimately makes sharing the gospel with many children much more possible. Thank you for your contribution.

Men's Breakfast: On Saturday, June 20, at 8:00a, join other men from FBC for faith, food, and fellowship. They meet the 1st and 3rd Saturday.

Church Library News: We are blessed to have two talented authors among our church family: Robert Helton and Katherine Evans. Copies of their books are available in the Church Library.

Vacation Bible School: Registration is now open for VBS 2026—**Rainforest Falls**—on June 21-25 for children ages 4 through 5th grade. Pick up a postcard on the table in the foyer or go to either the FBC website or the app. **Crew-Lead Volunteers needed!**

Gratitude: "Donut" forget to treat yourself to coffee and conversation in the gym from 10:00 to 10:30a and to "tip" the Bearscat Bakery staff for their generous donation of sweet treats. All donations received will be distributed to their employees at the end of the summer.

FBC's Community Water Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, from 11a - 2p. Bring your kids and invite your friends and neighbors to this free event where you will enjoy water slides and face painting along with food, fun, and fellowship.

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).

Crystal Springs Baptist Camp: Pick up a flyer at the Information Desk or visit www.cbscamp.org to find more information and to register your child.

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

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

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