

Spring Forward, Don't Fall Back!

Whether or not you are a fan of Daylight Savings Time, it's just about time to "spring forward." It won't be spring for another three weeks—or longer—yet our hearts and minds are decreasingly focused on winter. Farmers are thinking about spring's work. People like Tom Smesrud are telling us to buy our garden seed as "It's already too late to get some varieties." At church, we can hardly wait to see the groundbreaking take place as the expansion project begins. Planning is underway for a Summer Youth Mission trip, a Vacation Bible School, and a spring Car Care Clinic.

Sunday messages this spring and summer will take us into both the New and Old Testament. Our NT study will cover the six chapters of Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Please give this letter a fresh read; it will ready your heart for new discoveries. Our first OT study will be a summer-long focus on "the longest song in the Bible" – Psalm 119. This will be an in-depth examination of the multifaceted nature of God's Word and its astounding applicability to daily life. Here is a preview of passages from each of these books:

"For you are all sons and daughters of God through faith in Christ Jesus."
– Galatians 3:26

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free" – Galatians 5:1a

"For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." – Galatians 5:13

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word."
– Psalm 119:9

"The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!"
– Psalm 119:64

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"
– Psalm 119:103

Jesus said, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly My disciples" (John 8:31). Becoming a devoted disciple of Jesus and obeying His Word belong together.

Partners in Ministry,
Pastor Kent

This Week At FBC Sunday's Sermon

Why Become a Devoted Disciple

Genesis 15:1-6

Pastor Kent Hinkel

March 8-14

Sunday	12:15p	YF3 (Youth Family Fellowship)
Tuesday	6:00p 7:00p 7:00p	CR Leadership Meeting Trustee Committee Meeting Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	1:30p	White Cross
Friday	7:00p	Celebrate Recovery

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WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

We are better together! Not only is there "strength in numbers," there is strength in partnering in the use of our spiritual gifts. The Apostle Peter said, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10). The Apostle Paul reminded Timothy, "I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you . . ." (2 Timothy 1:6). Your spiritual gifts are intended to significantly impact the kingdom work of our church. Are you engaging your gifts through a personal ministry? "Every spiritual gift, every active grace, is increased by exercise, while its efficiency withers by neglect" (Charles Bridges).





At this week's staff meeting, we revisited the words and melody of a hymn from 1871. We warmed our hearts over its subject – the love of God. The song? "Jesus Loves Even Me." This hymn declares the Bible's message of God's love with joyful words and music. "I am so glad that our Father in heaven tells of His love in the Book He has given; Wonderful things in the Bible I see, this is the dearest, that Jesus loves me. Though I forget Him and wander away, Kindly He follows wherever I stray; Back to His dear loving arms would I flee, when I remember that Jesus loves me." Be certain, the King of kings, loves you.

Pastor Kent & Trish Hinkel

Missionary of the Week: Brandon and Marci Jones-NAB Missionaries to Brazil

Praise God for the last 10 years of ministry in Brazil! Over the next few months they are preparing for their home assignment. God has provided them with a house in Aurora, Missouri, near Marci's mother.

NCA Ministry of the Week
Missio Church, Bismarck, ND

Prayer

Praying for the Middle East: The current Christian population of Iran is estimated to be at one million. Hormoz Shariat, founder of Iran Alive Ministries, reports a recent surge of Iranians coming to faith in Christ. Two days before the war began, Iranian authorities blocked satellite television channels and restricted internet access in the country. "They do not want people to be influenced, informed, and led by outside influencers." Shariat is asking the global church to pray. **"Please pray that fear and confusion will not control the hearts and the minds of the Iranian Christians in Iran . . . Pray they will be led by God's love and empowered by the Holy Spirit to boldly share the gospel and lead tens of thousands of souls to Christ"** (Nelson, Jill. "Iranian Christians Celebrate and Pray for the Hope of a Free Iran, *Christianity Today*, 1 March 2026).

Giving Thanks

"We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about His power and His mighty wonders" (Psalm 78:4). We thank the Lord for the church's flourishing children's ministry as it teaches those coming up behind us the great truths of Scripture. The goal is clear: To make disciples! "So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting His glorious miracles and obeying His commands" (Psalm 78:7). We also give thanks for the Search Committee as they look diligently for the next Director of Children's Ministries. Committee Members are Glenn Peterson, Greg Vannatta, Chris Collins, Bob Crackel, Christie Vander Vorst, Nadine Nelson, and Pastor Brandon Smith.

THIS MORNING AT FBC	Nursery Staffed for kids through 36mon 9:50a and 11:05a	Children's Church - Ages 3 - 5 Room 101/102 - 11:00a
	Pre-school/Kindergarten Sunday School - 9:45a	Middle/High School Ministry Downstairs Lounge - 9:45a
	Children's Ministry Sunday School - 9:45a	Young Adult Ministry S.A.L.T. Room 106 - 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

Youth Family Fellowship Fun (YF3):

Families of 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for our quarterly Youth Family Fellowship Fun (YF3) on Sunday, March 8, from 12:15-2:00p. We will provide pizza for the whole family. After lunch, parents will have a chance to receive a youth update from Pastor Chris and pray over both the ministry and the students. We'll provide activities for the youth and childcare for kids in 5th grade and younger.

Winter SOULstice:

This weekend retreat for Junior High students will be held on March 13-15 at Crystal Springs Baptist Camp in Medina, ND. The cost is \$95. Register by March 6 at www.csbcamp.org.

Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study:

Starting Mar 19 from 6:30p-8:00p we will learn to find comfort in any situation through a study of Lisa Harper's 8-session video series *Lyrics of Life - A Psalm for Every Situation*. Sign up at the Info Desk by Mar 15. Call Nadine Nelson at 701-721-5404 with questions. Childcare will be available.

SHE Event: "Ladle and Laugh"

will be on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:30p, in the gym. We will be ladling up some yummy soup and then will enjoy lots of laughter while playing board games. Feel free to bring a game you love to play. We will have lots of games to try out, like Pit, Telestrations, You Can't Say Um, and many more. Bring a friend and be ready to have a great time laughing together.

White Cross Circle:

Men and women are encouraged to join us Thursday, March 12, at 1:30p, in the Downstairs Lounge. We focus our efforts on missions by sewing to provide supplies for our missionaries and by praying for their needs. We meet on the second Thursday of the month. If you would like to bring lunch or snacks, email jkreddig@srt.com or call 852-5485/720-2224. Thanks, Kaylene.

THANK YOU

to the volunteers of all ages who step up—whether on a committee or not—to assist in a variety of ways, from setting up or taking down chairs and tables to donating food and supplies to filling in when and wherever a need arises. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Heb 13:16).

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