

First Word - Issue 42 - October 26, 2025

#### Let's Look Like the One We Proclaim

"Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law . . . But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires" - Romans 13:8,14 "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." - 1 Corinthians 11:1

Pastors often get close to the pain people suffer. It's always a sobering but instructive experience. One sees people "living their faith." I will never forget witnessing the words a wounded parent spoke to an adult child after enduring years of grief and defiance. With resolution, gentleness, and clarity, the parent humbly spoke the words, "I forgive you." It was evident all was forgiven. This was one of the most Christ-like events I have ever witnessed.

In A Today Sort of Evangelism, John Poulton challenges us: "Christians need to look like what they are talking about. It is people who communicate primarily, not words or ideas. Authenticity gets across. Deep down inside people, what communicates now is basically personal authenticity."

The local church has both the opportunity and the responsibility to accomplish a crucial work for God. Think about these three things:

## A Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church has

- 1. what is needed to engage God's global mission of mercy and evangelization
- 2. what is needed to build up the body of Christ

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3. what is needed to ensure every member and family is cared for

Our church is about more than these things, but not anything less. What a privilege it is to live within God's family and give ourselves to the important work of the kingdom!

We are our message. Let us pray we will embody the things we believe.

Partners in ministry,

Pastor Kent









# This Week At FBC

# Sunday's Sermon

**Mission Work Impact Guest Speaker Shan Reed** 

# October 26 - November 1

Sunday	All Services 12:15p	Missions Sunday Missions Potluck
Tuesday	7:00p	Deacon Board
Friday	7:00p	Celebrate Recovery

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# **WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT**

"The greatest difficulty in conversion is to win the heart to God. The greatest difficulty after conversion is to keep the heart with God." (John Flavel, 1627-1691). At the end of life's journey, our lives will testify as to how well we guarded our hearts. The well-guarded heart will focus upon being an effective servant in God's kingdom today and preparing for eternity tomorrow. "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life" (Proverbs 4:23). See also Psalm 16:11 and Matthew 12:35.



Today, on Missions Sunday, we celebrate and honor the many missionaries we support around the world—faithful servants committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. This morning, we are especially blessed to hear from Shan Reed as she shares about her missionary journey and the work God is doing through her ministry. May you be encouraged as you see the fruit of God's kingdom and the impact of lives transformed by His grace. **Shan Reed-NAB** 

## Missionary of the Week: Shan Reed-NAB

Pray for her as she began her new role with NAB International Missions Team as the Mobilization Director on September 1. We welcome her to FBC today for our Mission Sunday!

> **NCA Ministry of the Week** New Leipzig Baptist, ND

## Praver

If you are reading this it is likely you go to our church. Paul gives Timothy some valuable instructions regarding the church that would remind us we don't just go to church—we are a church family. 1 Timothy 5:1-2 tells us just how to treat each member of this family: Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity. Consider your place in our church family. Check out the rest of 1 Timothy 5 for some more family advice!

## **Giving Thanks**

God reminds us in Jeremiah 5:24 that there are some who overlook the blessings he gives all of us as we can be assured of our seasonal rains and an adequate time in the fall to harvest. "They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest." With that great reminder, we offer thanks to God for the successful early harvest for our area farmers, and we continue to pray for time to harvest the late corn and sunflower crops.

#### Condolences

We express our heartfelt prayers and condolences to Mari and Richard Bubach in the passing of Mari's father, James Ruff. He passed on Oct. 20, 2025, in Wishek, ND, at the age of 87. The service will be on Nov 1 at 10:30a at Wishek First Baptist Church.

Nursery

MORNING

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

Pre-school/Kindergarten Sunday School - 9:45a

Children's Ministry Sunday School - 9:45a

**Adult Ministry** Sunday School - 9:45a Children's Church - Ages 3 - 5 Room 101/102 - 11:00a

Middle/High School Ministry Downstairs Lounge - 9:45a

Young Adult Ministry S.A.L.T. Room 106 - 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

**CEF of ND, NW Chapter Banquet:** Join us at The Foundry in Minot on Saturday, Oct 25, from 5:30-7p, to hear a message from John Luck, CEF Vice President of Global Partnership Ministry, as well as to hear from our summer Go Club students and our new local director Karl Krause. To register, go to their Facebook page or call Naomi Brendsel at 701-263-1468.

October 26, 2025, is Missions **Sunday:** We look forward to this yearly opportunity to appreciate Mission work and celebrate the important role Missionaries play in today's world. We will be having a potluck after the 3<sup>rd</sup> service at 12:15p; chicken will be provided, and everyone is encouraged to being a side or a dessert to share.

Attention Church Family: If you have brought any bars or desserts and left your pans at FBC, please head down to the Kitchen to pick them up. Thank you so much for always being willing to help with FBC events.

It's SHE Time! Ladies, join us as we learn to decorate Christmas cookies. Missy Rohrbeck, owner of The Cookie Cutter, will teach us simple Christmas cookie decorating skills that are sure to wow your friends and family. The event is being held Thurs., Nov. 13, at 6:30p, in the Gym. The cost is \$10 per person which includes all supplies and cookies. Snacks and the coffee cart will be available. Please RSVP on the Church Center app or sign up in the Church Lobby by Nov. 7.

**Capital Campaign Videos:** Every week we feature a new video for the Campaign. If you would like to rewatch any of these videos, logon to fbcminot.org, select Campaign Information, and scroll to the bottom of the page.

**Operation Christmas Child:** People across the country fill shoeboxes with small toys, school supplies, and other little gifts. Please bring in your boxes only during the week of November 17. Brochures and boxes are available in the Church Foyer.

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