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A Recipe for Good Fruit

“For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake.” – 2 Corinthians 4:5

“For Christ’s love compels us . . . those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.”
– 2 Corinthians 4:14-15

A man with no prior connection to FBC recently said to me, “I cannot understand how a group of people would want to pray for me when I don’t even attend church there.” This man has been walking through a difficult valley for the past year. People from FBC who were aware of this have come alongside him and quietly offered support. He has marveled at this. Most of us don’t expect to receive “something for nothing” in life. Yet, the kingdom of Jesus operates differently. In His kingdom, the undeserving receive what they need without earning or deserving it, beginning with eternal life. Jesus tells us, “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand” (John 10:28).

Our mission statement, “Knowing Jesus, Becoming Like Jesus” and “Sharing Jesus” is a daily call to impact people like the man I mentioned. We are here to help people discover a relationship with Jesus. We are here to help people become apprentices of Jesus! We are here to proclaim Jesus through our daily lives. If we will give ourselves to these things, there will be visible fruit.

I leave you with two important truths: Allow the love of Christ to compel you. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). As you share Christ, keep the message upon Jesus. None of us can save an eternal soul. Only Jesus can. Make the message rest upon Him! “For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake” (2 Corinthians 4:5). John Ruskin reminds us, “A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small parcel.”

His and yours,
Pastor Kent

This Week At FBC

Sunday’s Sermon

Experts or Apprentices
Selected Scripture
Pastor Kent Hinkel

September 14 - 20

Sunday	10:50a and 12:00p 6:30p	Youth Missions Pancake Fundraiser Worship Night
Monday	9:00a - 5:00p 6:30p	Sew What Care Group Deaconess Meeting
Tuesday	7:00p	Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	6:30p	SHE Ministries Kickoff
Friday	7:00p	Celebrate Recovery
Saturday	8:00a 1:00p - 3:00p	Men’s Breakfast 45 Club (Offsite)

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WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God” (Ephesians 4:1). What does it mean to live a life worthy of Jesus? Let’s be honest with ourselves. It is easy to profess to be a Christian and yet live a day-to-day life which is indistinguishable from popular culture. Jesus not only saves from sin. He saves us for something! He bought us back from the pawn shop operated by the world, the flesh and the devil to love Him and follow Him. He says to us, “If you love Me, keep My commands.” Ask yourself today, “Am I living the life of a disciple? Am I living as an apprentice of Jesus?”



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Among many good reasons to give ourselves to the study of God's Word are these: Scripture keeps us centered, guides to peace, and helps us fight the sin which so easily entangles. "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11). Jesus affirmed the Old Testament as Scripture and the authority of His words which we have been preserved for us in the New Testament: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Let's consider again today the inestimable value of the living Word.

Pastor Kent Hinkel

Missionary of the Week - Shan Reed—NAB Japan

Pray for Shan as she begins her new role as the Mobilization Director with NAB International Missions on Sept 1. In this position, Shan will work alongside NAB churches and regions to deepen mission engagement and to inspire and mentor those God is calling to serve on the international mission field.

NCA Ministry of the Week

Martin Baptist, Martin, ND

Prayer

Please pray for our area farmers as they encounter many challenges, including low commodity prices, rising operating costs, ever increasing cost of living, and high interest rates. Some of our area farmers have been discouraged beyond the point of despair and chosen to abandon hope.

Giving Thanks

Life's greatest gift and highest honor is to be called a child of God! Today, give thanks for Christ who has adopted you into His forever family. The sinless, perfect, suffering Son of God is not ashamed to call you His brother or sister! "In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what He suffered. Both the One who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters" (Hebrews 2:10-11).

Condolences

Our condolences to Bill Austin in the passing of his mother, Rosella E. Smith, 87, Minot, on Thurs, Sept. 4. Rose loved the Lord and was prepared to be with Him. Her memorial service will be on Sept. 12, at 10a, at St. Leo's Church in Minot.

THIS MORNING AT FBC

Nursery

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

From the Ground Up Coffee Ministry: Specialty coffee is served on Sunday mornings in the Upstairs Lounge. 100% of the donations is gifted to our Missionaries at Christmas.

Find details for each ministry at the Information Booth in the Foyer, at fbcm.inot.org, or at the Church Office.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT FBC

Youth Missions Pancake Meal and Vision Fundraiser:

Join us in the Gym on Sun., Sept. 14, at 10:50a or 12:00p., to hear student testimonies from last summer's mission trip and to learn about our vision for next summer's international trip. All donations are free will and will go towards the Youth Missions Fund. GF and DF options will be available.

Worship Night: To replenish your spirit and focus on God, join us for an extended time of praise and worship on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 6:30p.

SHE Time Fall Kickoff! Join us for an evening of Coffee and Canvas on Thurs., Sept. 18, at 6:30p, in the Gym. Our own Sina Simpson will be teaching us to paint a beautiful masterpiece on canvas. The Coffee Cart will be available for a good will offering to benefit our missionaries. Snacks and paint supplies will be provided. Bring a friend as we kick off the new year of SHE Ministries!

6:00p Thurs. Night Ladies Bible Study:

Is Biblical literacy important to you? What does that even mean? Do you want to read your Bible more and understand it better? Do you have a desire to know more than just the facts? Do you long for a deep and vibrant relationship with God? If so, then join me for a new weekly Bible Study to take joy in reading the Bible using Zach Windahl's book *The Bible, Simplified: Learn the Story, Live the Story*. God wants us to know Him, share His truth, and become like His Son Jesus. It begins on Thurs., Oct. 2, from 6:00p-7:30p, in the Downstairs Lounge. Childcare is available from infant to age 9. Please sign up at the Information Desk or call Cathy McDonald at 951-970-5351.

Steer Missions Conference: Consider attending the annual Steer Mission Conference on October 3-4 in Bismarck! This year's banquet speaker is Mark Mittelberg. Mark grew up at FBC in Minot and today he is a best-selling author and international speaker. For more information, please visit steerinc.org.

Temporary Church Office Hours: September 15 - 19 the Church Office will have modified hours. Mon 9a -1p, Tue 10a- 2:30p, Wed 9a -12p, Thurs 8:30a - 11a, Fri 8a - 12p. If you need to contact the office, please email or leave a voice mail, and we will follow up as soon as possible.

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