

A Recipe for Gratitude

What inspires great gratitude in your life? Being awakened from a life without God has become, for me, a lifelong reason for gratitude to God. (See Eph. 2:1-2). The preservation of the human soul is only the beginning of the Father's goodness to us. James Boice takes the following verse of Scripture and elucidates some great truths.

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth."
– Psalm 124:8

1. Others may offer to help us, but we dare not turn to them since they do not have what we need. Only the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, is adequate for us in our weakness. He is omniscient; He always knows what we need and knows it perfectly. He is omnipresent; He is always there when we need Him. He is omnipotent; He can do what needs to be done. He is loving and gracious; He always has our spiritual best interest at heart. With a God like this, why should we ever trust other gods or lean so much on other people?

2. Everything we need or can possibly need is in God, but particularly we rejoice that our help is in God since we are so helpless. In God we have help as troubled sinners, being delivered from the punishment and guilt of our sin. We have help as dull scholars, being taught to know and understand God's Word.

3. The help that is to be found in God is our help—not someone else's, but our very own help. We look to the past and testify, "The Lord has helped me." We look to the present and assert, "The Lord is my help even this very day." We look to the future and affirm, "The Lord will be my help forever." (Boyce, James M. *Psalms*. Volume 3, Baker, 1998.)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. His help is the only sure help we have. Reflecting on His continual graciousness leads to gratitude.

His and yours,
Pastor Kent

This Week At FBC Sunday's Sermon

"The Upside-Down Ways of Grace"

Matthew 20:1-16

The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

Glynn Breuer, Elder

September 6 - 12

Sunday	All Services	Communion
Monday		Labor Day (Office Closed)
Tuesday	7:00p	Worship Committee
Friday	7:00p	Celebrate Recovery

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WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

Our mission: Knowing Jesus, Becoming Like Jesus, Sharing Jesus
Dr. Billy Graham and Dr. Joe Aldrich were titans of 20th century evangelism. Both men have finished the race and are now at home with the Lord, yet the impact of their lives continues. Here are some quotes from both men:
"Christians are to be good news before they share the good news. The words of the gospel are to be incarnated before they are verbalized. The music of the gospel must precede the words of the gospel and prepare the context in which there will be a hunger for those words" (Joe Aldrich). "We are the Bibles the world is reading; we are the creeds the world is needing; we are the sermons the world is heeding." "Spend more time in study and prayer. That's the secret of successful evangelism" (Billy Graham).





Jesus taught the nature of God's kingdom radically differs from any human kingdom. In Christ's kingdom, "the least are the greatest," "power is perfected in weakness" and "the foolish put to shame the wise." On Labor Day weekend, the Parable of the Vineyard illustrates the unique ways of God's kingdom.

Missionary of the Week: Dakota Hope

At Dakota Hope Clinic, we believe that location shouldn't limit access to quality care and support. With clinics in Minot, Bottineau, and Tioga, we provide a safe and confidential space for those navigating unplanned pregnancies and sexual health concerns across our region. Our dedicated team is here to offer the medical services, education, and life-affirming resources needed to make informed decisions for the future.

NCA Ministry of the Week

First Baptist, Valley City, ND

Prayer



Houses flooded in remote Nepal following a glacial avalanche.

Pray more survivors will be found in the search and rescue operations in Nepal, for safe access to bring relief in Jesus' Name, and for families around the world who are grieving the loss of loved ones. To help with relief efforts, please consider making a donation to Samaritan's Purse at www.samaritanspurse.org

Giving Thanks

The psalmist asks, "What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? (Psalm 116:12) Like the psalmist, let's live with gratitude. Writer Rebecca Pippert notes, "The Christian life is a thank-you from beginning to end as we ponder what God has done. What an absurdity to think that we could ever bargain with God, as if there were anything we could put on the table. Nothing we can do would ever earn his favor. Yet all is ours for free. And the cross reveals His willingness to forgive not just once, but over and over and over again. How can we repay such extravagant, generous love? We cannot and need not, and the heart's only answer is gratitude."

Condolences

Our condolences to Bob and Andrea Crackel on the passing of Bob's aunt, Della Snethen, 92, of Springfield, SD, on August 29. Della leaves a legacy of faithfulness and remarkable service. Her memorial service was held on September 1 at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, SD.

THIS MORNING AT FBC

Nursery

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

Pre-school - Ages 3 - 5

Resumes Sept. 13

Elementary - K - 5th

Resumes Sept. 13

Children's Church - Ages 3 - 5

Resumes Sept. 13

Middle/High School Ministry

Resumes Sept. 13

Young Adult Ministry S.A.L.T.

Room 103 9:45a

Adult Ministry

Sunday School 9:45a

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

WHAT'S COMING UP AT FBC

Deacon Benevolent Fund: As we celebrate God's love and His sacrifice with Communion this Sunday, we encourage you to share that love with others through a contribution to the Deacon Benevolent Fund, a resource that allows FBC to provide financial assistance to those in need. Donation Boxes are in the back of the Sanctuary.

Special Business Meeting: On Sunday, Sept 13, at 6:00p, the Elders will hold a special business meeting to present an update that will include a vote to approve an amended "project scope." A 20% quorum of resident members age 16 and over will be required.

Save the Date - Mission Sunday: We look forward to this yearly opportunity to appreciate Mission work and to celebrate the important role of Missionaries in today's world. To celebrate their work we will be having a potluck at 11:30a on September 13. Everyone is encouraged to bring sides to share.

First Baptist Tech Training Session is on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00a to 12:00p. All tech volunteers and those who are interested in joining our tech ministry are encouraged to attend. Contact Carrie Trondson with questions or to RSVP.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study:

6:00a: Starting September 15 FBC will be hosting a 30-week study of Romans titled "From Guilt to Grace," drawing us to the God who not only saves but also transforms. For more information check out mybsfinternational.org or call/text Jennifer @ 701-720-9717.

9:30a: This Ladies Bible Study resumes on Sept 15 with a study of the *Gospel of Luke* by JD Greear. They are looking for either two adults or a mom and teen to work in the nursery from 9a to 11a—with pay. If interested, contact Carey at 701-720-0190 or talk to Esther Redington.

She Ministries Fall Kickoff: SHE Time is a quarterly event where Christian women get together for a fun night of crafts, games, and snacks! Ladies, bring a friend and join us in the gym on Thurs, Sept 24, at 6:30p, for **Bunco**, fellowship, and light snacks. Childcare is available for ages 0-5. RSVP for childcare in the Church Foyer or on the Church Center app by Sept 20.

Dakota Hope Boutique Needs:

Diapers size 4,5,6,&7; **Pull-ups** size 3t/4t and 4t/5t; Boys and girls toddler clothes sizes 2t-5t; Girls PJ sleepers sizes newborn-18M; Bath supplies for babies and Hygiene supplies for adults. Please donate only new items with the tags left on and put them in the basket in the Lobby.

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FBC Fall Sunday School

Beginning September 13 at 9:45a you will have the following options to dig into God's Word and fellowship with others:

Young Adults S.A.L.T. – (including but not limited to those who are attending MSU or are serving in the Airforce) Join us for a study and discussion on Revelation led by Pete Barrett in room 103. The Young Adult class also includes many extra fun times of fellowship.

Bob Crackel will continue to lead in the series *Design for Discipleship* from Navigators in the SE Foyer Classroom off the sanctuary. New people are welcome, especially if they want to learn about discipleship in a small group setting.

Dean Redington will resume teaching 2 Samuel in the gymnasium. In chapter 12, David is at the zenith of his reign, only to be brought low because of sin. Join us as we explore the important lessons from the life of David and the transition to the reign of Solomon. Also, volunteers from the class will periodically present apologetic arguments concerning important biblical issues.

Bryce Raan will be leading a study on how to establish biblical discipleship in our homes starting September 20 at 9:45a in room 106. Family Driven Faith equips Christian parents with the tools they need to raise children biblically in a post-Christian, antifamily society. Voddie Baucham, who with his wife has overcome a multigenerational legacy of broken and dysfunction homes, showed that God has not left us alone in raising godly children.

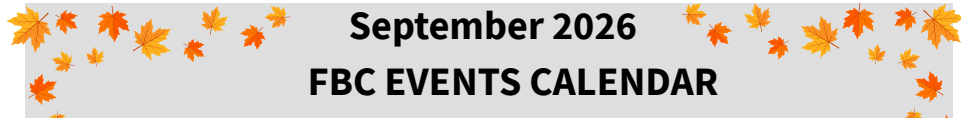
Children's Sunday School Starts September 13 at 9:45a: Log on to your Church Center App to register your child for Sunday School. If you have questions, please contact Lexy.

Fall Family Tailgate on Sunday, September 20, 2-4p: All are invited to attend the Fall Family Tailgate to kick off both the new school year and the children and youth ministries! There will be yard games, bouncy castles, popcorn, popsicles, and Gospel face painting! Bring your friends!



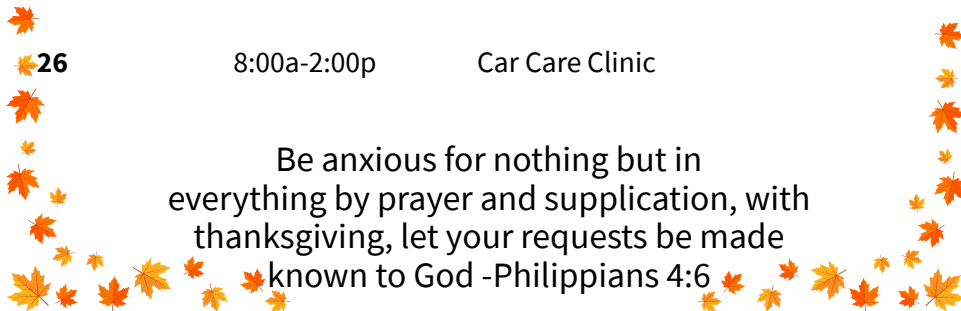
Awana

Cubbies, Sparks and T&T will begin at 6:30p on September 9. Registration is now open through the Church Center app.



September 2026 FBC EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
2	6:30p	Awana All Leaders Meeting
4	6:00p 7:00p	Celebrate Recovery Dinner Celebrate Recovery
5	8:00a	Men's Breakfast
6	All Services	Communion
7	Labor Day	Office Closed
9	6:30p	Cubbies, Sparks, and TNT Begin
13	All Services 11:30a	Mission Sunday Potluck
15	6:00a and 9:30a	Ladies a.m. Bible Studies Begin
19	8:00a 9:00a-12:00p	Men's Breakfast Tech Training
20	2:00p-4:00p	Fall Family Tailgate
24	1:00p 6:30p	1 st Baptist Seniors SHE Event - Bunco
26	8:00a-2:00p	Car Care Clinic



Be anxious for nothing but in
everything by prayer and supplication, with
thanksgiving, let your requests be made
known to God -Philippians 4:6