

## The Blessing of Difficult Days

Frances Havergal was born in 1836. She confessed her in faith Christ soon after her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her earthly journey was brief – completed by age 42. Yet, because she walked closely with Jesus, her God-given gifts were put to full use. A generation after her passing, two million copies of her printed works were in circulation. Hymns she wrote are still sung today, including “Take My Life and Let it Be” and “Like a River Glorious.” I recently began reading her devotional, *My King, Daily Thoughts for the King’s Children*, written in 1876. It is still in print!

Frances’ lasting influence is due in large measure to her perseverance in life. When she was only 11 years old, her mother died. Frances was devastated. Years later, she wrote, “I did not at all expect her departure and shut my ears in a very hardened way to those who tried to prepare me for it. I did not, would not, see God’s hand in it.” Now she saw God’s hand in her pain. To a friend she wrote, “Pain, as to God’s own children, is, truly and really, only blessing in disguise. It is but His chiseling, one of His graving tools, producing the likeness to Jesus for which we long.”

Frances found comfort for her suffering in God, and she discovered how it prepared her to do “the Master’s work.” In her private journal she wrote, “Even in very painful spiritual darkness it has sometimes comforted me to think that God might be leading me through strange dark ways so that I might be His messenger to some of His children in similar distress.” One day in a churchyard she found a mother crying while putting flowers on her daughter’s grave. Frances put her hand on the woman’s shoulder and quietly said, “Think of the meeting, not of the parting.”

Take courage in life’s difficult days. Grow. Believe. Goodness and mercy will follow and you shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever (Psalm 23:6).

His and yours,  
Pastor Kent

## This Week At FBC Sunday’s Sermon

**The Duty of Doctrine**  
**I Corinthians 15:1-11**  
**Pastor Kent Hinkel**

February 8-14

<b>Sunday</b>	5:00p	Youth Super Bowl Party
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00p 7:00p 7:00p	CR Leadership Meeting Trustee Meeting Worship Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30p 6:30p	White Cross SHE Bowling (North Hill Bowl)
<b>Friday</b>	7:00p	Celebrate Recovery
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00a 5:00p	Preschool Valentine’s Day Event Parent’s Night Out Valentines Fundraiser

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## WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

**In a Divided World, Jesus Christ is the Great Uniter. "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Go Down, Moses," and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" are among the “Sorrow Songs” of the 19<sup>th</sup> century expressing the anguish and the cry for freedom among those oppressed by slavery. They also point to the One and Only answer to the problem of slavery and injustice: Jesus, the Son of God. God’s forever family will be composed of people from every tribe, tongue and nation (Revelation 7:9). Together, we will sing, “Glory hallelujah” and say, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns” (Revelation 19:6).**





On a recent visit to see our grandchildren, we continuously heard the question “Why?” Healthy, growing children are full of questions. Children will ask, “Why is fire hot?” “Did you live in the days of black and white?” “When I turn four, what happens to my three?” Just as children are continually learning, it is important we continually learn the truths of Scripture. Why? Because we cannot live what we do not know. Both “the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error” (1 John 4:6) surround us. It is vital we learn to give diligence to learning true doctrine.

**Pastor Kent & Trish Hinkel**

**Missionary of the Week: Tim and Jenn Jackson-Reaching and Teaching**

- Praise God for his faithfulness and all he accomplished in 2025.
- Pray for us to walk by faith both as a family and as church in 2026.
- Praise God for baptisms, new members, and growth in our church.
- Pray for conversions and commitment among visitors and attenders.

**NCA Ministry of the Week**

Immanuel Baptist, Beulah, ND

**Prayer**

At the Beyond All Limits Pastor’s Conference in Orlando in Jan 2002, Dr. Bill Bright (co-founder of CRU) was nearing the finish line of his earthly life. His once clarion voice was almost muted by pulmonary fibrosis, yet he spoke from his heart and offered a bold prediction: “Spiritual revival would come to our country.” He called this “A revival of love.” Pray for a true spiritual awakening. “Father, reignite and reawaken us! Cause your people to leave the land of the lukewarm and be renewed in Your love. May those who do not know You, ask us about the hope they can see living in us! Amen.”

**Giving Thanks**

Thank God for the gift of prayer! “A thing is worth just what it costs. Prayer is not what it costs us, but what it cost God to enable us to pray” (Oswald Chambers). Before He sacrificed Himself for our sins, our Lord prayed, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death” (Matt 26:38). Jesus’ words and actions reveal the incalculable cost to establish a path for sinful creatures to be redeemed and live forever in the presence of a holy God. Now, we can pray as our Lord taught us: “Our Father in heaven. . . .” Because of Jesus, as we pray, we can be confident our words are heard in heaven!

**THIS MORNING AT FBC**

**Nursery**

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

**Pre-school/Kindergarten**

Sunday School - 9:45a

**Children’s 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

**Adult Ministry**

Sunday School - 9:45a

**CONTACT US**

**WHAT’S COMING UP AT FBC**

**Arctic Blast Registration Deadline**

for 4-5th graders is Friday, Feb 6. You can still register after this date, but you will have to pay a \$10 late fee. Let either the office or Miss Elaine know if your child is attending so we can arrange for transportation. The church pays \$17.50 of the fee, while the campers pay \$52.50. Elaine will send an information letter next week with details to help you plan. Register at [www.cbscamp.org](http://www.cbscamp.org)

**S.A.L.T. Event:**

Young adults, married or single, are invited to a Super Bowl party at 5:00p on Sunday, Feb. 8, at Tom and Melody Baker’s: 123 22nd St SW. Bring a friend and a snack to share. There will be games to play for those who don’t watch football. Text 701-240-4732 if you have questions.

**White Cross**

will be on Thurs, Feb. 12, from 1:30p - 4:00p. We will be packing up stuff and organizing our closets, so come and help if you can. There has been no lunch/snack sign up, so if you are able to bring something, email [jkreddig@srt.com](mailto:jkreddig@srt.com) or call/text 852-5485/720-2224.Thanks, Kaylene.

**Preschool Valentine’s Day Party:**

Bring the whole family to FBC for fun games, tasty snacks, and a bible lesson on Saturday, February 14, from 10:00-11:30a. We look forward to seeing you there!

**SHE Event:**

Join us on Thurs, Feb. 12, at 6:30p, for a fun night of bowling at North Hill Bowling Alley. There is no cost to bowl. Snacks can be purchased at the bowling alley restaurant. An RSVP would be appreciated by either calling/texting 701-240-2608 or calling the church.

**Valentine’s Babysitting:**

Hey parents! Are you wanting to do something special for Valentine's Day but don't have a sitter? The youth are hosting a Parent’s Night Out to raise support for their Summer Mission Trip. Your kids will enjoy dinner, an inflatable slide, crafts, and all kinds of supervised fun so you can enjoy a night out with your significant other! Bring your kiddos to the church on Valentine’s Day from 5:00p to 8:00p. Free will donations are gratefully accepted. Please register through the church center app or [fbcminot.churchcenter.com](http://fbcminot.churchcenter.com).

**Business Meeting:**

Please join us Sunday, February 22, at 5:30p, in the Gym, for a church-wide potluck with the business meeting to follow at 6:30p. We will be serving chicken as the main dish; please bring either a side dish or a dessert to share.

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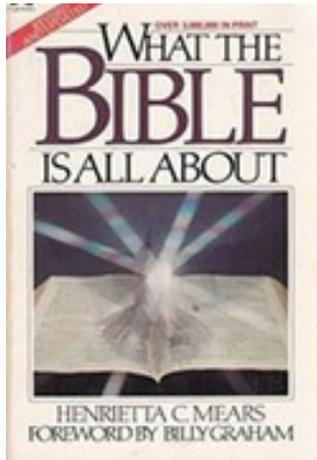
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## Modern Day Disciples – Henrietta C. Mears



### A 100-Year Influencer for Christ

Henrietta Cornelia Mears was born in Fargo, ND, in 1890, as the seventh child of Ashley and Margaret Mears, charter members of First Baptist in Minot. Ashley was a local banker who helped in the construction of the first church building in 1888!

Though Henrietta struggled with poor health throughout her life, it did not prevent her from living as a devoted disciple of Jesus. Affectionately known as “Teacher,” she became one of the most significant influencers of evangelical Christianity in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She mentored hundreds of future Christian leaders, including Billy Graham, Bill and Vonette Bright (CRU), and Dawson Trotman (The Navigators). She also reignited the influence of Sunday School, founded Gospel Light Publications in 1933, and launched Forest Home, a Christian camp in California, which is still in use today. She often said, “The important thing is answering the need.” She then quoted Ecclesiastes 9:10a: “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.”

Though we possess neither Henrietta’s calling nor her spiritual gifts, we, too, possess a calling, and we, too, have received gifts to serve Christ. Let us, with all our might, do whatever the Lord beckons us to do!

Two little lines I heard one day, traveling along life’s busy way; bringing conviction to my heart, and from my mind would not depart;  
Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

– Charles Thomas Studd (1860-1931)