

## This Week's Services

**January 20, 2019**

Worship Services: 8:30, 9:50, 11:05am

***"The Life Changing Character of Christ"***

*Mark 5:1-20*

Pastor Barry Seifert

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>2018 Avg</u>
Sunday School	233	221
AM Services	484	466
Prayer Mtgs.	14	

## Who's On Deck

8:30 Darrell B., Dave B., Steve C., Thomas G., Russ R., Claude S.

9:50 Darrell, Thomas G., Steve E., Mike L., Russ

11:00 Darrell, Steve E., Mike, Claude

### **Greeters**

8:30 Dave Brenno

9:45 Jenae Orluck, Kelli Sem

11:00 Clay & Angie Dubovoy

### **Information Desk**

Claire Beck

### **Children's Church, Ages 3 & 4 (9:50am)**

Laura Melander, Pati Sem

### **Nursery Workers Workers** Judy Hall

9:45 I – Bridgette DeBold, Brenna Thompson

T – Jessica Doerman, Kesiah Thompson, Dylan DeBold

11:00 I – Chuck & Susan Ladlee, Tyler & Victoria May

T – Roxanne Arthur, Mark McDonald, Amanda Tschritter

## First Word

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### **Answer the Challenge to Live by Faith!**

"I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him. You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment."

– Matthew 17:16-18

This was not the first time that Jesus rebuked his disciples for their lack of faith. In this case, they were trying to do ministry, to free a boy from spiritual bondage. I've often wondered why the disciples struggled to have faith when they spent so much time in the literal presence of Jesus. But before we are too hard on them, we must remember that they were human, just like us. Their tendency (and ours) was to drift away from faith and gravitate towards working in their own strength. If we are honest with ourselves, we often have a lack of faith in the power of Jesus to do what He says He will do. It may not be casting out a demon, but do we try to minister to others in our own strength like the disciples did?

I sometimes doubt that my neighbors want to hear the gospel even though Jesus tells me in His Word that the harvest is plentiful (Matthew 9:37). If I was able to sit down with Jesus for coffee, I think I would hear Him say, "Have faith in me, My word is true and you need to act on it." Jesus regularly challenged His disciples because He loved them and wanted them to grow in faith. The same is true for us. Jesus wants us to live by faith and stop trying to operate in human strength. Will you decide to embrace Jesus through faith this week and see what He can do through you?

Partners in ministry, Pastor Josh

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## Coming This Week

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January 20 - 26, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Pre-Service Prayer with Pastors
	8:30 am	Classic Worship Service
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:50 am	Contemporary Worship Children's Church
	11:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:05 am	Contemporary Worship
<b>Monday</b>	4:30 pm	Adult Prayer Meeting
	5:00 pm	Ladies' Zumba
	7:00 am	Men's Prayer, FBC
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Awana Choir
	7:15 pm	Sr. High Youth
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am	Men's Basketball

## Sharing Christ's Life

In that moment when we received Christ, God's miraculous "birthing" act gave us a value, a beauty, a preciousness that lifts us above all earthy measurements. He encourages us to look deep within at his workmanship and make that unexpected discovery of passion for him and a holiness that will set us free to be ourselves—free to live and to love. He invites us to believe the unbelievable about the miracles he has performed in us that enable us to say enthusiastically "Yes!" to him and "Yes" to life, while at the same time saying "Yes" to who we most deeply are. (David C. Needham)

## Upcoming Events

• **Sew What Care Group:** Will be meeting Monday, Jan 21st from 9:00am – 5:00pm We again have some baby blankets to cut out and/or sew and also some baby jackets to cut out and/or sew. If you are willing to help with these, please let me know via e-mail. Some blankets and I think, also, some jackets have been cut already. You don't have to spend all day doing this – just help with what you can and then do your own thing. Don't forget to bring your machine and projects you may want to work on. Please RSVP to [jkreddig@srt.com](mailto:jkreddig@srt.com) and let me know if you will be coming so we will have enough tables set up. Thanks, Kaylene

• **Youth Last Supper:** Sunday, Jan. 27 – Planet Pizza at 12:00pm. FBC covers the cost for youth grades 6-12! This event is open to the entire church family. Cost: \$8.00 per person for the pizza buffet and fountain drink.

• **Arctic Blast Is Coming.** Winter Retreat at Crystal Springs Camp for all 4th & 5th Graders. Feb. 15-16. The fee is \$38.25 for students who attend activities at First Baptist. \$51 for non-church kids. You may register in the church office or online at [www.csbcamp.org](http://www.csbcamp.org) PLEASE inform church office if you need transportation. Parent/Adult chaperones needed. Contact: Elaine Carlson in person or at 701-626-1317.

• **Ladies' Zumba and Dance Blast Fusion:** Sundays at 5:00pm, gym. Childcare is not available, but kids are welcome to come dance!

• **Celebrate Recovery:** Meets on Friday nights starting at 7:00pm. This is a biblical, balanced program to overcome hurts, hang-up, and habits. Brochures are available at the Information Desk.

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• **Nominating Committee Report:** Annual meeting – Feb. 24, 2019 at 5:45 pm. A preliminary ballot has been posted on the foyer bulletin board. Any church member may make additional nominations to the Nominating Committee providing: 1) Permission has been secured from the person to be nominated. 2) Nominations to the Board of Elders or the Board of Deacons must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by Jan. 27.

- Nominating Committee: Leo Holt-Chair, Elaine Carlson, Susie Fandrich, Raynor Hanson, Lois Kankovsky, Lorrie Lendvoy, Jim Reddig, Pastor Kent.

## Ministry Matters

• **Hospice Volunteer:** If you are interested in being a hospice volunteer or knowing more about hospice volunteering please contact Pastor Barry (480-433-1300)

• **From the Ground Up Coffee Ministry:** Specialty coffee served on Sunday mornings - Upstairs Lounge. 100% of the donations goes to our Missionaries as a gift at Christmas.

- **\$4,240 was distributed to our missionaries this past Christmas from the coffee cart donations in 2018.**

- **The Coffee Cart: Is in need of volunteers.** Training is provided. Specialty coffee served on Sunday mornings in the Upstairs Lounge.

- **To volunteer,** please call or text Joy Seifert 480-433-2679.

• **Sunday Bus Ministry:** Contact our bus driver, Jim, 500-3407.

## Prayer & Praise

*Prayer Chain: Days 838-0405; Evenings 833-8534*

**Praise:** Thank you to each person who contributes time, treasure and talent to the FBC mission to Win, Build, Send! Together, we are partners in an eternal work! Let us press on to know Christ and to make Him known. Blessings on you!

**Prayer:** Please pray for those in search of employment. Pray that they will be patient and persevering.

**NCA Ministry of the Week:** Ashley Baptist, Ashley, ND

**FBC Mission of the Week:** Lance and Abby Freeland in Cameroon: "The crisis in the Northwest and Southwest regions has not improved. No one from our mission, including Lance, has been able to visit there for several months. Our Cameroonian colleagues continue to work there the best they can under such disruptive circumstances. Many have had to move their families and some are even living out in the bush (the jungle) to avoid danger and stay clear of the fighting. They are truly pressed on every side. Please pray with us for their safety and care. Pray the Lord will encourage them daily so they can continue the work of bringing God's word to their own people."