

## This Week's Services

**May 20, 2018**

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

**"The Challenge of Our Choices"**

*Selected Scripture*

Todd Erickson

## Attendance

Attendance	Last Week	2017 Avg
Sunday School	235	229
AM Services	490	452
Prayer Mtgs.	15	

## Who's On Deck

### Ushers

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 Colleen Andersen, Kelli Sem  
11:00 Clay Dubovoy

### Information Desk

Claire Beck

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

Liz Tilton

### Nursery Workers Workers Judy Hall

8:30 Laura Graham, Simona Gerolyte, Noel Pankratz  
9:45 I – Bridgette DeBold, Brenna Thompson  
T – Josh & Hope Suttle, Kesiah Thompson  
11:00 I – Chuck & Susan Ladlee, Tyler & Victoria May, Ashley Toler  
T – Roxanne Arthur, Mark McDonald, Bailee Saltzman,  
Monique Taylor, Amanda Tschritter

# First Word

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## "I Don't Want to Live There"

A true confession: the new plan I adopted to read through the Bible this year has been a challenge to follow. The format is not familiar and I think I need a different plan. I *need* to see progress. I am not doing "good" spiritually when I am not growing in God's Word and to put it plainly, "I don't want to live there." I don't want to starve my soul of the fuel supply it needs to thrive.

Most of us understand the benefits that accompany reading. A New York Times article, "Turn the Page, Spur the Brain" presented findings showing that reading to children, even infants, was crucial for brain development. They found that exposing children to a video or a picture short-circuited the child's imagination. One expert said: "They're not having to imagine the story [for themselves]; it's just being fed to them." Another pointed out that children who were exposed to reading "showed significantly more activity in the areas of the brain that process visual association, even though the child was listening to a story and could not see any pictures." In short, verbal communication makes your mind and heart do the work of grasping and imagining the story for yourself. Images tend to feed you what some other person's imagination has created.

Think about this – as vital as reading is to the life of the mind, reading and reflecting upon God's Word develops *both* your mind and your soul. Such is the promise of Scripture:

"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" – Psalm 19:7-8 (ESV)

As we continue our focus this year to "Build a strong life in Jesus Christ" let's continually give ourselves to learning Scripture and applying it to life.

His and yours, Pastor Kent

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## Coming This Week

May 20 - 26, 2018

	<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
		12:15 pm	<b>Spaghetti Dinner, Fundraiser</b>
		4:30 pm	Adult Prayer Meeting
	5:00 pm	Zumba	
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 am	Men's Bible Study, FBC	
	7:00 am	Men's Prayer, FBC	
	1:00 pm	Sew What Care Group	
	7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study, FBC & Dakotah Rose	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	
	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting	
	6:00 pm	Men's Unscripted Group, FBC	
	7:00 pm	Deacon Board	
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Sr. High Youth	
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 pm	XYZ	
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study Men's Bible Study, FBC	
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Soup Kitchen	
	8:30 am	Men's Basketball	
	2:00 pm	Meet & Greet With Candidate	

## Keys to Building a Strong Life

"Think before you speak." Why is this good advice? – Because words possess incredible power for good or ill. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21); "Good words can make an anxious heart glad" (Proverbs 12:25); "Pleasant words are...sweet to the soul and healing to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24); "...no human being can tame the tongue... With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God" (James 3:8-9). "Lord, help us speak 'words of worth' versus words that bring no value or hope."

## Upcoming Events

• **Candidate Weekend:** The weekend of **May 26-27** you can meet the candidate for our Associate Pastor of Worship Arts position. A public "Meet and Greet" time with the candidate is scheduled for Saturday afternoon from 2-4pm; and Sunday 11:30am-12:30pm. Our candidate will also be leading worship at each of the morning services on May 27. The Elder Board will send a letter to members with additional details of the weekend and the notification of a special business meeting on Sunday evening, June 3 @ 6:30pm to vote on the possible final recommendation of the candidate.

• **Congratulations:** We will be honoring our graduates this Sunday, May 20 during the three morning Worship Services. The list of graduates will be presented and we would ask that you come forward so that you may be recognized and honored.

• **Spaghetti Dinner:** You are invited to a spaghetti dinner Sunday, May 20, 12:15pm at First Baptist Church, Gym. This event is put on by the Puerto Rico Mission team. They are fundraising for their mission trip to Puerto Rico July 28-August 3. Free-will donation.

• **Sew What Care Group:** Will meet Monday, May 21 from 1–8:00 pm.

• **Shipwrecked VBS:** June 24 – 28, 6:00 - 8:30pm. Ages 4 - completed 5th grade. Registration starts this Sunday, May 20.

• **XYZ:** A ministry program for people in the 50 plus age group will meet Thursday, May 24 at 2:00pm at First Baptist. David Kopp will present the program "Reflecting on God's Hand." Refreshments will be served. Call the church office if a ride is needed.

• **Soup Kitchen:** FBC group will serve at the Saturday Soup Kitchen on May 26 from 8:00am to 11:30am at the Congregational UCC. Katie Kautzmann, [katiekautzmann84@gmail.com](mailto:katiekautzmann84@gmail.com).

• **Mission Reports and More!:** Sunday, June 3, 6:30pm at FBC. A couple mission reports and an introduction of our summer ministry staff, Ethan Hinkel-Ministry Assistant and Josh VanLith-Youth Intern.

• **SHE Ministries Bible Study:** Starting June 5, there will be a study on the book of Ephesians for anyone interested. This will be an informal inductive study led by Yuki Johnson held Tuesday evenings during June and July. No childcare will be scheduled unless requested. Study will be held 7-8:30pm in the Down Stairs Lounge and cost for materials is \$7.00.

## Ministry Matters

• **FBC Directory Update:** If you have additions or corrections to the Church Directory or if you are new to the church and would like to be included in our annual directory please notify the church office at 852-4533 or [office@fbcminot.org](mailto:office@fbcminot.org). Items to be included: name(s), address, phone number(s), dependent children (by age).

• **Children's Church:** Is in need of committed volunteers to teach this summer during the months of June and July. Please contact Amber Pankratz at 701-240-0673 if you have a desire to serve our 3 and 4 year olds during the 9:50 service.

## Prayer & Praise

*Prayer Chain: 838-0405*

**Praise:** "Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!" (Psalm 115:1). We give thanks for the upcoming candidate weekend!

Thank you to the army of volunteers who staffed and served in the AWANA program this year! Special thanks to Adam and Christie Carr and our Directors and Leaders!

We want to thank everyone who have been, and are still praying for our grandson Adam Stevens. He has finished chemo and radiation. In six weeks another MRI will be done which will give the results. Continue to pray as he enters back into a somewhat normal routine and continues to heal and gain strength. Glen & Diane Stevens.

**Prayer:** Pray for our Puerto Rico Missions Team. Pray for spiritual growth, for fruitful service, and their fundraising efforts!

Please continue to pray for the release of Andrew Brunson, an American pastor being held in Turkey.

**Deployed:** Korea - Ben Klingbeil

**NCA Ministry of the Week:** Paul Nather, Century Baptist, Bismarck

**FBC Missionary of the Week:** Pray for the new children coming to **Chain of Love**, NAB partner organization in Brazil, as many of them have health/mental/emotional problems. Pray for the new house parents as they adjust to COL.

• **Citation Award:** Rebecca Schlichting received the Citation Award on May 9 at our Awana Award's Night. Earning the Citation Award is the ultimate achievement. Congratulations Rebecca!