



FIRST CHRONICLES

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We are in an exciting, new season. We are joining together to run the race, grow in our faith and knowledge of God, and spread the Gospel throughout the world. I am honored and blessed to serve alongside you all at FBC and to start our new relationship together. I am reminded of the start of Katie's and my relationship. When I first asked Katie out, she said "no" ... a lot. What was probably only 5 times seemed like 60. But I was persistent and chipped away until... I gave up. I decided I was trying to push something that wasn't going to happen. A few months later, I thought I'd ask one last time—one last time and then I'd close the book. To my surprise, she said "yes!" We married within a year. The first few months of our marriage—indeed, the first few months of any marriage—was marked by establishing a new "normal." We both had our own routines and ways of doing things. Even though I did things the correct way...and still do 😊... we learned to work with each other and establish a new normal.

I've been reflecting on the beginning of David's relationship with Saul recently. When David volunteers to fight Goliath, 1 Samuel 17:38-40 says, "Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine."

Saul knew who David was about to face and tried to equip him accordingly. But Saul's armor was not David's armor. The way that Saul was equipped was not the way that David was equipped. Saul's armor served him well. But for David, in this moment, a shepherd's staff and sling would be better. Both were equipped differently to meet the situation at hand.

Paul echoes this truth in 1 Corinthians 12. He details how we are all a part of the body. Different parts of the body have different functions. It is when each part is able to function as God intended that the body is unified and able to move forward together. We are each a different part of the body and are each equipped differently. If I'm a foot, I need eyes to see where we are going. If I'm an eye, I need feet to get from here to there. We need to work together as a team.

During this first year of my being here, a few things could happen. I could be entirely stupid and not listen to God or the church and everything that happens is a disaster. Don't worry—that's not who I am or who I want to be. Instead, I desire two different things to happen. The first thing I want to happen is that I seek your counsel and input. What I may consider the best idea in the world may actually be the worst one in the world. Proverbs 12:15 teaches that, "The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice." I will be humbly seeking your wisdom and advice in the months and years ahead. The second thing I want to happen is that we serve together as a team; that is, as the body of Christ. Like David, we all have skills and abilities that we are bringing to the table. Who knew that God would use the skills of a shepherd to bring down a giant? Who knows what skills of mine might be used in this place? Who knows what skills of YOURS will be used? God does—and He'll use them to His glory.

The kids have started school and we have been diligently unpacking and organizing. We are so excited to serve FBC! Continue to be in prayer for us and for the church as we near the finish line of our transition. We are thankful for all the help you have given us. You have been such a blessing to us during this time - we are extremely grateful.

In Christ,
Pastor Jesse

P.S. - Every time we're together for the next few months, introduce yourself to us - even if we already know your name. This will be VERY helpful for us all in the short term.



GREETERS

Sunday, September 5
Kevin & Lynette Wagenaar

Sunday, September 12
Jolene Ackerman

Sunday, September 19
Henry & Joan Boneschans

Sunday, September 26
Doug & Donna DeBoer

NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday, September 5
Cole den Hoed

Sunday, September 12
Kody den Hoed

Sunday, September 19
Donna DeBoer

Sunday, September 26
Judy Eben



September	2	Austin & Shelby Hayenga Ed Kruse
	3	Jeffrey Wagenaar Merlin Winter
	4	Harold Schneiderman Dennis Schrick
	5	Jesse & Katie Sternke
	7	Ronda Arends Trevor Doeden
	8	Florence Eben
	9	Greg & Sharon DeBoer Tiffany Middleton
	10	Gerald & Alyssa denHoed
	12	Rachel Thompson
	14	Carolyn Wagenaar
	15	Linda Christians
	21	Charlie Johnson
	23	Dawson DeBoer Lynelle Winter
	24	Bob & Rhonda Kruse
	25	Jacey Eben
	27	Ridley Gravenhof Dean Shelly
	28	Ashley DeBoer Jessica DeBoer Kevin Wagenaar
	29	Brandon Kramer
	30	Nathan Schrick

Thank You So Much

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and support as I went through my last cancer treatments. I am doing great and as of now I am cancer free. Thank you also for the cards and phone calls.

Ed And Gloria Kruse



Bread of Life
September 22
Please pray for this Ministry!



Scott and Colleen Burdsall and family are doing the Lord's work in London. They, like us, have been working through the challenge of Covid-19. Scott has mentioned that church attendance is down but there are those that are coming more often. The English classes are also down in attendance, so please pray that both meetings will continue to grow. The girls club has had a good response and they have been able to take several trips and are looking to do more. This has been a great opportunity to show the girls they were cared and loved, and that God cares for them as well as loves them too. Covid had affected the schools, with many students staying home but, Annelise and Josiah were able to finish.

The first part of August allowed the Burdsall's to take a vacation to Wales, where they spent family time on the beach as well as touring castles. Following their vacation, they were planning a mission trip to Greenwich for the ESOL class participants and their families. Prayers are needed for the church plant team as they prepare for the upcoming year of ministries.

Pray for Caleb who is in headed for Seoul, for his international studies. Pray he will have all his travel documents and visas on time and flights will be on time. Also, the younger children will be headed back to school early September.

Mission Board.

What's Happening

Awana will begin September 8 from 6:30-8:00.

Sunday School Promotion will be Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 am

The Mission Banquet will be Sunday, September 12, following the morning service. The meal will be \$9.00 for ages 11 and up and \$4.00 for children ages 4-10. Children under age 3 eat for free. Brandon and Marci Jones from Brazil will be here to speak. Please sign up in the Foyer.