



FIRST CHRONICLES

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Dear Church family,

What a blessing and honor it has been to serve here at First Baptist Church! My family and I are truly grateful to be getting to know each of you, plugging into the church's ministries, and becoming a part of the community. We thank God for you in our prayers and look forward to building relationships with you in the future. To God be the glory for all that He has done, is doing, and will do in the future!

One thing that has made an impression upon me at this church is your love of and support for missions. I do not know of anywhere else that gives the percentage of the budget to missions that First Baptist does or devotes as much time and commitment to supporting missionaries either. This is amazing! When Brandon and Marci Jones visited the church, they too commented about how impressed they were with the faithfulness of this body of believers. When they were here, I quoted a Scripture during the Sunday morning service: Matthew 28:18-20 says this, "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." This church lives and breathes this passage.

Be encouraged to continue living these verses out. Be encouraged to keep looking for opportunities both locally and abroad to spread the Gospel, impact communities, and demonstrate the love and truth of Christ. Our efforts today will plant seeds that will produce a harvest for lifetimes to come. It takes diligent work, patience, and endurance. But God is good and faithful to bless our efforts and bring others to Him.

Some days, it may seem discouraging as we look at the world today. When we see the downward spiral of our culture, sin being celebrated, and opposition to our faith, we can become disheartened and be tempted to give up. But we must not give up—we are called to perseverance. We must fix our eyes on Christ and boldly go forth with the Gospel because, in the midst of all the discouragement that the enemy wishes to distract us with, God is working. God is working in and through His people to grow others in their faith and knowledge of Him.

So, keep it up! Let us pass our witness and legacy down generation after generation to the glory of God. He alone is worthy of all our praise. He alone is worthy of all our efforts to tell others about Him. I pray that God will bless you all abundantly in this work and that He would strengthen you for the future. "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6)

In Christ,

Jesse



GREETERS

Sunday, October 3
Greg & Sharon DeBoer

Sunday, October 10
Stan & Crystal deBoer
Judy Eben

Sunday, October 17
Harold & Helen Eben

Sunday, October 24
Bryan & Rachel Kramer

Sunday, October 31
Darren & Julie Kramer

NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday, October 3
Katie DeBoer

Sunday, October 10
Rachel Kramer

Sunday, October 17
Terresa Wagenaar

Sunday, October 24
Cole den Hoed

Sunday, October 31
Kody den Hoed



October	1	Kasey deBoer Doug DeBoer
	2	Ava deBoer
	3	Jodi DeGroot Thomas Doeden
	16	Kory Hayenga
	20	Isaac Kooiker Dustin Reck
	22	Stacie DeBoer Chloe Sternke
	25	Tony Schneidermann
	26	Keith Koth
	27	Arie Blik
	28	Rita Busse Roger Jurrens
	30	Jesse Sternke
	31	Daniel Kramer

Thank You So Much

I wish to thank our church family for your prayers, cards, visits, and the beautiful flowers. May our God richly bless you all. - Dave Busse

Thank you to everyone for their thoughts and prayers, cards, and the plant. The prayers are definitely felt as Brad continues to heal. Praising God for his provision and healing and for surrounding us with such a loving church.

Thank you so much! - Brad and Ashley VanTubergen

Thank you for praying for us and welcoming us before, during, and after Bethany's surgery. You have made us feel so welcomed in church and a part of the community.

Thank you so much! - Ruben, Monica, Ethen, Dominic, & Bethany Sufle



Bread of Life

October 27

Please pray for this Ministry!



Bud and Lois Fuchs continue working with the ICF (International Christian Fellowship) in Utah as Cross-Cultural Equipper. The summer was busy connecting with more international students and holding monthly picnics. They have also been working with new immigrants to the area. A group from Oregon came and conducted VBS as well as a soccer camp. Bud and a pastor are working and preparing to launch a new church plant. Please pray for this project!

Prayers are needed for students who continued to live under the pressure of Utah's religious culture. Pray for the launch of an international student Bible discussion lead by one of the students. Continue to pray for healing of Jesse's eyes. Praises for Jon who was able to find work in IT with a company in Utah county.

Mission Board



**Christian Hour Circle
October 12, 2021
7:00 pm
Regular Meeting**

Cherish House baby bottles are in the Foyer. Your coins can make a difference in the lives of young mothers and their children. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go back to Cherish House in the lakes area. Bottles are due back to church by November 7.

We will be starting Sunday Dinner Hosting for Pastor Jesse and family. There is a sign-up in the Foyer. You may either host their family in your home or take them out for dinner.