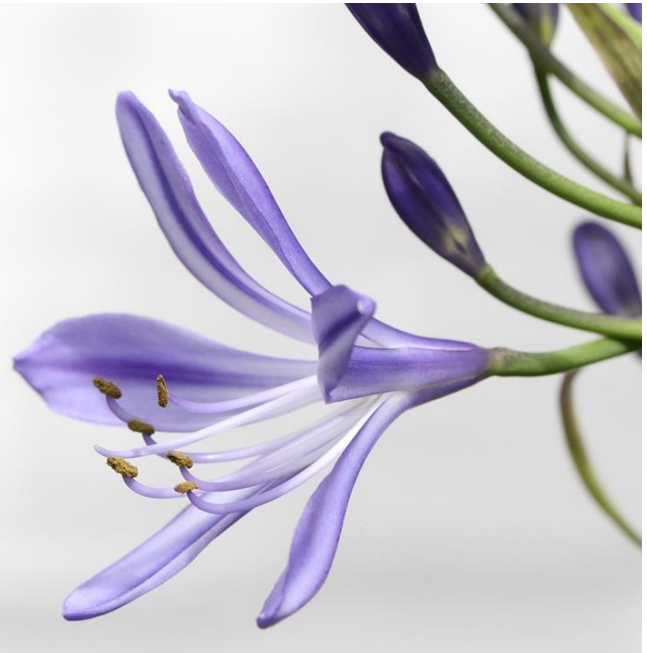


We love  
because He first  
loved us.  
**1 John 4:19**



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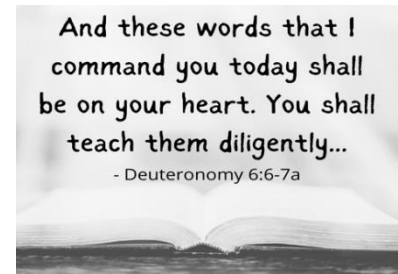
***“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.”***

– Psalm 145:4

Many families have heirlooms—objects that are passed down from one generation to the next that hold meaning and memories for the family. And each generation has stories and values that it wants to pass along to the next generation. But of all the things we can pass on to the next generation, the teaching of our faith is the most important.

The month of May is usually busy for most people. May Day baskets, High school graduations, Mother’s Day, and Memorial Day punctuate the month with both celebration and remembrance. Because of the different holidays and life events happening this month, we tend to be keenly aware of the impact our parents and ancestors have had on us and the duty we have to the next generation.

Sometimes, we can believe that passing on our faith can happen by default—that our children will “catch faith” by simply being around parents or the church. Or we can think that it’s the job of professionals—that church leaders are responsible for teaching the Bible. Or maybe we don’t know how to teach, or are scared to teach, or... one of a million other possibilities that hinders us. But in the end, each generation must be taught who God is and what He has done for us.



Deuteronomy 6:4-9 should be our rallying cry this month as we prepare for graduations, as we honor the physical and spiritual mothers in our lives, and as we remember those who paid the ultimate price for our nation’s freedom. It teaches us that we need to be very intentional in teaching our children about God. Whether it is instructing them when we are sitting together at home, or when we go on walks, or before we sleep, or when we wake up—teaching our children about God should be the one activity that we live and breathe. We cannot force belief on the next generation, but our responsibility is to teach them about God. Parents are the primary spiritual leaders in their children’s lives—they bear the brunt of the responsibility of raising the child in the way they should go. But we all play a secondary role in supporting the parent and pouring into their child’s life as well.

There is no room for complacency—we are ever only a generation away from wandering away from our faith. So this month, be encouraged to intentionally teach the next generation about God. Whether a parent or not, we can all join together to pass along our faith to others in our body of believers. First Baptist has existed for 130 years because of the faithfulness of past believers. Let’s do our part in passing this on to the next generation.

In Christ,  
Jesse

# OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS
<b>Sunday, May 1</b> Greg & Sharon DeBoer	<b>Sunday, May 1</b> Terresa Wagenaar
<b>Sunday, May 8</b> Stan & Crystal deBoer Judy Eben	<b>Sunday, May 8</b> Cole den Hoed
<b>Sunday, May 15</b> Harold & Helen Eben	<b>Sunday, May 15</b> Kody den Hoed
<b>Sunday, May 22</b> Bryan & Rachel Kramer	<b>Sunday, May 22</b> Donna DeBoer
<b>Sunday, May 29</b> Darren & Julie Kramer	<b>Sunday, May 29</b> Judy Eben



May	1	Kory & Dawn Hayenga Mary Eben Jaren Schrick
	2	Shelby Hayenga
	4	Dean & Donna Shelly Paul Reemtsma
	5	Caleb Johnson Weston Van Veldhuizen
	7	Autumn Hayenga
	10	Harlan & LeAnn Doeden Sara Johnson Donna Shelly Brooklyn Spencer
	12	Devon Stowell
	13	Herm & Linda Christians Dan & Jodi DeGroot Knox Spencer
	16	Harold Eben
	17	Lucas Eben Landon Reck Leah Winkowitsch
	18	Elena DeBoer Gloria Kruse Andrew Swacker Kim Winkowitsch
	19	Abby Kramer
	21	Aaron & Autumn Hayenga
	23	Brandon & Katie DeBoer Jeff & Cindy Eben Timothy Kramer
	26	Sharon DeBoer Samuel Kramer
	29	Kricket Arends
30	Mike Reemtsma	
31	Jeff & Stephanie Wagenaar	



### Rick and Debbie Bardin - Cameroon, Africa

In January, we had the privilege to host the Bardin's for a Sunday service and luncheon. They shared slides and a message on what was happening at the Mbingo hospital. Debbie shared ways in which we were able to help them through our White Cross program.

While the Bardin's are in the states, the pathology at the Mbingo Hospital is being done through telepathology by doctors in the states. A new automated slide scanner has arrived at the hospital with the help of Southwestern Medical Clinic Foundation. It will be installed by a team from South Africa. This will help expand the capacity for telepathology.

Rick and Debbie will be attending a CME conference this month and in May they will attend a NAB conference. They are expecting to return to the Cameroon in June. Please pray for safe travels to these conferences as well as their return trip to Cameroon.

Mission Board



- We will be having a graduation breakfast on May 1, at 9 am, to honor the following high school graduates: Kasey deBoer, Trenton Kaufman, and Jace Schrick.
- Join us on Saturday, April 30 to reach out to the community! We are participating in the George Rec Trail Event from 1-3:30 pm. We'll hand out water bottles, flyers, and engage in conversation as we invite the community to join our church family. Contact Jesse if you'd be able to help out!
- First Baptist will be offering a 1-day Vacation Bible School this year on June 4 from 9-3:30. VBS is for age 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

*Thank You  
So Much*

**Thank you for the birthday cards, calls, and visits.**

**-Florence Arends**

**Thank you for the meals, prayers, flowers, and cards when I was in the hospital. It is very appreciated. -Junior Stubbe**

# **Congratulations 2022 Graduates!**



**Kasey deBoer**  
**George-Little Rock**

**Jace Schrick**  
**Central Lyon**



**Trenton Kaufman**  
**Boyden-Hull**

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Graduation Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>6:30 PM Discipleship U</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Visitation</p>	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM CHC @ Rosie's</p>
<p>8</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM Baccalaureate Salem Reformed Church</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission</p>	14
<p>15</p> <p>MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM Graduation GLR High School</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Visitation</p>	19	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School Bell Choir</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>5:30 PM Advisory Bd Mtg</p> <p>6:30 PM Discipleship U</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>BREAD OF LIFE 7:00 PM Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study</p>	26	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>BUILDING FUND SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>6:30 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb</p>	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31				