



## **FIRST CHRONICLES**

**June, 2022**

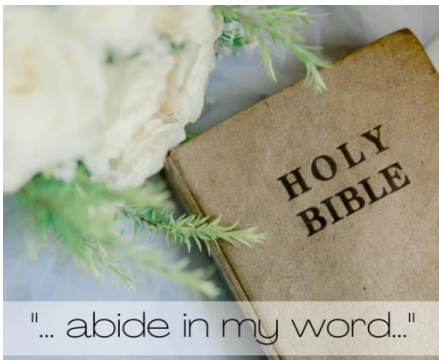
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***“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” – John 8:31-32***

When I was in the military, there were many things that set me apart. I was clean shaven, wore a uniform, conducted myself in a certain way, spoke in a certain way, and followed every order that came my way. At the beginning, as I was still learning how to be a good soldier, there were times when the commanding officers called me out on failing to meet the standards that were set for me. There were certain things that marked a good United States soldier and everyone in the military was held to that standard.

In my time here, I’ve continually discussed discipleship. “Disciple” means “learner” or “student” of a teacher—our teacher being Christ. When we commit our lives to Christ, we commit to following him as a disciple—walking in the same footsteps of every believer throughout time to the original disciples. We need more mature (read: “Christlike”) Christians to teach us and we need to teach other Christians too. But what are the marks of a true disciple? What sets us apart?



One of the marks is given in John 8. There, Jesus is speaking to the Jews and Pharisees about who he is and why they can trust in his testimony. As a result of his teaching, many believed in him. So here, he turns to instructing these believers on what marks them as “true” believers. The first mark that he gives them is to abide in his Word.

By giving this as his first mark, Jesus elevates the centrality of Scripture in the believer’s life. Abiding in God’s Word is so foundational to

the disciple’s walk with God that Jesus places it as a criteria for distinguishing a true disciple from a false one. He says, “if you abide in my word, you are ***truly*** my disciples.” Then he gives the effect of abiding in his Word: they will know the truth and the truth will set them free. This means that they will know Jesus and experience freedom in him because Jesus is Truth (John 14:6). True disciples, then, read and study God’s Word to know Jesus. If we don’t abide in the Word, then we cannot truly know Jesus.

We are entering the month of June. Time is passing by so quickly—the year is almost half done. How has your Bible studying gone so far? Are you abiding in God’s Word? If someone were to look at your Bible habits since January, would they say that you know Jesus? Join me in committing to abide in God’s Word. This is one of the marks of a true disciple. This is what we are to look like. Let’s uphold that standard and be an example of what discipleship looks like.

In Christ,  
Jesse

# OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS
<b>Sunday, June 5</b> Greg & Sharon DeBoer	<b>Sunday, June 5</b> Terresa Wagenaar
<b>Sunday, June 12</b> Stan & Crystal deBoer Judy Eben	<b>Sunday, June 12</b> Cole den Hoed
<b>Sunday, June 19</b> Harold & Helen Eben	<b>Sunday, June 19</b> Kody den Hoed
<b>Sunday, June 26</b> Bryan & Rachel Kramer	<b>Sunday, June 26</b> Donna DeBoer



June	1	Audrey Winter
	2	Darren & Julie Kramer
	3	Henry & Joan Boneschans Brad Van Tubergen
	4	Roger Kooiker Glenn Winter
	5	Glenn & Audrey Winter Jeff Schrick Matthew Wagenaar
	6	Sweer & Florence Arends
	8	Harlan Doeden Katie Sterneke
	9	Thomas DeBoer
	11	Alan & Terresa Wagenaar
	12	Clinton & Glenda DeBoer Dustin & Kayla DeBoer
	13	Steve & Ronda Arends Jillian DeBoer
	14	Darren Kramer
	15	Willie & Kathy Hunter Daryl & Mary Kramer Janelle Kooiker
	16	Arie & Darlene Blik Ted & Dawn Siemens
	17	Roger & Charlotte Jurrens Michelle DeKam
	18	Terresa Wagenaar
	22	Jeff & Jodi Schrick
	23	Donna DeBoer
	24	Brad & Abby Kramer
	25	Kristi Tiedeman
	26	Jordan Wagenaar
	27	Daryl Kramer
	28	Janessa Reck



Dennis and Nancy Palmer from Cameroon will be visiting and speaking at our church Sunday, June 12th.

We will be having a buffet lunch following the service and will have the opportunity to visit with them.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

- Mission Board

*Thank You  
So Much*

**Thank you, First Baptist Church, for the beautiful bouquet of flowers given to me following my surgery. Also, thanks for your thoughts and prayers and for those who sent cards. God bless you all. -Carolyn Wagenaar**



### **Bread of Life**

- 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 to the parents who brought kids and to everyone that volunteered! We could not have done it without you!

### **The Banquet**

- FBC will be serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, June 21. We need 5-6 people at 2:00 and the rest at 5:00. Be watching for a sign-up sheet in the Foyer.

### **Bread of Life**

- We are in charge of serving at the Rock Rapids site on June 22 at the Forster Community Building. We need 4-5 people at 4:30 to help haul frozen items and 10-15 people to come at 5:00.



Junior 1 Camp June 5-11

Trey DeWeerd, Logan denHoed, Charlie Johnson,  
Matthew Wagenaar, Lucas Kooiker, Kasen Kramer,  
Kataya Skoglund, Alexis Koerselman, Addy Riemersma,  
Ryker Riemersma, Dane Arends, Maci Arends,  
Dominick Arends, Adrian Jensen, Devin Vander Plaats

Senior High Camp June 19-25

Jacey Eben, Erika Fluit, Makayla Fluit, Kaylee Fluit,  
Angel Koerselman, Sophia Schmith, Devon Stowell

Teen Camp July 24-30:

Lexie DeWeerd, Kody den Hoed, Cole den Hoed,  
Austin Eben, Sydney Petersen, Lucy Petersen, Evalyn deBoer, Ethan  
deBoer, Caleb Johnson, Hunter Gano, Isaac Kooiker, Caleb Kooiker,  
Makenzie Avila