



FIRST CHRONICLES

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I'd like to share this poem with you. It reminds us that although Jesus came once, that's not the end. He will come again. But in His second coming, He won't come as a helpless baby. He will come in all of His power and glory. May this poem encourage you to believe in His name this Christmas season.

In Christ,
Pastor Jesse

“ 'Twas the Night Before Jesus Came” by Lou Pinter

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed.
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wandering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! returning just like he had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand.
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound.
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call



OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS
Sunday, December 4 Janice Schneidermann	Sunday, December 4 Judy Eben
Sunday, December 11 Dennis & Gracia Schrick	Sunday, December 11 Katie DeBoer
Sunday, December 18 Alan & Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, December 18 Gerri Spangler
Sunday, December 25 Kevin & Lynette Wagenaar	Sunday, December 25 Terresa Wagenaar



December	1	Kenny & Mavis Kanengieter Delores Jurrens Michael Kramer Dawn McVey
	3	Remi Hanenburg Jamie Reemtsma
	4	Junior Stubbe
	5	Bethany DeBoer
	6	Sweer Arends Ross Kooiker
	7	Aaron & Jamie Reemtsma
	11	Jesse DeGroot Trent Thompson Gwen Winter
	13	Cole Middleton
	14	Jozephine Kaufman
	16	Harold & Helen Eben Anna DeBoer
	18	Dax DeGroot
	22	Dave & Rita Busse Katie DeBoer Bethany Sufle
	26	Kelly & Stacie DeBoer Raelyn Thompson
	28	Jesse Schrick
	29	Richard Swacker
	30	Dustin DeBoer Glenda DeBoer
	31	Barry Arends Bob Johnson Jesse Phillips

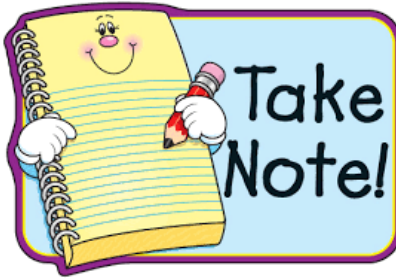


Scott and Colleen Burdsall and family are doing the Lord's work in London. They are working with the Bangladesh people in the London area. Scott has been busy tutoring men in English as well as mentoring a couple men who are new believers and interested in faith. Please pray for him in all these conversations and studies.

Colleen has been working with the ESOL classes and these have been three different levels learning English. Following the classes there is a time for tea, conversations, as well as a Bible story. The girls club has some new attendees who are younger and eager to be included in discussions. Please pray for a deeper relationship with the girls and their parents.

Please keep in prayer Lillian, Josiah and Annelise as they continue in school with new studies, friends, and activities. Also keep Caleb in your prayers as he is graduating from Iowa State.

Mission Board



- Do you want to be a blessing before the end of the year to a ministry that is raising up pastors and Christian leaders across Africa? Gospelink's Ambassador Int'l University in Zambia, Africa has some financial challenges to keep the lights on in 2023. They have a matching gift opportunity between now and December 30th that you could double your impact! If you want to bless this Bible College and see your gift doubled, please make a donation by calling their USA headquarters at 434-485-7007 or going to their website at www.Gospelink.org or sending a donation to: Gospelink PO Box 1160 Forest, VA 24551. Please explain that you want to be part of the matching gift opportunity for AIU. Thank you and God bless you!



- Project Warm Up will be December 4, after the morning service. We will also be having a Soup & Pie luncheon. We need fleece donations. We need $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards for the front and $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards for the back of each blanket. Please turn in the fleece donations by November 30 to have cut. Group 4 will be working in the kitchen and needs to bring $1\frac{1}{2}$ dozen prepared buns.
- Christmas program practice will be Sundays during Sunday school from 9:00-9:45 during the month of December. The Christmas program will be Sunday morning, December 25 at 10:00.
- We will be filling Christmas sacks after the Sunday morning service on December 18. All are welcome to help!
- Pastor Jesse & family would like to invite the church to the parsonage to celebrate Christmas together on Sunday, December 18, from 4:00-7:00pm. There'll be music, soup, Christmas cookies, and hopefully you! Feel free to stop by at any time and leave when you'd like. We hope to see you there!
- Burdsall's are going to be in the area in the week leading up to Christmas this next month. On December 19, they will be having an open house at 7pm in the Town and Country building in Little Rock. They will be sharing a brief update on how and what we are doing in London, but more importantly, have some good fellowship with those who attend, particularly with our supporting folks and congregations. You are all invited.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School Program Practice 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Project Warm Up Soup & Pie Lunch	5	6	7 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	8	9	10
11 9:00 AM Sunday School Program Practice 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Night of Music	12	13 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting	14 9:30 AM Good Sam Chapel 6:30 PM Awana 6:30 PM Youth @ Jesse & Breanna's 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	15	16	17
18 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School Program Practice 10:00 AM Worship 4:00-7:00 PM Parsonage Open House	19	20	21 BREAD OF LIFE No Activities	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 PM Candlelight Service
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Program	26	27	28 No Activities	29	30	31 7:00 PM New Year's Eve Service