



Delight
in the yourself
LORD
and he will give you the
DESIRES of
your
Heart

PSALM 37:4

FIRST CHRONICLES

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“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.” – Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission, quoted above, is the command for every believer and church to follow. Specifically, each church lives this out in their own unique way depending on their context. At our church, how we live out this command was written down in our mission statement: We exist to Glorify God through Seeking the Lost, Building up Believers, and Equipping Workers to Serve Him.

If we boiled our mission statement down a little bit, we’d see that we exist to Exalt (glorify God), Evangelize (seek the lost), Edify (building up believers), and Equip (equipping workers to serve him). We could simplify this even more to be: we exist to be disciples who make disciples. Being disciples is glorifying God and building up believers. Making disciples is seeking the lost and equipping workers to serve Him. Whether we use the long or short version, the message is clear: We are a body of believers who are intent on fulfilling the Great Commission.

This is why, over the past year, we have been working to memorize and internalize our mission statement as a body of believers. We should all know why we are doing what we are doing. Why serve in AWANA? Why have the Christian Hour Circle? Why have Discipleship U? Why have a youth ministry? Why buy a new van? Why invest money in the youth room? BECAUSE: We exist to glorify God through seeking the lost, building up believers, and equipping workers to serve Him. We need to memorize this statement because it lays out the foundation of our purpose as a church. We can point to our mission statement as explaining our commitment to the Great Commission. If we don’t know the mission statement, we are like a ship without a rudder or a boat on the river without oars. We will go wherever the waves take us rather than choosing our direction.

We began this focus on our mission last August after our leadership retreat. Our hope is that we would all memorize—or at least be VERY familiar with—the mission statement by the next leadership retreat (coming up in August). That’s one year to accomplish this goal—and we only have a few months left!

So, over the next few months, I’d like to encourage us all to turn our mission statement into a greeting. “A greeting” you ask? Yes. Just like we greet each other with “He is Risen” – “He is Risen indeed” in relation to Christ’s resurrection, let’s greet each other with the mission statement. “We exist to glorify God” – “through seeking the lost, building up believers, and equipping workers to serve Him.” Let’s help each other internalize our mission. Let’s encourage one another in this goal. And remember, if you get stuck, it’s in the bulletin and on the wall going into the sanctuary! ☺ Together, we can do this!

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS
<p align="center">Sunday, June 4 Alan & Terresa Wagenaar</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, June 4 Katie DeBoer</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, June 11 Kevin & Lynette Wagenaar</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, June 11 Kody den Hoed</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, June 18 Henry & Joan Boneschans</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, June 18 Judy Eben</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, June 25 Doug & Donna DeBoer</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, June 25 Rachel Kramer</p>



Thank you to our church family for the cards, texts, flowers, food, gifts, and especially the prayers. Many nurses and doctors commented that we had many people around us supporting us, because of all the visitors and cards we got. We could not have done it without the prayers. Thank you to Pastor Jesse for the visits. We appreciate you all very much and will always remember your kindnesses. – Paul & Sharilyn Reemtsma

We would like to thank First Baptist Church for the gift of \$200. Those dollars will be used to purchase Bibles and hopefully reach someone with The Gospel of Christ. Thank you!
– Northwest Gideon Camp



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 Reck Tessa Middleton Braxton Christians Chris Eklund
	13	Steve & Ronda Arends Tim & Katie Kruse Jillian DeBoer
	14	Darren Kramer
	15	Daryl & Mary Kramer Shane Dean Levi Hayenga Karson Jurrens Janelle Kooiker
	17	Tom & Anna DeBoer Roger & Charlotte Jurrens Mike & Joni Reemtsma Michelle DeKam
	18	Terresa Wagenaar
	22	Jeff & Jodi Schrick
	23	Donna DeBoer
	24	Brad & Abby Kramer
	26	Damien Arends Jordan Wagenaar
	27	Daryl Kramer
	28	Janessa Reck



Willie and Kathy Hunter work with Gospelink. Gospelink is celebrating 25 years this year and has seen many accomplishments. Gospelink was started in 1998 in Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Currently there are 15 countries with preacher sponsorships with 1117 preachers. There are 47,346 churches planted with 8,267,491 professions of faith.

In 2003 Gospelink began making plans to construct a biblically based university. In 2009 AIU opened its doors. The campus has over 150 buildings which include student hostels, faculty housing, a library, classrooms, cafeteria, a machine/wood shop, computer lab and a day care center with playground. Currently there are 79 students enrolled at the school and 58 students enrolled online.

In the future AIU is planning to add more majors including elementary and secondary education as well as nursing. They are also looking to add a trade school where students can be trained in fields such as electrical, plumbing, bricklaying, carpentry and more. These programs will allow students to not only learn more about God's Word but will train them in way to spread the gospel through their careers.

Continue praying for the pastors, church plants and AIU as they continue their work in serving others in their countries. Also continue praying for Willie and Kathy in their work with Gospelink.

Mission Board.



VBS

- First Baptist will be offering a 1-day Vacation Bible School this year on June 3 from 9-3:30. VBS is for age 4-6th grade. Thank you to the parents who brought kids and to everyone that is volunteering! We could not do it without you!

The Banquet

- FBC will be serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, June 20. We need 5-6 people at 2:00 and the rest at 5:00. There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer.

Bread of Life

- We are in charge of serving at the Rock Rapids site on June 28 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.

Card Shower

- The family of Sweer & Florence Arends are requesting a card shower for their 78th wedding anniversary on June 6. Address is 314 N. Maple Street, Ellsworth, MN 56129.



Junior 1 Camp June 4-10

Dominick Arends, Maci Arends, Emersan deBoer,
Trey DeWeerd, Alize Eklund, Adrian Jensen, Brylie Johnson,
Lexi Koerselman, Lucas Kooiker, Kasen Kramer,
Tessa Middleton, Addyson Riemersma, Ryker Riemersma, and
Chloe Sternke.

Senior High Camp June 18-24

Austin Eben, Jacey Eben, Erika Fluit, Kaylee Fluit,
Hunter Gano

Teen Camp 2 July 23-29:

Dane Arends, Evalyn deBoer, Cole den Hoed, Kody den Hoed,
Logan den Hoed, Lexie DeWeerd, Caleb Johnson,
Charlie Johnson, Caleb Kooiker, Isaac Kooiker, Lucy Petersen,
Sydney Petersen, Kataya Skoglund, Obadiah Sternke,
Miriam Sternke, and Matthew Wagenaar

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9-3:30 VBS
4 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U	5	6	7 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	8	9 RISEFEST	10 RISEFEST 7:00-9:00 AM Gideon Nat'l Day of Prayer at FBC
Junior Camp 1 June 4-10						
11 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Advisory Bd Mtg 6:30 PM Discipleship U	12	13 7:00 PM Deacon Board Mtg	14 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	15	16	17
18 Father's Day MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship	19	20 The Banquet	21 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	22	23	24
Senior High Camp June 18-24						
25 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U	26	27	28 5:00 PM CHC Bread of Life @ Rock Rapids Bread of Life @ George (Youth Group)	29	30	