



## **FIRST CHRONICLES**

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***“Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.”*** – 2 Corinthians 3:7-9

When you are alone, what does your mind most often become preoccupied with? What do you tend to daydream about? What do you care most about? What animates you the most? Energizes you the most? Captivates you the most? Stirs and inspires and motivates you the most? What—based on your daily life and the things you love to talk about—would other people say is the most important thing to you? Whatever answer is most common among these questions is what we worship. The hope is—the goal we pursue—is that the answer is God.

Worshiping God is to glorify Him. Last month, I talked about the Hebrew word for glory—“*kavod*”—and how it meant “heavy, weighty, or burdensome.” When we come into the New Testament, the meaning of the word “glory” changes. From the Greek word “*doxa*,” glory means “brightness, an especially divine quality, the unspoken manifestation of God, splendor.” How different that is from the Hebrew word “*kavod*!” The glory of God went from being a responsibility we bear—though it still is that—to a freedom we enjoy.

We see this in the verses above. Paul shares how the glory of God affected Moses and the Israelites. A veil had to cover Moses' face because the people could not bear the awesome splendor of God's glory. But because of Christ's work on the cross and the new covenant of grace that He instituted, our interaction with God's glory changed. The early Christians understood that a weight was being lifted off of them and that there was freedom. Their worship turned from a fearful humility to a bold humility—although, it was still humility. But the boldness isn't out of pride but out of faith. It comes from an assured hope that Christ has made a way to come to God. The veil has been lifted and the burden that Christ offers us is easy and light. Even though it is still a burden, we partake of it in confidence and in joy.

Glorifying God is still an act of humility. It is still coming low before Him as He is lifted up. But we no longer feel the weight of glory in the same way we once did. Under the old covenant, God's glory was burdensome because of our sin. But through Christ, there is a greater glory—one marked by freedom. Paul goes on to say in 2 Corinthians 3:17, “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” This is what Christ gives us through His sacrifice.

This article and last month's article is a brief theological foundation of what it means to glorify God. But let's not hesitate to put this into practice. Be encouraged to participate in worship this month in a spirit of joy and freedom. Come before God with thanksgiving in your heart and enter His courts with praise. This is what He desires for us.

In Christ,  
Jesse

# OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS
<b>Sunday, April 7</b> Kevin & Lynette Wagenaar	<b>Sunday, April 7</b> Donna DeBoer
<b>Sunday, April 14</b> Henry & Joan Boneschans	<b>Sunday, April 14</b> Katie DeBoer
<b>Sunday, April 21</b> Doug & Donna DeBoer	<b>Sunday, April 21</b> Kody den Hoed
<b>Sunday, April 28</b> Greg & Sharon DeBoer	<b>Sunday, April 28</b> Judy Eben



April	2	George Stratman
	9	Cindy Eben
	11	Lynette Wagenaar
	16	Roger & Janelle Kooiker Dan DeGroot
	17	Nolan Kooiker
	19	Obadiah Sternke
	25	Josiah Cottington
	27	Alyssa denHoed Chantel Tiedeman
	30	Ted Siemens

## *Thank You So Much*

We as the Gideons of the Northwest Camp want to thank the church for the nice offering of \$700 we received. That money will be used to purchase Bibles to be given to individuals. Who knows, someone may even come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ from one of those Bibles. God Bless You. - Gideons Northwest Camp

Thank you so much to Pastor Jesse for his kind words of concern, texts of comforting scripture and for making the trip to Granite Falls, MN, for my sister Bev's celebration of life! It meant more than my words can express! Thanks, too, to all who sent cards, messages, spoke words of consolation, and said prayers on our behalf! This has been so incredibly difficult! So thankful for the promise of salvation to see loved ones again! Please continue to pray for my brother-in-law, Evan, and their kids and grandkids and all of our family. Thanks so much!

- Steve & Ronda Arends & Family and Evan Sneller & Family



One of the missions our church supports is Gospelink. The mission of Gospelink is "to connect God's people to advance the Gospel by connecting the Church globally, partnering with indigenous pastors and Gospel ministry leaders actively spreading the Gospel through evangelism, discipleship, and church planting; equipping the body of Christ through education and short-term missions programs and caring for those in need through medical missions and the care of orphans and widows as well as through other means to meet needs and see people reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ."

Willie and Kathy Hunter, our supported missionaries through Gospelink, will be returning to Africa this summer to visit Gospelink preachers in Tanzania and to help put on a conference for all of the Gospelink preachers and their wives who live there. That is nearly 200 families!

Pray for them as they make preparations for this summer trip. And pray that the Good News of Jesus Christ will reach many lives.

Mission board



The FBC Ladies group will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday April 9.  
 We will be putting together "Chemo bags" to bring to local hospitals to be handed out to cancer patients receiving treatments. We are looking for donations of the following items:

We would love to get as many of these items as we can. If we get extra we can save the for the next time or make extra bags. There will be a large tub in the library to put these items.

- 25-small fleece blankets
- 25-stainless Steel water cups
- 50- chapsticks
- 25- travel size lotions (unscented)
- 25- pocket size devotionals
- 25- adult coloring books
- 25- adult markers
- 25- fill-in style books
- 25-colored pencils
- 25- containers of mints
- 25- purse size Kleenex
- 25- playing cards (for solitaire)
- 25- small notebooks for journaling
- 25-nice pens
- Inspirational magnets or notes
- 25-pocket size inspirational books or chicken soup for soul
- 25- small hand sanitizers



Awana Awards Night will be Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 pm. Group 3 will be working in the kitchen and needs to bring 1 dozen prepared buns and 1 dozen cookies or bars.  
 Group 4 is asked to bring 1 dozen prepared buns and 1 dozen cookies or bars.



