



*To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

FIRST CHRONICLES

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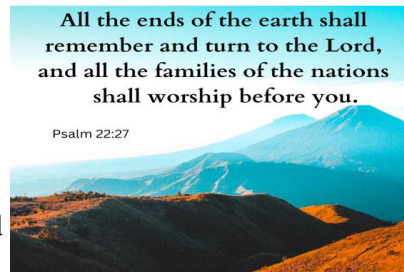
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“I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you... it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.” – Psalm 22:22, 30b-31

The summer months have arrived and with it a slew of activities. We have VBS on June 1, summer camps in June and July, and serving at the Banquet. Be in prayer for all of these opportunities! This is one of our spiritual planting seasons. We are impacting children’s lives through VBS. We are providing opportunities for our children and youth to invest in their faith through camp. And we are reaching out to those in need through our service projects. We are going to be the hands and feet of Christ. We are going to glorify God. We are going to worship.

We don’t often put worship together with outreach, evangelism, and service. But in truth, they are intimately connected. Worship is about glorifying God. It’s about proclaiming the truth about God. The most prominent part of the content of our worship is the Gospel. Almost every single song mentions or focuses on the gift of salvation secured through Jesus Christ on the cross and rising again out of the tomb. This is the same content that we share when we reach out to others. We are showing others in word and in action that God is concerned with them, that He loves them, and that He wants a relationship with Him. The same love that we praise God for in our times of worship is the same love we proclaim to others. Proclamation and praise go hand in hand—they are two sides of the same coin.

Psalm 22, partly quoted above, is a prophetic psalm. The very first verse is on the lips of Jesus on the cross and the first 18 verses describe the events of Jesus’ crucifixion. But then it makes a turn. The writer, David, moves from detailing the torment of the cross to praising God. In the verses above, he speaks of how he will proclaim the goodness of God in the midst of the congregation. He will pass on the truth of God to the next generation. David is saying these things in a spirit of praise. He is talking of evangelism while he is in the midst of worship. Worship is evangelistic. Evangelism is worship. They are intimately connected.



This summer, let’s be intentional about reaching out to others. Let’s share the truth about who God is and what He has done. This is how we can glorify God as a body of believers. This is how we worship and evangelize. So plug in—join in the opportunities that God is providing for us. That is our call today.

(By the way, if you’re reading through a chapter of Proverbs a day with me, we’re on ch. 29 on June 1st! So far, we’ve completed the book 3 times! Some people came up with another way to do this: read all of Proverbs once a month by reading a chapter a day and fitting in any extra chapters at the end of the month. That way it’s easier to know what chapter you’re on.)

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, June 2 Daryl & Mary Kramer	Sunday, June 2 Alyssa den Hoed	Sunday, June 2 Katie DeBoer
Sunday, June 9 Greg & Les Kramer	Sunday, June 9 Kody den Hoed	Sunday, June 9 Rachel Kramer
Sunday, June 16 Janice Schneidermann	Sunday, June 16 Judy Eben	Sunday, June 16 Kayla Reck
Sunday, June 23 Dennis & Gracia Schrick	Sunday, June 23 Rachel Kramer	Sunday, June 23 Abby Kramer
Sunday, June 30 Donna Shelly	Sunday, June 30 Gerri Spangler	Sunday, June 30 Sarah Gruis



Thank you, First Baptist Church, for your prayers, cards received, acts of kindness, and flowers sent after Gary's death. We appreciate it all. - Family of Gary DeBoer

To First Baptist, I say Thank-You for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and to all who remembered me in prayer and any other way when I was in the hospital and while recuperating. It was very much appreciated! God Bless! Janelle Kooiker



June	1	Audrey Winter
	2	Darren & Julie Kramer
	3	Henry & Joan Boneschans Brad Van Tubergen
	4	Roger Kooiker Glenn Winter
	5	Glenn & Audrey Winter Matthew Wagenaar
	8	Harlan Doeden Katie Sternke
	10	Jordan & Katie Wagenaar
	11	Alan & Terresa Wagenaar
	12	Clinton & Glenda DeBoer Dustin & Kayla Reck
	13	Steve & Ronda Arends Jillian Van Briesen
	14	Darren Kramer
	15	Daryl & Mary Kramer Janelle Kooiker
	17	Roger & Charlotte Jurrens
	18	Terresa Wagenaar
	23	Donna DeBoer
	24	Brad & Abby Kramer
	26	Jordan Wagenaar
	27	Daryl Kramer
	28	Janessa Reck



Village Creek Bible Camp (VCBC) is a year-round ministry offering life-changing camp experiences enabling people of all ages to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Since 1972, Village Creek has offered a wide variety of camps and retreats and is dedicated to serving as an extension of the local church.

Located in northeast Iowa's Bluff Country just a few miles west of the Mississippi River, Village Creek offers each of its campers beautiful surroundings, staff and counselors who care, and practical spiritual direction. At VCBC every day is filled with fun things to do such as archery, kayaking, fishing, etc. VCBC focuses on Biblical teaching and encouragement and every camp and retreat features excellent Christ-honoring speakers and musicians.

We have over 30 campers going to various camps at VCBC this summer. Pray for their spiritual growth in Christ, their safety going to and from camp and while at camp, as well as a fun-filled time at camp. Thank you to all those who are providing transportation to and from camp and helping in other ways. Remember to keep them in prayer as well. Also pray for the parents of these campers that their lives may be enriched by what their children are learning about Christ at camp.

Mission Board



VBS

- We want to say Thank You to everyone that any part of helping in any way with VBS, we could not do it without you!

The Banquet

- FBC will be serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, June 25. We need 5-6 people at 2:00 and the rest at 5:00. There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer.



Junior 1 Camp June 2-8

Dominick Arends, Lindy Austin, Emersan deBoer,
Trey DeWeerd, Alize Eklund, Carla Eklund, Adrian Jensen,
Brylie Johnson, Lucas Kooiker, Tessa Middleton, Janessa Reck,
Chloe Sternke, and Hazel Triplett

Teen Camp 1 June 9-15

Dane Arends, Carter Caswell, Evalyn deBoer, Logan den Hoed,
Caleb Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Kasen Kramer,
Sydney Petersen, Addyson Riemersma, Kataya Skoglund,
Alexis Smith, Miriam Sternke, Obadiah Sternke,
Logan Van Briesen, Ryleigh Van Briesen, Matthew Wagenaar,
and Jayla Wiertzema

Senior High Camp June 16-22:

Cole den Hoed, Kody den Hoed, Lexie DeWeerd, Erika Fluit,
Parker Laleman, Georgie Oedekoven, and Hayden Stettnichs