

**FIRST CHRONICLES**  
**OCTOBER, 2024**

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***“Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”*** – Hebrews 13:20-21

Over the past few years, we’ve sketched out a vision for First Baptist that has guided us to take intentional steps together. There is so much good that we can do as Christ’s hands and feet in our area that we can become overwhelmed by all the possibilities. Generally, this can lead to one of two outcomes: either a church gives up before it starts OR they try to do everything and become effective at nothing. So to give ourselves some parameters on how to move forward together and to do so effectively, we have focused on our mission statement.

Two years ago, the first step we took along this path was to familiarize ourselves with our mission statement. Do you remember what it is? *We exist to glorify God through seeking the lost, building up believers, and equipping workers to serve God.*” Last year, the next step focused in on the first part of our mission statement—to glorify God. The Music Board helped us to worship in a purposeful way—adding a call to worship to our morning service, worshipping with other churches in the fall, and worshipping outside at the George pond are just a couple examples of what we did.

This year, we are taking our next step—we will focus on that last part of our mission statement: *equipping workers to serve God*. It is through being equipped that we will be able to seek the lost and build up believers. We will acquire the necessary tools to live out our faith in our own personal lives as well as grow in maturity as a body of believers. We’ve already undertaken two initial projects towards this focus on equipping—we’ve updated the upstairs classrooms with TVs and whiteboards so that teachers in Sunday School and AWANA have tools at their disposal to teach their classes AND we’ve added a third Sunday School class and are offering nursery during Sunday School to give more opportunities for adults to plug into a small group structure.

Being equipped to live out our faith is important. It’s just as important as having a car to get from place to place, clothing to wear in public, and kitchen utensils to cook food. We need tools that affect our spiritual walk so that we can grow closer to God in our relationship with Him. This is what God desires for us. We see this in the above verses—this is the prayer for this entire year—that God would equip us with everything good. Why do we need to be equipped with everything good? So that we can do God’s will so that by His work within us, we will be pleasing in His sight.

So this month and throughout this year, be encouraged to plug into the opportunities you’ll have to be equipped. Come to Sunday School and see how you can be the hands and feet of Christ in your area of influence.

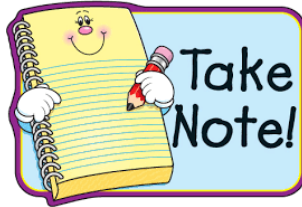
In Christ,  
Jesse

# OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
<b>Sunday, October 6</b> Alan & Terresa Wagenaar	<b>Sunday, October 6</b> Alyssa den Hoed	<b>Sunday, October 6</b> Kayla Reck
<b>Sunday, October 13</b> Kevin & Lynette Wagenaar	<b>Sunday, October 13</b> Judy Eben	<b>Sunday, October 13</b> Abby Kramer
<b>Sunday, October 20</b> Henry & Joan Boneschans	<b>Sunday, October 20</b> Gerri Spangler	<b>Sunday, October 20</b> Rachel Kramer
<b>Sunday, October 27</b> Doug & Donna DeBoer	<b>Sunday, October 27</b> Terresa Wagenaar	<b>Sunday, October 27</b> Rachel Kramer



Thank you, First Baptist, for the flowers, prayers and cards I received following my surgery. It was much appreciated. Also, thanks for all the thoughts and prayers concerning our daughter, Denise Liesinger. She is waiting to start her radiation treatments. God Bless! - Carolyn Wagenaar



- Cherish House baby bottles are in the Foyer. Your coins can make a difference in the lives of young mothers and their children. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go back to Cherish House in the lakes area. Bottles are due back to church by October 30.
- We are collecting items to pack 50 Thanksgiving Bags during our November Ladies Night in November. Items are needed by November 10. There is a sign up in the Foyer.

Stove Top Turkey Stuffing Mix  
Turkey Gravy in a Jar  
Canned Kernel Corn  
Canned Green Beans  
Cookies



- Little Rock EMS Chili Fundraiser will be Sunday, October 20, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Little Rock Town & County Building. Free Will Donation. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate, you may give your donation to Crystal deBoer. Little Rock EMS does not bill patients and is funded through donations only!
- There will be a Community Worship event called "Gridshock" at Tabernacle Baptist in George on Sunday, October 20, from 7:00-9:00 PM.



October	1	Kasey deBoer Doug DeBoer
	2	Ava deBoer
	3	Jodi DeGroot
	10	Marci Jones
	16	Kory Hayenga
	20	Isaac Kooiker Dustin Reck
	22	Stacie DeBoer Maria Macias Chloe Sternke
	28	Rita Busse Roger Jurrens Beau Kramer
	30	Jesse Sternke
	31	Daniel Kramer



An update from Scott and Colleen Burdsall: They are back in London UK after spending the summer with family and friends. They traveled through many states and stopped by to visit the FBC mission board and others in Iowa. It was good to be in the US, but it was also good to be back in the UK as that felt like returning home.

Recently Colleen and son, Josiah, helped with a local church's holiday club week. It was a great time with about 70 kids each day learning a Bible overview. They had fun and seemed to really understand what they were learning. Pray for these kids and their families, especially those without church backgrounds, that they would continue wanting to learn more.

As the school year begins, most Asha programs start back up again. Pray for ESOL classes, for book table outreaches, and for art drop-ins especially.

Pray for Scott and Colleen as they jump back into work, that they would catch up quickly with what the rest of the team has been working on, and know how best to spend their time this autumn.

Josiah is attending the University of Sunderland to study Sports Journalism. Pray for his settlement and finding a church and community in Sunderland. Continue to pray for Scott, Colleen, and daughter, Annelise in London.

Mission Board

## October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 PM Awana  7:00 PM Youth  7:00 PM Visitation	3	4	5
6  COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School  10:00 AM Worship  5:30 PM Advisory Bd Mtg (pick nominating committee)  6:30 PM Discipleship U	7	8 2:00 PM Good Sam Chapel  7:00 PM Ladie's Night  7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting	9 9:30 AM Good Sam Worship Service  6:30 PM Awana  7:00 PM Youth  7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	10	11	12  Youth to Thunder Road
13 9:00 AM Sunday School  10:00 AM Worship  11:00 AM CE Board Meeting  6:30 PM Discipleship U	14	15	16 6:30 PM Awana  7:00 PM Youth  7:00 PM Visitation	17	18	19 8:30 AM Women's Conference @ Bethel Reformed in Lester
20  MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School  10:00 AM Worship  7:00-9:00 PM Community Worship Gridshock @ Tab	21	22	23 6:30 PM Awana  7:00 PM Youth  7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	24	25	26
27 9:00 AM Sunday School Bell Choir  10:00 AM Worship  6:30 PM Discipleship U	28	29	30 6:30 PM Awana  7:00 PM Youth  7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	31		