



FIRST CHRONICLES

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming.” – Colossians 3:5-6

I used to volunteer as a chaplain at a couple of hospitals down in Tennessee. One hospital was similar to Avera in Rock Rapids and the other one was more akin to Sanford in Sioux Falls. Some of the rooms that I walked into required special protective wear. I'd have to wash my hands, put on a gown, gloves, and mask. Sometimes, I had to wear a face shield depending on the patient. To leave the room, everything had to be discarded and I had to thoroughly wash my hands. I couldn't hang onto that equipment. It was contaminated and had to be discarded.

As we've focused on equipping ourselves to serve God, there is one aspect that we've left out—our need to discard the tools that are bad and broken. The tools we need to do this with is our sin nature. Prior to coming to Christ, we learned how to cope with life, find strength to meet the challenges of the day, motivate ourselves, connect with people, and more. While we may view some of those tools as good, we need to realize that they are all tinged with sin and need to be cleansed and transformed through Christ. And some of those tools are all together corrupt and need to be thrown away.

We see this in Colossians as Paul shares the difference between our old and new selves. The equipping our old selves used to seek satisfaction were sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. We need to get rid of those so that our new selves can be equipped to seek satisfaction through “compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” The tools our old selves used to respond to people failing us were “anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.” The tools our new selves need to be equipped with are “bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” To use the new equipment, we need to learn to throw out the old.

Too often, we try to keep both sets of tools around. We want to keep anger in our back pocket just in case we don't want to forgive someone. We want to use obscene talk from our mouth when we don't feel like expressing kindness. Why bear with one another when we can spread malice and slander? The reality is that by keeping our old set of tools, we hinder our use of the new ones. As long as the old set of tools are a viable option, then we show our disdain for the tools with which God equips us. We need to throw out those old tools.

It's hard to throw out the old tools because we're so used to using them. But this month, I want to encourage us to actively identify what tools we've kept around from our old selves and to get rid of them. Pray that God would strengthen us to let go of the old tools and to practice using the new ones. This is God's expectation of us as we follow Him. This is how He wants us to serve Him.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

| GREETERS | NURSERY WORKERS | CHILDREN'S CHURCH |
|---|--|---|
| Sunday, June 1 Darren & Julie Kramer | Sunday, June 1 Donna DeBoer | Sunday, June 1 Kayla Reck |
| Sunday, June 8 Daryl & Mary Kramer | Sunday, June 8 None | Sunday, June 8 None |
| Sunday, June 15 Greg & Lesli Kramer | Sunday, June 15 Judy Eben | Sunday, June 15 Sarah Gruis |
| Sunday, June 22 Steve & Anna Jean Schneiderman | Sunday, June 22 Gerri Spangler | Sunday, June 22 Katie DeBoer |
| Sunday, June 29 Janice Schneidermann | Sunday, June 29 Terresa Wagenaar | Sunday, June 29 Rachel Kramer |



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards of encouragement during my knee replacement. Things seem to be going well. Thanks again! - Dennis Schrick



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| 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 Rebecca Gruis |
| | 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 |



Harlan Moss, Prison Lighthouse Ministry

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...For in it the righteousness of God is revealed." Romans 1:16-17

"The gospel is powerful because the Holy Spirit uses it to transform a person into a new creation. Whether people listen or not is not our responsibility. We present the gospel because it is the power of God to those who believe. The gospel is simple enough for a child to understand by simple faith. Praise God for His great plan!"

On Easter morning several men were baptized. It was great to celebrate Jesus' resurrection with the men. After the service one of the men told Harlan that he was feeling discouraged and depressed, but he appreciated the encouraging service. Later that week the man told Harlan that since Sunday's church service he had not been depressed and realized he needed to change his thoughts.

At the Tuesday Bible study they watched a Louie Giglio video, "Winning the Battle of the Mind". Many of the men realized that the depressing thoughts they had about themselves were lies from Satan. The men started to understand that they are responsible for what they allow in their minds. Many see themselves as failures. They talked about not believing the lies Satan tells them.

Later in the week Harlan talked to a man about his fear of rejection. Harlan told him that God will not turn away anyone who wants to know Him. They talked about the Gospel and what it means to follow Jesus. When asked if he was ready to pray and ask Jesus into his life, the man tearfully prayed and trusted Jesus as his Saviour.

Harlan is thankful for our prayers and financial support. It is the power of prayer at work in men's lives!

Mission board



- FBC will be serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, June 17. We need 5-6 people at 2:00 and the rest at 5:00. There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer.
- Advisory Board Meeting June 22 @ 5:30 pm
- Sunday School Picnic July 13



Junior 1 Camp June 1-7

Lindy Austin, Noelle Bradshaw, Lexi Cottingham, Olivia Cottingham, Emersan deBoer,
Miley den Hoed, Trenton DeWeerd, Alize Eklund, Anthony Eklund,
Carla Eklund, Stephanie Gruis, Brylie Johnson, Alanna Leon, Tessa Middleton,
Janessa Reck, Chloe Sternke, Harper Tiedeman, Hazel Triplett

Teen Camp 1 June 8-14

Dane Arends, Dominick Arends, Carter Caswell, Logan den Hoed, Adrian Jensen,
Caleb Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Lucas Kooiker, Cole Laleman, Kataya Skoglund,
Alexis Smith, Obadiah Sternke, Ryleigh Van Briesen

Senior High Camp June 15-21:

Cole den Hoed, Kody den Hoed, Erika Fluit, Caleb Kooiker, Isaac Kooiker,
Parker Laleman, Talon Gillette-Phorr, Miriam Sternke

Teen Camp 2 July 20-26

Evalyn deBoer, Lucy Peterson, Sydney Peterson

Junior 3 Camp August 3-9

Braxton Christians, William Paulsen

| June 2025 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb | 2 | 3 | 4 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation | 5 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting | 6 | 7 |
| Junior Camp 1 Grades 3-6 | | | | | | |
| 8 10:00 AM Community Worship Service | 9 | 10 | 11 6:30 PM Youth | 12 | 13 | 14 7:00-9:00 AM Gideon Nat'l Day of Prayer |
| VBS June 8-12 5-8pm | | | | | | |
| Teen Camp 1 Grades 7-10 | | | | | | |
| 15 Father's Day MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship | 16 | 17 The Banquet | 18 9:30 AM Good Sam Worship 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation | 19 | 20 Risefest | 21 Risefest |
| Senior High Camp Grades 9-'25 Grads | | | | | | |
| 22 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Advisory Board Mtg 6:30 PM Discipleship U | 23 | 24 | 25 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 BUILDING FUND SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U | 30 | SERVING MEALS ON WHEELS MON-FRI ALL MONTH Community Worship Service Backup Day (weather) July 20 | | | | |