



FIRST CHRONICLES

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“These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them... “And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” – Matthew 10:5a, 7

A new ministry year is upon us. Are you excited? I am! There’s nothing I enjoy more than getting together with other believers and digging into the Word of God together. Sunday School will start back up and AWANA will take off. We’ll have the opportunity to impact so many people by planting the seeds of the Gospel in their lives. Let’s anticipate how God will move and work through us over the next year.

This year, we are transitioning our focus to a new part of our mission statement. Three years ago, we started with learning and becoming familiar with our mission statement. The next year, we focused on glorifying God and last year, we were intentional about equipping workers to serve God. This year, we’re going to consider what it means to purposefully and effectively seek the lost. Over the years, I’ve discussed different evangelism tools and highlighted how believers are called to join Jesus in His mission to seek and save the lost. So hopefully, we are entering this year prepared to engage more fully in missions.

There are two important aspects of engaging in missions that are a part of the foundation of our focus—and both come from the verses above. At the outset of His ministry, Jesus brought His twelve disciples together to commission them to go out and engage in missions. This first sending was smaller in scope—they were tasked to go to the lost sheep of Israel first. Later, He expanded the scope of missions with the 72 and expanded it once more to include the entire world after He rose again. But the first thing we can notice from sending the 12 in Matthew 10 is simple but important—He sent them early in their faith and knowledge of Him.

Jesus didn’t wait until they had everything figured out. The disciples were by no means perfect, they couldn’t answer every question, and Jesus hadn’t even died and rose again. The disciples would go on to stumble, fail, and sin often—even abandon Jesus at one point. But none of this precluded them from the work of missions. By sending them out, Jesus was showing that we can be sent out even though we’re not perfect or don’t have all the answers or may be weak in faith. God works through our weaknesses and by engaging in missions, we learn.

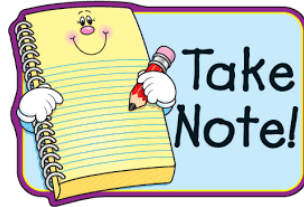
The second thing we should realize is that we have a message to proclaim. The message the disciples had wasn’t yet complete—but we have the full Gospel to proclaim. This takes precedence before anything else in missions—to preach Christ crucified and risen again. This good news is the foundation for everything else we do in missions—every good work, every relationship built, every place that we go. It is the Gospel that needs to ring out wherever we go—as we go.

This year, we’re focusing on seeking the lost. Pray about the opportunities God has in store for us. He’s calling each one of us to share the Gospel with others.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, September 7 Steve & Anna Jean Schneiderman	Sunday, September 7 Breanna Schrick	Sunday, September 7 Katie DeBoer
Sunday, September 14 Darren & Julie Kramer	Sunday, September 14 Judy Eben	Sunday, September 14 Rachel Kramer
Sunday, September 21 Daryl & Mary Kramer	Sunday, September 21 Gerri Spangler	Sunday, September 21 Kayla Reck
Sunday, September 28 Greg & Lesli Kramer	Sunday, September 28 Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, September 28 Abby Kramer



- The Mission Banquet will be Sunday, September 14, following the morning service. Harlan Moss will be speaking.

Shari's Kitchen will be providing a catered meal of chicken breast, roast beef, California blend vegetable, lettuce salad, and loaded mashed potatoes. There will be free will donation. There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer.

- Do you desire to become more like Christ? Are you looking for a way to connect more deeply with others at First Baptist Church? Are you wanting to grow in prayer, Bible study, service, support and accountability? If so, then it's time to join a small group! Sign up in the foyer and we'll organize and launch new small groups this fall. We'll do our best to fit it into your schedule 😊
- We're excited to announce that we'll be launching a new outreach opportunity in Ellsworth at the end of September! We're putting together a group of people to meet on Thursdays @ 6:30p in the community room in Ellsworth. Would you like to be a part of that group? Sign up in the foyer and we'll meet soon to discuss details.



September	1	Harlan DeBoer
	3	Merlyn Winter
	4	Harold Schneiderman Dennis Schrick
	5	Jesse & Katie Sternke
	7	Ronda Arends
	8	Florence Eben
	9	Greg & Sharon DeBoer
	10	Gerald & Alyssa denHoed
	12	Rachel Thompson
	14	Carolyn Wagenaar
	15	Linda Christians
	16	Ezra Schrick
	21	Charlie Johnson
	23	Dawson DeBoer
	24	Bob & Rhonda Kruse
	25	Tessa Thompson
	26	Steve Schneiderman
	28	Ashley DeBoer Ryan Schneidermann Kevin Wagenaar
	29	Brandon Kramer



Rick and Debbie Bardin, missionaries serving in Cameroon:

This summer the Bardins experienced God moving on great ways. As always, the kids who attended boarding school away from Mbingo got to come home for the summer. Brad taught some of them dominoes and Skip-Bo! They also found other ways to play with dominoes.

In the Cameroon Baptist Conference (CBC) Founders' Day is celebrated annually on June 29. The day commemorates the anniversary of the CBC Women's Department which was established in 1957. This year four women were inducted into the Women's Department.

A three- day crusade was held at the Peace Mission Baptist Church in Isaibel about one hour away. During the three days there was a medical clinic conducted by many of the hospital workers from Mbingo. There were home visitations, Friday and Saturday night services and the first official worship service on Sunday morning. Thirty-two people made the commitment to following Jesus. God is working in the lives of the unchurched in the area. "May the Lord continue to send workers for this harvest and may He be glorified throughout this village".

Mission Board

Thank You So Much

I would like to thank the church for the flowers sent while I was in the hospital following my mini stroke . Also thank you for the many prayers, and to those that visited, sent cards and called. It was greatly appreciated.

- Jolene Ackerman

Thank you to the First Baptist family and friends for their thoughts and prayers during my hospital stays and now at home. Thank you to Pastor Sternke for his visit.

- Kenny Kanengieter

We want to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers for Gayle having issues with his back and Carolyns issues with her heart. Also, Gayle received a chemo/care bag from the hospital. Nice surprise as it was from our ladies group. We are truly blessed! - Gayle & Carolyn Wagenaar

We as Gideons of the Northwest Camp would like to thank the church for the opportunity to share the Gideon work and for the gift of \$500. We appreciate your prayers and financial support. The money will be used to purchase Bibles to be handed out to individuals. Thanks again.

- NW Gideon Camp

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30 PM Awana Kickoff 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	4	5	6
7 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U	8	9 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting	10 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	11	12 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission	13
14 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Mission Banquet	15	16	17 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	18	19	20
21 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Mixed Choir 6:30 PM Discipleship U	22	23	24 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	25	26	27
28 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Bell Choir 6:30 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb	29	30				

