



FIRST CHRONICLES

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”

– 1 Peter 4:8

It has been five years since my family and I have come to First Baptist Church—five years of great blessing, grace, and encouragement. It’s hard to believe this much time has past. As I think back over the years, I’m reminded of the things that have changed, how our children have grown, and the relationships we’ve made. But I’m also reminded of the things that have remained constant—our love for God’s Word, our exaltation of Christ, and being a congregation that supports one another. God is faithful and He continues to move in our midst. All glory and honor be to Him forever and ever, amen.

One thing we have been developing and growing in over the years is how to be a grace-filled church—one that speaks the truth in love, welcomes each person where they are in life and helps them to grow and mature in Christlikeness, and encourages one another. As we begin our ministry year and Sunday School and AWANA get underway again, this is what we need to focus on. We need to emphasize the “building up believers” part of our mission statement. What does this mean? How do we live it out as a church?

The first step, seen in the verses above, is to love one another earnestly. This love is not an ignorant love that makes excuses and rationalizations for people to do whatever they want. That’s what the world holds up as love—but that is not godly love. The love we are to show to each other must be defined by God because “God is love.” (1 John 4:8). This is the only type of love that is genuine and it expresses itself through sharing absolute truth, showing honor, service, patience, constancy in prayer, generosity, hospitality, rejoicing with those who rejoice, and mourning with those who mourn. (Romans 12:9-15). As Paul says in Colossians 3:14, love binds everything together in perfect harmony.

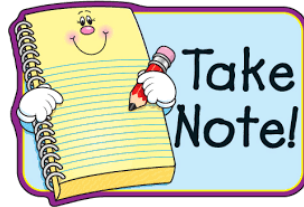
So when we see the encouragement in the verse above for us to love one another earnestly, this places a high call on our lives. But this call is given because of what follows—love covers a multitude of sins. Peter had personally lived this reality. He denied Christ 3 times and yet, out of His great love for him, Jesus restored him. Sin wasn’t the end of Peter’s relationship with Christ. It wasn’t the end because Christ loved him earnestly. The same was true for Paul as he was called out of persecuting Christians. Believers had to show him this love as well—to move away from fear and welcoming and supporting him.

Earnestly showing love that covers sin doesn’t ignore the reality of sin or make rationalizations and excuses for it. It merely says that we won’t hold sin against a person. In the space that decision creates, we can build up believers. So be encouraged this month to love one another earnestly. In doing so, God will grow us to maturity through His grace and truth.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, September 6 Bryan & Rachel Kramer	Sunday, September 6 Ruby Deweese	Sunday, September 6 Rachel Kramer
Sunday, September 13 Darren & Julie Kramer	Sunday, September 13 Judy Eben	Sunday, September 13 Kayla Reck
Sunday, September 20 Daryl & Mary Kramer	Sunday, September 20 Josie Klingenberg	Sunday, September 20 Abby Kramer
Sunday, September 27 Greg & Lesli Kramer	Sunday, September 27 Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, September 27 Sarah Gruis



- For the past few years, we've been emphasizing small groups as a way to fellowship together and grow deeper in our knowledge of God and His Word. If you would like to be a part of a small group, we'd love for you to sign up! We have two current groups meeting: 1.) A fellowship group meeting on the second Sunday of the month right after church for lunch and a devotion. 2.) A Bible study group meeting every other Monday night from 6:30p-8p. If you would like to participate in either of these options, please sign-up! If neither of these work for you, still sign-up that you are interested in small group and we'll construct a new one! Hope you can take part in this ministry!
- Awana Kickoff Wednesday, September 2 @ 6:30
- All Boards Meeting Sunday, September 20 @ 11:00 am
- The Mission Banquet will be Sunday, September 27, following the morning service. Brandon & Marci Jones will be speaking.

Shari's Kitchen will be providing a catered meal of chicken breast, roast beef, cheesy potatoes, baby carrots, broccoli salad, lettuce salad, and apple crisp. There will be free will donation.
There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer.



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
	17	Josie Klingenberg
	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



🍁 Fall Mission Banquet 🍁

Please join us on Sunday, September 27, for our Fall Mission Banquet!

We are excited to welcome our guest missionaries, Brandon and Marci Jones, who are home on furlough from their ministry serving in Brazil.

🍽️ Meal: 11:00 AM

💬 Question & Answer Session: Following the meal

We hope you'll join us for a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and hearing about the Joneses' ministry in Brazil. Be in prayer for them and their family as the girls' transition to college and high school in the states. Pray for safe travels as they go to churches that support them.

Thank You So Much

I would like to thank the church for remembering me at the time of my surgery. The surgery went very well. My foot is not quite functioning normally without the big toe, but it is gradually learning a new normal. I really appreciate all the prayers and remembrance following the surgery.

- Rita Busse

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support for our recent trip to Africa. The trip was such a blessing to us all as well as we pray the pastors' churches and villages were blessed by us showing support and encouragement to them. We truly saw God at work in Tanzania! Worshipping with them will be something we will never forget!

-FBC Tanzania Mission Team (Jesse, Ava, Brad, Cindy, Darren, Janice, Miriam, Phil, Sharon, Jack, Crystal)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 PM Awana Kickoff 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	3	4	5
6 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U	7 LABOR DAY	8 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting	9 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	10	11 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission	12
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27 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Bell Choir 11:00 AM Mission Banquet Brandon & Marci Jones	28	29	30 9:30 AM Good Sam Worship 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study			