

# Congratulations Graduates!



**Aaron Lee Hayenga**  
(George/Little Rock High School)

*"If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his spirit who dwells in you.*

*(Romans 8:11)*

Son of Kory and Dawn Hayenga  
Brother of Abby (Bradley) Kramer & Austin (Shelby) Hayenga  
High School Activities: First Baptist Church Youth Group, Band, Basketball, Individual Speech, Jazz Band, Large Group Speech.  
Aaron plans to attend Northwest Iowa Community College & University of Iowa majoring in sports studies.



**Jillian Lynn DeBoer**  
(George/Little Rock High School)

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of*

*God in Christ Jesus our Lord*

*(Romans 8:38-39)*

Daughter of Kelly and Stacie DeBoer  
Sister of Jessie and Joe  
High School Activities: STEM Club, Basketball Cheerleader, Golf, Large Group and Individual Speech, Fall Play, Swing Choir, Band, National Honor Society, Class Officer.  
Jillian plans to attend South Dakota State University for Aviation.

## FIRST CHRONICLES

### MAY 2018

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Pastor Mike Hagan

May is the month when school gets out in our area. It provides a time when the importance of certain "benchmarks" surface. Students advance in grades. Our grandson finishes "pre-school" next week and they are celebrating that benchmark. Three high school youth from FBC conclude their high school careers. One college student finishes his engineering education and moves into the work force full time. Benchmarks.

Since I possess four advanced degrees (BA, MDiv, MA, PhD) you would think I understand times of benchmarks. But it was not until recently that I came to a place of introspection that revealed my blindness on the importance of these moments in each person's life. Benchmarks come when you meet a certain age (16, 21, 30, 65, 80, 90) or complete a course of study (certification or degrees) or get married or have your first child or your first grandchild or retire or get your first book published or whatever. When I accomplished certain benchmarks I tended to downplay them. I did not find importance in celebrating such moments.

I suppose it goes back to my parents' attitude towards these times. For example, they did not celebrate birthdays in any significant way. Gifts were handed to you in a brown paper sack. We had no large parties with friends and family. No cards. We did get to request the kind of cake for the occasion.

When church celebrates birthdays and anniversaries, I find those times a little strange. My reflections uncovered my wrongheaded attitude. Such a simple thing as a birthday benchmark is just another day on the calendar in one sense, but it also points to God's blessings, gifts of friendship, shared times of celebration in a world that celebrates without the joy we have in relationship with our Lord, and the significance of efforts recognized to the glory of God.

Israel remembered her salvation history through significant festivals, how God led them out of Egypt or how crops grew and provided food for existence from a gracious God. The church marks such times as Jesus' birth, his death and resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Obviously the Lord has a different attitude.

I therefore confess my sin of not wanting to experience the full joy of life's benchmarks. My plan is to respond differently this year at those moments, including our grandson's pre-school graduation, significant birthdays and anniversaries, graduations – all those moments of accomplishment or significance that mark steps along life's journey. My prayer is that we all enjoy the fullness of these significant moments so our life may be all the Lord desires.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- May
- 1 Mary Eben  
Jaren Schrick
  - 2 Shelby Hayenga
  - 4 Paul Reemtsma
  - 5 Caleb Johnson
  - 6 Jared Fluth
  - 10 Sara Johnson  
Donna Shelly
  - 11 Becky Peterson
  - 12 Devon Stowell
  - 14 Robert Zamarron
  - 16 Harold Eben  
Vic Renken
  - 17 Lucas Eben
  - 18 Gloria Kruse
  - 19 Abby Kramer
  - 23 Timothy Kramer
  - 26 Sharon DeBoer  
Samuel Kramer
  - 29 Cricket Arends
  - 30 Mike Reemtsma

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- May
- 1 Kory and Dawn Hayenga
  - 4 Dean and Donna Shelly
  - 10 Harlan and LeAnn Doeden
  - 13 Herm and Linda Christians  
Dan and Jodi DeGroot
  - 23 Brandon and Katie DeBoer  
Jeff and Cindy Eben
  - 27 Kent and Paula Harms



## VBS "POLAR BLAST"

VBS is on June 2 from 10:20 am-4 pm. VBS is in need of a couple people to make lunch on June 2 for the kids and the adult volunteers. Please contact Rachel Kramer if interested. There will be a meeting for all adult volunteers involved in VBS on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the morning. Please let Rachel Kramer know if you cannot make it. VBS is looking for any donations for the following items for our one-day event on June 2. If you are willing to donate any of the items below, please contact Rachel Kramer (763-381-4265 or [raemarrey@gmail.com](mailto:raemarrey@gmail.com)) or Amber Kooiker (712-475-3440 or [secretaryfbc@frontier.com](mailto:secretaryfbc@frontier.com)). If you want to bring it before June 2, you can store it at the church or in the fridge for food items. Everything will need to be at church by June 2 at 9 am. Thank you in advance for any donations!

### ITEMS

1. Hot Dogs (60 hot dogs)
2. Apples (40 apples)
3. Chips (6-7 bags)
4. Hot Dog Buns (60 buns)
5. Powdered sugar (2 bags)
6. Pool Noodles (3)
7. Clear Cups (1 pack of 50)
8. Plates and napkins (60)
9. Buckets (5-beach size)
10. Five gallon buckets (3)
11. Hula Hoops (3)

Thank you to everyone who gave to the White Cross fund and who helped roll bandages, baby blankets and diapers etc. for the Cameroon Hospitals. We shipped off 3 boxes and will continue to work on White Cross items. We plan on shipping another supply off in September. If you would like to help, please contact Donna DeBoer~ 712.348.4654. If you would like to donate to White Cross, please give your donation to LeAnn Doeden clearly marked for White Cross. Thank you!

### Ladies Spring Banquet

Sunday, May 6 ~ 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Guest speaker is Ashley DeBoer presenting on her Holy Land Tour.

# SCHEDULES

## GREETERS

Sunday, May 6

Kelly & Stacie DeBoer

Sunday, May 13

Harlan & LeAnn Doeden

Sunday, May 20

Kellyl & Sandy Doeden

Sunday, May 27

Alan & Judy Eben

## NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday, May 6

Donna

Sunday, May 13

Amber, Ross

Sunday, May 20

Lynette

Sunday, May 27

Jolene, Terresa



**Mission News- Dennis and Nancy Palmer~Cameroon, Africa**

Dennis currently serves as Clinical Supervisor of Mbingo Baptist Hospital and also as the Program Director of the Christian Internal Medicine Specialization Residency, Mbingo Baptist Hospital. Nancy oversees the Office of Medical Education and Research at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, which includes administration for the CIMS residency as well as being the Chairperson of the human research ethics board (IRB) of the CBC Health Board.

In the latest news Dennis and Nancy celebrated World Child Cancer Day which is in February. They were privileged to have two doctors from England as well as a retired Pediatric Oncologist from South Africa. There are about 1,000 cases of cancer diagnosed each year. The most common types of cancer are breast and cervical. Many times patients need up to six treatments but due to limited funds they only get two to four. Dennis and Nancy are praising the fact that they have the ability to diagnose and treat cancer.

There are several prayer requests of which one of them is completion of the fundraising for the hydroelectric project. Another request is peaceful resolution of the socio-political tensions. Also pray for funds to subsidize chemotherapy for needy patients. It costs about \$600 for six months of chemotherapy and a gift of \$300 would subsidize half of the patient's treatment.

~Mission Board

# Thank You!

Thank you very much for the flowers and kind words and well wishes after my accident. It is so great to be part of such a supportive community. You are all truly remarkable. Thanks! ~Kari Jurrens

Thank you for the cards, visits and most of all for the prayers while I was in the hospital with the flu and pneumonia. Also, thanks for the beautiful yellow bouquet of flowers from the church. Thanks for everything and may God bless you all. In Christ Love~ Darlene Harms

I have been so richly blessed by my family and my church family, from visits and the plant I received while in the hospital following my accident and for the cards and food since being home, but more than anything for your prayers. I know God's healing hand is upon me. It is going to be a long road, but I am seeing progress with therapy.

In God's Love~ Herman Christians