

## FIRST CHRONICLES

### JANUARY 2019

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### January 2019 Pastor Mike Hagan

I presented to the deacons a few weeks ago my plan for sermons in 2019. For two months or so I reflect on the sermons over the last five years, especially those in 2018, pray for the Lord's directions for me and you, and scan my sermon idea file for odd notes I made to myself over the year.

My preaching will always be from biblical texts, even when doing a topical series. I feel most comfortable doing books or portions of books. If I do not skip texts, then we will receive the whole gamut of God's truth without my prejudices obscuring what God wishes to say to us. You all will remember the Bible long after I'm gone.

In January and February we will explore Jesus' teachings as brought together by Luke. Most of Luke finds Jesus teaching and performing miracles. Hardly a passage goes by without some kind of teaching. But Luke groups some themes. We find the so-called "Sermon on the Plain" in Luke 6, teachings on the cost of discipleship in chapters 9 and 14, and his prophetic teachings in Luke 21.

Matthew has more groupings (six) that are more tightly organized. For example, the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) is only partly found in Luke 6 and then in other parts scattered through out Luke. We will examine just Luke 6 and his teachings on the plain. By the way, notice that one sermon is on the mount and the Luke one is on the plain. Was this a mistake? I think Jesus gave lots of addresses in various settings. Matthew records one setting, Luke another. Jesus had a good thing going in this message. Why not more than once?

In Matthew, Jesus' prophetic teachings are grouped in chapters 24-25. Luke records the same essential teachings in Luke 21. The length and breadth of Matthew is shortened in Luke into what happens with the temple, Jerusalem, and Jesus' second coming. In both, we, his disciples, are asked to be ready.

I ask that you would be ready, too, for what God and the Holy Spirit will do in my life and in your lives as we permit the scriptures to speak to us in 2019. To unbelievers or unreceptive believers, God's Word is folly (1 Cor 2:14-3:3a). Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in power in our lives (1 Cor 2:4).

Grant us, O God, ears to hear and eyes to see what the Lord has for us in 2019! May we grow more and more mature together to the fullness of Christ (Eph 4:13-16)!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 2 Kody den Hoed  
Andrew Eben  
3 Bethany Doorenbos  
7 Sharon Arends  
10 Christin DeJong  
Amber Kooiker  
11 Darien Middendorp  
12 Clinton DeBoer  
14 George Winter  
15 Kenny Kanengieter  
17 Stan deBoer  
21 Marlene Fluth  
21 Darlene Krull  
22 Charlotte Jurrens  
24 Austin Eben  
Lucas Kooiker  
25 Kari Bruinsma  
Jessica Christians  
Alan Wagenaar  
27 Jason Christians  
30 Jeff Arends

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



January 5 Greg & Lesli Kramer  
18 Ernie & Ramona Vilanueva  
26 Mike & Barbie Hagan



## SCHEDULES

### GREETERS



**Sunday, January 6**  
Daryl & Mary Kramer  
**Sunday, January 13**  
Dennis & Gracia Schrick  
**Sunday, January 20**  
Alan & Terresa Wagenaar  
**Sunday, January 27**  
Kevin & Lynette Wagenaar

### NURSERY WORKERS



**Sunday, January 6**  
Donna  
**Sunday, January 13**  
Terresa  
**Sunday, January 20**  
Lynette  
**Sunday, January 27**  
Jolene

## AWANA (6:30-8:00 P.M.)

*Awana shirts need to be worn every club night!*



Wednesday, January 2

### **Crazy Key Night**

*Bring a key but don't tell us what it's to*

Wednesday, January 9

### **T&T...Friend Night**

*Be a friend...Bring a friend*

### **Sparks...Green Night**

*Bring something green*

Wednesday, January 16

### **Favorite Author & Book Night**

*Share with us your favorites. Memorize Hebrews 12:2 for two extra shares.*

Wednesday, January 23

### **Tin Can Line Up**

*Bring an item/can of something for our local food pantry*

Wednesday, January 30

### **Doctor, Doctor Night**

*Band-aids to stethoscopes. Bring a doctor item.*

## THANK YOU

Thank you, First Baptist Church, for your prayers, cards, flowers, and food brought to me after my back surgery. Thank you Pastor Mike and Barbie, for being at the hospital. It was all very much appreciated.

~Gary DeBoer

Thank you to the church for the pretty flowers while I was in the hospital. Thank you to Pastor Mike for visiting. Thank you to others for the prayers and for visiting. I appreciate it very much

~Delores Jurrens

Thank you to the carolers for coming to sing. I enjoyed it very much.

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Bob Devening and his wife Roseanne wish to express a special thank you for including Bob on the prayer chain. Bob is becoming quite disabled from Parkinson's Disease and Kidney failure. Dialysis is difficult for him as they cannot always finish his treatment. His numbers drop so quickly that they have to stop and restore fluids and hopefully they can complete his dialysis at the next treatment. Thank you for praying.

Thank you for praying for me this last year as I dealt with this heart condition. The pacemaker is in and things are going well. Thank you for the cards, meals, rides and prayers while all the testing and surgery was going on. God Bless You ~Lena Ruddy

Thank you to the Christmas carolers that came to our house to sing. It was so much appreciated. Also, thank you for the fruit basket. Merry Christmas and God Bless You! ~Lena Ruddy

Thanks so much for your caroling visit. I was able to enjoy the music even though I was unable to come out to see everyone. Also, thanks for the basket of fruit. I'm really enjoying it. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness. ~Gladys Schneiderman

We want to thank the carolers that came to sing for us and for the fruit basket they brought. Thanks again, it was greatly appreciated. May God bless all of you. ~John & Florence Eben

Thank you so much for the box of fruit and candy. Sorry I missed the carolers. May God Bless you all! ~Darlene Harms

Thanks for the box of fruit and candy. ~Junior Stubbe

Thank you, First Baptist Church, for the gift card and the bag of snacks. I appreciate you thinking of and praying for me. ~Aaron Hayenga

I would like to thank the group that came to my house Christmas caroling and did a great job. I also want to thank the church for the nice fruit basket that they brought. May the Lord richly bless you all! ~Keith Koth

Thank you all who remembered us during our recent hospital stays. Thanks for all your prayers, visits, cards and gifts. Thank you First Baptist for the beautiful flowers, fruit basket and the carolers who stopped by and sang to us. Thanks Pastor Mike and Barbie for the visits and words of encouragement. God Bless you all. ~Gayle and Carolyn Wagenaar

We would like to thank Pastor Mike, Barbie and everyone for the prayers, visits and concerns shown to us during Steve's surgery and hospital stays. Also, for the plant we received. We really appreciate all the support. God Bless each of you. Wishing everyone a blessed New Year! ~Steve & Ronda Arends



Willie and Kathy Hunter have had a busy summer. In July they traveled to Africa to the country of Tanzania, where they conducted a Gospelink conference with 350 pastors and their wives. Some of these pastors have been with Gospelink for 15 years. Following the conference Willie and Kathy traveled to many parts of Tanzania visiting preachers in their homes. It was exciting to hear what God has been doing in their areas as well as seeing the churches that were being built. Some days these trips were long between the homes visited and could be by car, motorcycle, bicycle, or on foot, but they were always exciting.

Upon returning home the Hunters began lining up meetings for the future for Gospelink in Rwanda, Tanzania, and Dem. Republic of Congo. They also learned they will be overseeing the nation of Ethiopia for Gospelink.

This year Gospelink has seen over 270,000 people receive Jesus as their Savior and over 2600 new churches started in 15 nations on 3 continents. Prayers are requested that 2019 will have a full calendar of meetings with the "Voices of Zambia" and return trips to Africa to do some accountability trips to Rwanda, DRC and Ethiopia.

~Mission Board