

FIRST CHRONICLES**MARCH 2019**

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Pilgrimage to Israel sits high on many Christian “bucket lists.” Why? Nothing magical comes from going to the place where biblical events took place. A person is not “holier” or wiser or closer to God, necessarily, but something does happen in how a person pictures biblical events or thinks of the lives of those who were touched by God and whose stories are recorded in God’s word. And somewhere along the way each person seems to also experience a fresh sense of awe and closeness to our Lord.

In March, nineteen people will travel with Barbie and me to Israel. We will spend three days in the Galilee and then travel south to spend the rest of our time in Jerusalem and its area. Pray for safety and pray for transformative moments.

I remember well the first time I stood on Megiddo on top of 3000 years of ancient habitation with 2000 years since and looked over the Jezreel valley to the east. How many others had pondered the same view?

Every time I ride up the road from the Dead Sea to Jerusalem and come around the curve to see the Old City, goose bumps pop out on my arms. The bus driver usually plays a tape over the speakers with hallelujah on every lip in accompaniment. Jesus would have walked or ridden on a donkey to the same view. Of course, a modern city surrounds the old and you are constantly reminded of the tensions that reside just under the surface.

An extremely steep, two-way, narrow road, barely a donkey cart wide, descends from the Seven-Arches Hotel down the Mount of Olives to the garden of Gethsemane. Somewhere halfway down the hill would have been close to where Jesus looked at the Temple mount and wept. To me that is one of the most touching moments of every tour. A chapel of tears sits on the hillside for such reverent moments.

At the base of the hill young Palestinian boys selling postcards, cheap jewelry, and scarves, shout for our attention and demand we look at their wares, bringing reality back to us. But then we enter the garden and quiet returns as we look at 500 year old olive trees and the Church of All Nations. Peace pervades in such a sad place where Jesus prayed fervently for his mission and for us, even to the point of tears of blood. Then he was betrayed and went to the cross the next day.

It was all part of God’s plan. Being closer to the place brings home certain realities, but each and every day in our journey as his disciples we rest in the same truths, no matter how close or distant from the actual sites. Pray for all to know the same truth. Pray for the peace of Israel. Pray for your peace. Shalom!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March 2 Payton Arends
Mary Kramer
3 Ryan Jurrens
5 Marcee Ruddy
6 Bob Kruse
8 Florence Arends
Kaylin Christians
10 Dane Arends
Josh Kramer
Rachel Kramer
11 Brittney VanVeldhuizen
12 Brylie Johnson
13 Steve Arends
14 Darlene Blied
15 Josh Eben
18 Darlene Harms
19 Joe DeBoer
Greg DeBoer
21 Kase DeBoer
22 Teresa Farnsworth
23 Barb Schulte
25 Trace Kooiman
26 Greg Kramer
Eddie Villanueva
27 Jolene Ackerman
Monica Winter
28 Dave Busse
29 Bradley Kramer
Sharon Schneidermann

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



March 2 John & Florence Eben
10 Stan & Crystal DeBoer
13 David & Mary Eben
24 Gayle & Carolyn Wagenaar

MISSION NEWS

Harlan and Patricia Moss

Harlan Moss is the Chaplin at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. In his last newsletter he mentioned Romans 10:14, **"How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"**

Well Harlan has had some interesting opportunities, such as one man who had been in segregation and was in a very dark place, until he found a Bible in the corner of his cell. Harlan was able to lead this gentleman to Christ and share Bible studies with him. Another inmate, who was going to kill himself, was saved from death by the prayer that Harlan shared with him because he turned back to God.

There have been those in prison that have never practiced religion or have heard of God. Harlan has had many opportunities to share with the gentlemen who are there for the first time or even the third time. He has been fortunate to share Christ with many of them and lead them to or back to the Lord. Pray for open hearts and minds that the Lord will work in the inmate's minds.

~Mission Board

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Thank you for the care package I received and words of encouragement. It is always uplifting to know that I have a church family praying for me. I really appreciate it. Thank you! Brenna Kramer

Thank you for all the fruit and candy you sent at Christmas.
~Henry & Joan Boneschans

Dear Friends of First Baptist Church,
Thank you to those of you who remembered my Birthday with a card and notes. I received 110 cards- what a surprise and joy. It was certainly unexpected. We have wonderful memories of our years of service with you. Thank you also for the card, Pastor Hagan.
~In Christian Love, Evelyn Itterman

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Friday, March 1, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Lyon County First Presbyterian Church

Joyce Klosterbuer will be speaking. She is director of Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child at the Worthington Center. A highlight of her work was a distribution of boxes to Togo, Africa. The offering will go to Samaritan Purse of which Franklin Graham is the leader. Fellowship time will be held after the service in the fellowship hall.

SCHEDULES

GREETERS



Sunday, March 3

Gary DeBoer/Kory & Dawn Hayenga

Sunday, March 10

Greg & Sharon DeBoer

Sunday, March 17

Harlan & LeAnn Doeden

Sunday, March 24

Kelly & Stacie DeBoer

Sunday, March 31

Alan & Judy Eben

NURSERY WORKERS



Sunday, March 3

Terresa

Sunday, March 10

Lynette

Sunday, March 17

Jolene

Sunday, March 24

Amber

Sunday, March 31

Barbie

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

Awana shirts need to be worn every club night!



Wednesday, March 6

Selfie Night

Draw a picture of yourself and show us.

Wednesday, March 13

Mustache Night

Let's see those hairy lips.

Wednesday, March 20

Patriotic Night

Wear your red, white & blue.

Wednesday, March 27

Love Those Bears Night

Bring those bears and lots of love.