

FIRST CHRONICLES

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June 2019

Pastor Mike Hagan

The summer preaching plan brings us to 1 Corinthians 5-16 with a series called “Power in Weakness.” In March and early April we explored the first four chapters where we found a spirit of divisiveness rampant in the Corinth church. Paul responds with the only foundation, Jesus Christ. Our salvation and life rest in him.

Lots of issues had been reported to Paul and the Corinthians were asking other questions as well. This letter answers many of these issues and questions. Topics will include questions of sexual immorality, lawsuits among believers, family issues, idolatry, spiritual gifts, worship, the gospel, and generous giving.

Thank goodness, the Corinthian church was a mess, for we gain insight for our own time from the issues they wrestled with.

Corinth enjoyed a long history as a Greek city-state until Roman forces destroyed it in 146 BCE. Julius Caesar ordered its resettlement in 44 BCE. Mostly freed slaves from Rome and other parts of the Empire inhabited the city, including Syrians, Egyptians, and Jews. Perhaps that’s why Paul alludes to their background in 1 Corinthians 1:26 as “not many noble.” By Paul’s day it was a prosperous and cosmopolitan city with two harbors with a canal dug between the eastern one and the northern one allowing a shipping shortcut. It was infamous for vice and sexual perversion, focused on the love goddess, Aphrodite.

All those issues entered with those who came to belief in Jesus Christ from Corinth (see Acts 18). Our culture is not so different than Corinth’s. None of Paul’s other churches he was instrumental in starting caused as much trouble. The secular and pagan environment impacted the church as it does today.

In such a long book it would prove formidable to go verse-by-verse so it will be important for us to read the chapters each week in preparation for Sunday. The Holy Spirit will speak to us in clearer terms by our reading and then our focus through the sermon.

Like Corinth, FBC is made up of sinners redeemed by the blood of Christ. We possess all spiritual things in Christ when we believe (1 Cor 3:21), but we allow the world to twist us and shape us by its beliefs rather than the teachings of God’s people. Let’s look at our lives this summer to discern what perspectives, choices, and directions inside and outside the church please our Lord.

SCHEDULES

GREETERS

Sunday, June 2

Dennis & Gracia Schrick

Sunday, June 9

Alan & Terresa Wagenaar

Sunday, June 16

Kevin & Lynette Wagenaar

Sunday, June 23

Henry & Joan Boneschans

Sunday, June 30

Brandon & Katie DeBoer

NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday, June 2

Lynette

Sunday, June 9

Jolene

Sunday, June 16

Amber

Sunday, June 23

Barbie

Sunday, June 30

Donna

Happy Birthday & Anniversary

June	1	Audrey Winter
	2	Darren & Julie Kramer
	3	Gladys Schneiderman, Brad VanTubergen, Henry & Joan Boneschans
	4	Roger Kooiker, Glenn Winter
	5	Jeff Schrick, Matthew Wagenaar, Glenn & Audrey Winter
	6	Sweer & Florence Arends
	8	Harlan Doeden
	9	Thomas DeBoer
	11	Alan & Terresa Wagenaar
	12	Clinton & Glenda DeBoer, Josh & Bethany Doorenbos, Dustin & Kayla Reck
	13	Jillian DeBoer, Steve & Ronda Arends
	14	Darren Kramer
	15	Janelle Kooiker, Daryl & Mary Kramer
	16	Arie & Darlene Blik
	17	Michelle DeKam, Roger & Charlotte Jurrens
	18	Terresa Wagenaar
	22	Jeff & Jodi Schrick
	23	Donna DeBoer, Paula Harms
	24	Bradley & Abby Kramer
	25	Kristi Tiedeman
	26	Jordan Wagenaar, Cody & Sara Johnson
	27	Daryl Kramer
	28	Janessa Reck

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC ~ SUNDAY, June 30, 2019

Everyone is asked to bring chips, salad, and/or dessert.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

CE Board

BUYING

Alyssa den Hoed

Donna De Boer

CHILDREN'S GAMES

Sharon De Boer

Mary Kramer

Lynette Wagenaar

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

Donna De Boer

SOFTBALL GAME COORDINATORS

Bryan Kramer

Dustin Reck

Bradley Kramer

LEMONADE

Alan and Judy Eben

Stan and Crystal deBoer

GRILLING

Kevin Wagenaar

Dawson DeBoer

Brandon DeBoer

TABLE WAITERS AND WAITRESSES

Jason Christians

Senior High Youth

Junior High Youth

ICECREAM DIPPERS

Sunday School Teachers

TABLE SET UP

Ushers

COLLECTING FOR RACES

Gerald den Hoed

Ross Kooiker

COLLECTING FOR THE BUYING COMMITTEE

Merlyn Winter

Daryl Kramer

KITCHEN COMMITTEE (GROUP 3)

Joan Boneschans

Linda Christians

Amber Kooiker

Kayla Reck

Dawyn Hayenga

Terresa Wagenaar

Abby Kramer

Rachel Kramer

Rhonda Kruse



First Baptist VBS will be on June 29 from 9-3:30. Lunch will be provided for your kids. If you forgot to hand in your registration form, don't worry! You can sign up the day of VBS. We are also still in need of some items to be donated, as well as for some more volunteers (specifically for Music and Group Leaders). Please either sign up on the sheets in the foyer, or let the church or Rachel Kramer know you are interested by June 16. Thank you!

For the volunteers, there will be a quick meeting after church on June 23 to go over VBS. If you cannot make it, please let Rachel Kramer know.

VILLAGE CREEK BIBLE CAMP

We have 34 Campers going to various camps at Village Creek Bible Camp. Please remember to pray for these campers.

Junior Camp 1 (June 2-8): Dane Arends, Rayden Boyenga, Ava deBoer, Ethan deBoer, Evalyn deBoer, Cole denHoed, Kody denHoed, Logan denHoed, Lexi DeWeerd, Austin Eben, Cloey Fluit, Caleb Johnson, Caleb Kooiker,

Isaac Kooiker, Kirra Mitchell, Lucy Petersen, Ava Reemtsma, Viktoria Storm, Matthew Wagenaar

Teen Camp 1 (June 9-15): Nadia Berkland, Jacey Eben, Erika Fluit, Kaylee Fluit, Avery Harman, Derbylynn Hoey, Carter Schleisman, Hayden Stettnichs, Shelby Stettnichs, Mya Storm

Senior High Camp (June 16-22): Makayla Fluit, Autumn Long, Sophia Schmidt, Jace Schrick, Devon Stowell

WE HAVE 19 CAMPERS ATTENDING JUNIOR CAMP 1 (JUNE 2-8). IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DRIVING CAMPERS TO CAMP OR BRINGING THEM HOME, PLEASE CONTACT JUDY EBEN (712-348-1659) OR DONNA DEBOER (712-348-4654),

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the visits, cards and gifts I received and most of all for the prayers while I was in the hospital. Also, thanks for the beautiful flowers from the Church.
God bless you all. ~Darlene Harms

We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, visits and concerns. Thanks to Pastor & Barbie for being there and praying with us before surgery and the follow-up. We are so blessed to be in a caring and loving congregation. Thank you to the church for the beautiful plant that was sent to the hospital. Harold & Helen Eben



Brandon and Marci Jones are serving in Porto Alegre in Brazil. They arrived just a couple of days before Brandon began his Old Testament Theology class. It was a success and the class was rewarded by going to the restaurant next door for burgers.

The Jones' got settled in their apartment with the help of the neighbors until they were able to find their way around the community. It was summer when they arrived in Porto Alegre which ended up being very hot. The seasons in Brazil are just the opposite of the States. They were able to find a church in the suburbs and were welcomed with a hosted party.

The children have been making friends and picking up the Portuguese language. Monica and Olivia will be attending a bilingual school and Daniel will be attending an international school. By attending the international school, Daniel will be prepared to attend colleges in the US. Brandon and Marci will also begin an intensive Portuguese course at a local language school in the city. Brandon will be teaching a Contemporary Theology this fall (his fall season).

The Jones' have several prayer requests and the first being that their language learning goes well and continued acculturation. Pray for Daniel to find an active youth group with positive influences and that they speak some English. Continued prayers for the remainder of their support would be greatly appreciated, and finally pray for the seminary students.

Please read the New newsletters on the Bulletin Board for additional information on our Missionaries.

~Mission Board



**Step By Step He'll Lead Us
The Middendorps
June, 2019**



The last few months have been a whirlwind of paperwork, testing and interviews for our new positions to be Auxiliary Captains. The application process to be an officer of the Salvation Army is very extensive. They need to make sure that their officers are physically, spiritually, and emotionally ready to serve in any situation required. As we were going through the medical clearance portion, the doctors kept asking "what are you applying for again?" We were able to witness to them about our ministry now and what it could look like in the future. Deb told the doctor "The Salvation Army needs to know that we are ready to serve in some of the most demanding situations: even local and national emergencies and disasters."

Looking back, we can see God's hand preparing us for this ministry. Bill's seminary training was more geared toward the para-church, nonprofit ministry. All of the experiences doing internships with the various ministries in Sioux Falls not only helped with the homeless ministry in Chicago, but also prepared us for the ministry within the Salvation Army. Pastor Steve and Debbie May's mentoring was also invaluable in preparing us for our next steps in ministry. We are so grateful to First Baptist Church, and our friends and family for the support and prayers over the past 7 years since we have taken the leap of faith to move to Chicagoland. We trust that God will continue to guides us and strengthen us in this new journey.

Prayers and Praises:

~Please pray that God will provide someone to continue our Street Outreach Ministry to the homeless and needy in the Chicago suburbs, and also to assist in the bell ringing campaign.

~Please pray for our church in Des Plaines as our Corps Officers are being moved to Kansas and the new officers coming in are from Eastern Europe. The Des Plaines Corps/Church will have a lot of adjusting to new leadership.

~Please pray for Brandi as she moves to Wisconsin to be a life guard at The Salvation Army Camp, and prepares for her move to college in August.

~Please pray for our family as we have less than a month to sell our house, vehicles and pack up to move to Mitchell, SD in June.

~Praise God for Brandi's graduation from high school. She has had some amazing opportunities and will enter Grand View University with over 50 college credits!

~Praise God that our first appointment as officers in the Salvation Army is closer to "home" and family.

~Praise God that He continues to direct our path step by step.

Bill, Deb, Darien, Brandi, BilliJo, and BobbiJo