



September

FIRST CHRONICLES 2019

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One of the difficult, “hard sayings” of the Bible pertains to the matter of miracles. Miracles do tend to group themselves around certain periods in the biblical accounts – the exodus story (plagues, Passover, parting of the Red Sea), Elijah and Elisha stories, and Jesus’ ministry in the gospels followed up with the early days of the church in Acts.

Of course, the gospels end with the greatest miracle of all, the resurrection of Jesus after three days dead, what Paul terms the most important fact of the good news itself (1 Cor 15:1-11). Even some Corinthians doubted the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:12).

Some believe miracles never occurred. The Laws of nature are fixed and that God, if God exists, either cannot or will not violate them. This idea finds little philosophical support in the scientific community in an age of chaos and relativity in physics, although Newtonian physics persists.

As Christians, we ask whether there is a force that can create “irregularities” in what we call normal. Yes, we answer – God.

God is seen in nature, certainly (Rom 1:20; Col 1:16-17; Heb 1:3), but we believe that our worldview encompasses also a non-visible part of reality that can lead to unusual occurrences in our visible side. Does the rest of the world exist when our vision faces away from what is behind us? Yes, just turn around and look at it. So, look with eyes of trust to find God at work.

Two miracles represent powerful high points in the Bible, showing God at work in the miraculous – the parting of the Red Sea in the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage and the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The resurrection has more witnesses than any miracle in human history. Can we be certain it occurred? Not absolutely, but lots of historical events have less direct testimony than this world-changing event. We look with eyes of faith. Still, the evidence bears up under scrutiny and our faith is not in vain.

Miracles of changing a poisoned well into pure water (2 Kings 2) or giving sight to the blind seem minor when compared to the resurrection miracle. Believers have been willing to die for belief in the resurrection. We find enough credible evidence to provide a basis for our faith.

Remember Hebrews 11:6 – “And without faith, it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” Sing, “I believe in miracles .

Pastor Mike Hagan

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS

Sunday, September 1
Roger & Charlotte Jurrens

Sunday, September 8
Roger & Janelle Kooiker

Sunday, September 15
Brad & Abby Kramer

Sunday, September 22
Bryan & Rachel Kramer

Sunday, September 29
Darren & Julie Kramer

NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday, September 1
Jolene Ackerman

Sunday, September 8
Lynette Wagenaar

Sunday, September 15
Judy Eben

Sunday, September 22
Donna Shelly

Sunday, September 29
Katie DeBoer



Thank you for the flowers you gave in memory of mom. Also, thank you for those who kept her in your prayers in her last years! Thank you, Pastor Hagan, for your visits! -The Family of Darlene Krull

Thank you for serving supper on July 22nd. Your group served 374 adults and 71 children. The guests of The Banquet are grateful for your ongoing support. -God Bless, The Banquet

Please extend our thanks to Pastor Mike and everyone at 1st Baptist for their wonderful prayer and financial support! It is really hot and humid in Paphos right now in August. But we are thankful for how God has opened opportunities for Dawn to ministry locally to Syrian and Cameroonian refugees, as well as Chinese immigrants. At TWR I am preparing training classes for fall, and workshops and worship songs (I get to lead some of the sessions because the team from an area church isn't always available) for TWR's Nat'l partner conference in Bratislava Slovakia, September 10th - 13th. The partner studios and ministries among our languages in Europe and CAMENA (Central Asia, Middle East, and N Africa) all send people to attend this conference. Anyway, thank you very much for your prayers!

-Ted & Dawn Siemens



Willie and Kathy Hunter have had a busy summer. They have been traveling throughout the Midwestern United States representing Gospelink and the Bible College Ambassador International University. This year they had 7 students graduate who are serving in exciting ministries.

As we know, the Hunters are responsible for ministries in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Eastern DRC. They will be traveling to Africa in November and ask that we pray they find a renewed passion for God. While there, they will also visit their youngest daughter, Rachel in North Africa, who with her team, is sowing the seeds of the good news. She is needing prayers for her health as she has symptoms of an illness like strep throat.

Their other children, Jonathan, who is still working full-time with Cerner in Kansas City; Michael, who is living in Spartanburg, SC, and runs his own QT store. He and his wife are currently separated and need prayers that God will intervene and redeem their marriage; Kimberly, the oldest, is living in Kansas City and working for a non-profit community development ministry. Pray for God to lead her and to provide for her needs and desires in her life.

Mission Board

Mission Sunday will be Sunday, September 22, 2019. We were informed that Pastor Athanase Habimana from the Congo was unable to receive his visa to the US. Willie and Kathy Hunter will be joining us with the message on Sunday morning. There will be a mission banquet following the morning service and a sign-up sheet will be place in the lobby in September.

-Mission Board

Happy Birthday & Anniversary

September	2	Austin & Shelby Hayenga Ed Kruse
	3	Jeffrey Wagenaar Merlyn Winter
	4	Harold Schneiderman Dennis Schrick
	7	Ronda Arends Trevor Doeden
	8	Florence Eben
	9	Greg & Sharon DeBoer Sarah Jurrens Tiffany Middleton
	10	Gerald & Alyssa den Hoed
	12	Rachel Thompson
	14	Carolyn Wagenaar
	15	Linda Christians
	21	Charlie Johnson
	23	Dawson DeBoer Lynelle Winter
	24	Bob & Rhonda Kruse
	25	Brandi Middendorp
	27	Dean Shelly
	28	Ashley DeBoer Kevin Wagenaar
	29	Kelly Doeden Brandon Kramer



Please come join us to sing!

The Music and Arts Board would like to try a new choir practice format and time, to try to make it more convenient for our singers.

Practice would be on Sunday morning at 9:15, and we would sing that Sunday during Special Music.

Men and Women would sing every other month. For example, the women could sing in September and the men in October, and so on. If you have any questions, please contact the board members: Sharilyn, JoAnn, Cindy, Ashley, and Kayla.



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

11:00 AM

FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP
SERVICE

FAMILY FUN GATHERING
EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR PIZZA AND
GAMES!

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FAVORITE
GAMES!

WATCH FOR A SIGN-UP SHEET

Little Rock EMS Fundraiser

September 22 11:00-1:00 @ Town & County Bldg.

BBQ Pork Sandwiches, beans, potato salad,
chips, and ice cream.

Donations will be used for an Automatic Blood Pressure
Machine and regular operating expenses.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:00 AM Worship	2 LABOR DAY	3	4 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Breakfast / Sunday School Promotion 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Christian Hour Circle Family Fun Gathering	9	10 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting	11 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	12	13 8:00 PM Union Gospel Mission	14
15 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School Starts/Ladies Choir 10:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Discipleship U	16	17	18 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bell Choir 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Mission Banquet	23	24	25 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	26	27	28
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