



**FIRST CHRONICLES**

**November, 2020**

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What are you thankful for this November 2020?

Your thankfulness probably tells us a lot about who you are and what you find important. As you think about it, you may learn a lot about yourself, too. Are the things you are thankful for what others would expect you to be thankful for? If you express them to others, is it more for their approval or are they things you are sincerely thankful for? Even anxieties should be prayed about with “thankfulness” (Phil 4:6).

What am I thankful for in 2020? I am thankful for . . .

- Many things you might expect – relationship with the Lord, Barbie, family, ministry for Jesus Christ with the FBC family, health, a persistent, optimistic spirit, friends in the community, in Sioux Falls, and around the world, and the privilege to live in the middle of the USA.
- Many things you might not expect –
  - I am thankful for positives growing out of pandemic, like the growth in family time and resetting of priorities for many people.
  - I am thankful that I have witnessed many prayer answers this year (and not always in the way I prayed). God remains good even in the midst of difficulties, just not how I had prayed or thought or hoped.
  - I am thankful for the move of our second son’s family to Connecticut, even though it is 1400 miles away in the opposite direction of our first and third sons (1700 miles the other direction) and their families in southern California and our daughter’s family fifty miles away. They view themselves as on an adventure and that will have positive outcomes, even if we wish they were closer.
  - I am thankful for elections that remind us we have much freedom in our country and should exercise it in an informed way, and a healthy cue that provides perspective that we serve a greater Kingdom and Leader than any worldly one.
  - I am thankful that God is not finished with me yet. He is richly merciful to me with my prideful righteousness and selfishness. Keep working on me, Lord.

I wish to acknowledge how good life is when thankfulness travels with us. Not a lot dims what God has done and is doing and will do. Thank you, Lord.

May our thankfulness to God resound throughout the land in 2020!

-Pastor Mike

# OUR SCHEDULE!

## GREETERS

**Sunday, November 1**  
Gary DeBoer

**Sunday, November 8**  
Greg & Sharon DeBoer

**Sunday, November 15**  
Kelly & Stacie DeBoer

**Sunday, November 22**  
Stan & Crystal deBoer

**Sunday, November 29**  
Harlan & LeAnn Doeden

## NURSERY WORKERS

**Sunday, November 1**  
Rachel Kramer

**Sunday, November 8**  
Terresa Wagenaar

**Sunday, November 15**  
Donna DeBoer

**Sunday, November 22**  
Katie DeBoer

**Sunday, November 29**  
Judy Eben

# Happy Birthday & Anniversary

November

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| 1  | Brandon DeBoer<br>Kane Spencer                               |
| 3  | Deb Middendorp<br>JoAnn Schneiderman<br>Janice Schneidermann |
| 4  | Hannah Kramer  |
| 7  | Josh & Ashley Eben   |
| 9  | Norman Winter  |
| 18 | Sharilyn Reemtsma  |
| 20 | Bob & Pat Johnson<br>Derek Winkowitsch                       |
| 23 | Keith Arends   |
| 24 | Raymond Arends   |
| 25 | Kelly DeBoer   |
| 26 | Terrilyn Arends  |
| 27 | Lena Ruddy   |
| 30 | Brad & Ashley Van Tubergen                                   |



Scott and Colleen Burdsall and family are doing the Lord's work in London. They, like us, have been working through the challenge of Covid-19. Currently, London is putting more restrictions on meetings, activities and some school learning. There is a maximum of six people that can meet at one time and with the Burdsall's family being five, that limits their meetings.

The Asha church was able to meet in August but currently must go through inspections to ensure it is Covid compliant. Scott and the plant team have been holding boxing and exercise sessions in the park to reach people. He has also been able to meet with college students and discuss Islam vs Christianity.

Annelise and Josiah have been able to stay in school and enjoy being back. Lillian is continuing her education online and is sending out applications for college. Caleb is studying at ISU and is looking forward to fall break during Thanksgiving when he will travel back to London and spend 6 weeks with the family.

Pray that inspections and paperwork would go smoothly and quickly, so that they are able to meet as a church and as ESOL classes. Pray for Scott to find time and a place to keep meeting with the college guys to keep discussing faith. Pray for the ability to work with the restrictions and still find creative ways to connect with people.

- Mission Board

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you

•MODERN CALLIGRAPHY•

Thank you for thinking of us with the beautiful flowers while we were in the hospital after the birth of our daughter, Lena. It was a nice surprise in the midst of not being able to have any visitors! -- Jeffery, Stephanie, & Lena Wagenaar

We would like to thank you for all the calls, cards, and gifts that we received while Al was in the hospital, and then with his passing. We are grateful for such a loving church family.  
- Judy Eben and Family



Christmas Program Practice for kids aged 3 - 8th grade will be at 9:30 in the Cubbie Room on Sunday Mornings. This will be for October and November (except for November 29, when there will be no practice due to Thanksgiving). In December, practice will start at 9 am in the Cubbie Room.

The Program is scheduled for Christmas Eve at 6 pm.

Please contact Abby Kramer or  
Rachel Kramer  
with any questions.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM Discipleship U</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 PM Awana</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Visitation</p>	5	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM Discipleship U</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 PM Christian Hour Circle</p> <p>7:00 PM Deacon Board Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 PM Awana</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission</p>	14
<p>15</p> <p><b>MISSION SUNDAY</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM Discipleship U</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 PM Awana</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Visitation</p>	19	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bell Choir</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM Discipleship U</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY</p>	27	28
<p>29</p> <p><b>ADVENT BEGINS</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM Parkview</p> <p>7:00 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb</p>	30					