

January



FIRST CHRONICLES

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Happy New Year!

Finally, 2020 is behind us. Every person that I follow online has verbalized their despair generated from the events of the past year. Pandemic, sickness, sadness, elections, divisiveness, death, change, everything done differently – it's been a tough year. Indeed, the rhythms of normalcy have faded into a black hole, perhaps never to return, or so we fear.

On the other hand, if you are reading what I'm writing, you are here. Perhaps what we have learned is that every moment, every breath, every day, is important. We might say every new dawn is precious. Let's remember the truths of 2020 so that 2021 becomes more precious than any other year. Each day is a gift from our Lord; let's maximize the new joy of another day, week, month, and year.

As your pastor, my hope and prayer for each of us would be that we grow deeper in love with our God, his son, and each other so that whatever the new year brings we may experience the fullness of God's delights for us.

Since I've had to change much of what I do as pastor – no hospital calls, no nursing home visits (except in compassion situations), no hospitality visits, few counseling sessions, etc. – I think I will offer something new for FBC members and friends. I want to attempt something with Zoom that I am calling "Emmaus Walk 1-On-1." You would need the ability to Zoom call with me for however many sessions you desire. You must want to journey with God in a more meaningful way and possess a willingness to work with me on scripture exploration, outside reading, and spiritual exercises, each one depending on your hopes, goals, history, and abilities as we walk together as disciples on life's journey. Each session would be unique to each person.

The purpose for such a commitment would be the opportunity to grow into the disciple you want to be. Luke 24 finds two friends, disciples of Jesus, who travel the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus after Jesus' death on the cross with another man that they didn't recognize or know. They discussed the events they had witnessed with the man and only after a seven-mile walk and a meal together do they see Jesus. He opened the scriptures with them, and their hearts were strangely warmed.

Let's try Zoom discipleship as we begin 2021 with "Emmaus 1-On-1." Contact me for a time slot, a discussion of logistics over technology, and a starting date!

May our hearts be strangely warmed as we journey together in relationship with God through Christ in 2021!

-Pastor Mike



GREETERS

Sunday, January 3
Jolene Ackerman

Sunday, January 10
Henry & Joan Boneschans

Sunday, January 17
Doug & Donna DeBoer

Sunday, January 24
Greg & Sharon DeBoer

Sunday, January 31
Stan & Crystal deBoer
Judy Eben

NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday, January 3
Katie DeBoer

Sunday, January 10
Rachel Kramer

Sunday, January 17
Terresa Wagenaar

Sunday, January 24
Donna DeBoer

January, January 31
Katie DeBoer



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2	Kody denHoed
5	Jesse & Breanna Schrick
7	Sharon Arends
10	Amber Kooiker
12	Clinton DeBoer
14	George Winter
17	Stan deBoer
22	Charlotte Jurrens
24	Austin Eben Lucas Kooiker
25	Alan Wagenaar
26	Mike & Barbie Hagan
27	Jason Christians



Willie and Kathy Hunter work with Gospelink, which includes the Ambassador International University in Zambia. We received a newsletter explaining a project called Hammer Mill. This was related to a machine the university was looking to purchase along with other assets. We were asked if we could help with the project financially. The Mission Board agreed to send AIU \$1,500 to help fund the project.

In the last newsletter we were informed that the Hammer Mill project is up and running. In fact, there are two mills, one for husking and another for milling. With the mills finished, they have had a huge turnout from surrounding villages. The mills offer a one-stop center allowing the people to turn their raw cereals into a variety of forms. With many people coming to access this service, the mill house has become an open door for sharing the gospel to all the visitors.

With the pandemic, the students at the university had been sent home and the much of the learning was done from a distance. They are looking to startup classes again on site in January but at least half of the sophomore class are unsponsored. The Voices of Zambia had been called back with the pandemic therefore unable to obtain enough support. They are hoping to once again return to the states and by April have the funds for the freshman class. Your prayers are needed that the needs of the students will be met, which is \$15,000 to feed and house them.

- Mission Board



We want to thank you for all the kindness you have shown to us during this Holiday Season as well as during our time of staying at home. Thank you for all of your encouragement. God bless you!!

- Love, Lena and Marcee

We want to thank our church family for the beautiful floral arrangement the church gave us, the prayers offered, and the cards and memorial gifts given. We appreciate all that was given. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will be treasured always.

- Harold & JoAnn

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital. They were a great comfort. Also thank you for the beautiful poinsettia.

- Jolene



Christian Hour Circle

January 12, 2021

7:00 p.m.

White Cross Work Night

Please be watching for sign-up sheets with freezer meal needs.

Emmaus Walk 1-On-1

Zoom call with Pastor Mike

Contact Pastor Mike for a time slot and starting date!

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year!	2
3 COMMUNION SUNDAY	4	5	6 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	7	8 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission	9
10 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM The Journey 7:00 PM Discipleship U	11	12 6:00 PM Christian Hour Circle 7:00 PM Deacon Board Mtg.	13 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	14	15	16
17 MISSION SUNDAY	18	19	20 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	21	22	23
24 9:00 AM Sunday School Bell Choir 10:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM The Journey 7:00 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb	25	26	27 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	28	29	30
31 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship						