



FIRST CHRONICLES

July 2025

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“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” – Colossians 3:12-13

I've been a part of the George Volunteer Fire Department for a little while now. I joined almost a year ago and have enjoyed being a part of this organization. When a call comes in, it's imperative to put our protective equipment on as fast as possible. Without the proper equipment, we wouldn't be able to help others, we wouldn't be protected from the fire, and we'd be putting ourselves and others in danger. But because I have the proper equipment—and the training on how to use it effectively—I can be a contributing member of the fire department. I can be identified as a volunteer firefighter.

The same is true for believers. Last month, we looked at some of the equipment and tools that we need to discard. This is our sin nature—the ways we approach and cope with life that are against God and His Word. These tools are not worth keeping around. As believers, we are called to use different equipment—equipment that will protect us against the schemes of the devil, will help us live out God's call in our lives, and will be a help to ourselves and others. Some of these tools are shared with us in the verses above.

As believers—as God's chosen ones—we are to put on certain clothing, certain equipment. Compassionate hearts refers to extending mercy to other people. We should show sympathy for others and consider their needs above ours. Kindness is the Spirit-produced goodness which meets needs in God's way and in God's timing. Kindness is considerate of and generous towards others. Humility loves God and others more than self. It is the laying aside of our wants and rights so that we can lift up others. Meekness means having the willingness to give way when no principle is at stake but only personal opinion or desire. It is Christian courtesy instead of rudeness and harshness. Closely connected, patience is having the ability to forbear without getting upset. It is the resolute refusal to retaliate instead of using our old tools of pursuing revenge and retribution.

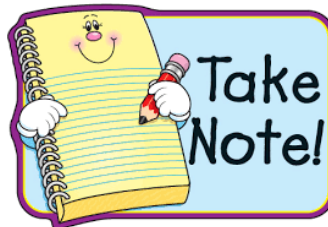
These tools are followed up with how to put them into practice. We need to bear with each other and forgive one another. We used our old tools to give up on people and to hate when others fail us. Our new tools are meant to extend favor and grace—to pardon any offense as Christ has pardoned our offenses. Just as we couldn't earn our forgiveness from Christ, others can't earn our forgiveness. We must forgive as we have been forgiven.

This is just a snapshot of the tools we now have because of Christ. This is the equipment we are meant to be clothed in as we go out into the world. This month, be encouraged to put this on daily. Put it on to show you are a part of God's people. Put it on to help others. Put it on to protect yourself.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, July 6 Dennis & Gracia Schrick	Sunday, July 6 Donna DeBoer	Sunday, July 6 Kayla Reck
Sunday, July 13 Doug & Donna DeBoer	Sunday, July 13 Alyssa den Hoed	Sunday, July 13 Abby Kramer
Sunday, July 20 Alan & Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, July 20 Judy Eben	Sunday, July 20 Sarah Gruis
Sunday, July 27 Kevin & Lynette Wagenaar	Sunday, July 27 Gerri Spangler	Sunday, July 27 Katie DeBoer



- If you were a Sunday School teacher last year, we will plan on you teaching again in the Fall. Please contact Alyssa den Hoed if you won't be able to teach, or if you'd like to start teaching.
- If you are interested in helping AWANA this year, please let Rachel Kramer know by July 27. If you volunteered last year in AWANA, we will plan on you helping again unless you tell us otherwise. We are always in need of leaders, and appreciate anyone who can volunteer their time!
- Bi-Annual Meeting will be Sunday, July 27, following the morning service. Reports from Treasurer and Mission Fund are due to Crystal by July 13.



July	1	Rachel & Trent Thompson Julie Kramer
	2	Caleb Kooiker
	3	Dawson & Bethany DeBoer
	7	Trenton Kaufman
	8	Trisha Jacobson
	11	Andrew Kaufman
	14	Brandon & Taylor Kramer
	17	Maci Arends Dawn Hayenga
	18	Eric & Sarah Gruis
	20	Kevin & Lynette Wagenaar Hank Arends
	21	Sarah Gruis
	25	Dennis & Kim Winkowitsch Ryan Arends Jemma Kramer
	27	Charlotte Kramer
	29	Miriam Kooiman
	30	Doug & Donna DeBoer Herman Christians Danika DeBoer



Ted and Dawn Siemens serve God as part of the Transworld Radio (TWR). Dawn grew up living a nomad's life since her dad was in the US Navy. When she and Ted married in 1984, they never imagined what God had planned for them. In less than two years God moved them from South Dakota to Taiwan. There they served as English teachers on the air for the programs Studio Classroom and Let's Talk in English at Overseas Radio and Television. Living there opened their eyes to how many people live unaware of God's love and plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

On a vacation in Guam, they visited TWR and were hooked. They joined TWR in Guam in 1994 and later served in the Netherlands and Vienna, Austria. Since July 2018 they have been part of the team on Cyprus. Ted is a member of TWR's Global Media Training Team. He also coordinates media training for ministry teams in Europe and that surrounding region. Dawn has been working with refugees teaching English and other ministries through their local church. They have four children.

Mission Board

Thank You So Much

Thank you to the women of First Baptist for the wonderful birthday gifts. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness. It is truly an honor and a blessing to serve Christ alongside you at FBC.

Thanks again! -Katie Sternke

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or donated items to VBS. VBS could not happen without everything you do! Thank you to everyone who helped decorate or take down items. Thank you to Stacie DeBoer for hand painting so many animals/backdrops, and Crystal for cleaning and vacuuming up after all those trees. And a special thank you to all the parents who brought their kids-we loved having them!

- Rachel Kramer

A great big Thank You to everyone who helped with driving campers, providing sack lunches and financially supporting so that children could attend camp. We've heard many grateful parents expressing gratitude for the financial support. May God Richly Bless! - Alyssa & Donna

I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, visits, cards, and flowers while I was in the hospital as well as at home recuperating. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated. I look forward to seeing everyone back in church. - Jolene Ackerman

Thank you to all those who took time out of your busy schedules to give well wishes, cards, gifts, and those who attended our 50th Anniversary Open House! We are blessed! - Steve & Ronda Arends

Sunday School Picnic

The Sunday School Picnic will be on Sunday, July 13, following the morning service. Group 4 will work in the kitchen. We will be having grilled hotdogs and hamburgers. Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share. We will have a bouncy house, bean bag tournament, and other activities.

Christian Hour Circle

With saddened hearts, the ladies of the original group known as Christian Hour Circle have decided to dissolve the group as it was known. After a majority vote at the last meeting, we will be transferring our funds to the Mission Board Fund and to the main church Memorial Fund. We are planning to try to do some ladies gatherings once a quarter or as decided at times.

- April: White Cross Work Night
- August: Night around the Camp Fire
- October: Veteran's Day & Cancer Bags
- February: Cancer Bags & White Cross

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	3	4 Independence Day George Freedom Days	5 George Freedom Days
6 George Freedom Days COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U	7	8 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting	9 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	10	11 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission	12
13 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School Picnic	14	15	16 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	17	18	19 Youth to Arnold's Park
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20 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship	21	22	23 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	24	25	26
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