



FIRST CHRONICLES

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“These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them... “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.” – Matthew 10:5a, 26-27

When I have a train of thought, it is usually more scattered than I like to admit. My mind races at a million miles an hour and I can only talk or type so fast. I’ve often come to the point where my thoughts have reached a conclusion long before I have the ability to express it. What I may assume is a forgone conclusion isn’t always the case. So, I’ve always appreciated how Jesus teaches us through His Word step-by-step and how He answers questions before they even come up.

He shows this in his instructions to the disciples before sending them out on mission. Immediately after he tells them that they will meet resistance, rejection, and persecution, he follows this instruction with the verses above. We will face hardship BUT we do not need to fear. Why? Because everything will be brought into the light. Rather than living in fear of “what ifs,” and hiding from the things that might be, engaging in sharing the Gospel will bring transparency and clarity—not only for ourselves, but for the people who hear the Gospel. They will be exposed to the light and will wrestle with their need for a Savior. And the truth of how that interaction occurs will finally be made known. Until we actually go forth and do, we can only dream up possibilities—most of which have no grounding in the truth or reality.

But Jesus goes on to say that because of His great love for us, we don’t have to fear (verses 28-33). We have infinite value in God’s eyes. He knit us together in our mother’s womb, called us by name, and placed us on earth for such a time as this. We don’t have to fear the world, the devil, or other people because the One who has all power and authority is the same One who will walk with us and be with us wherever we go. There may be temporary discomfort but compared to eternity, our persecutions are only momentary afflictions.

Think about it. When we are a million years into eternity, do we think we’ll remember much about our time on earth? Even if we do, would the resistance, rejection, or persecution we face even register when we live in a place of no more sin, crying, or pain? Jesus moves from the temporary reality we face to turning our focus off of it. “Don’t fear,” he says, “for I am with you.” (Isaiah 41:10) He will strengthen us and sustain us. And one day, He will take us safely home.

We’re a few months into our new year and my encouragement is simple: rest in the Lord. Trust in Him. He is with you. Don’t allow fear to keep you from being used by Him to tell others about Christ. He calls you to this work and He walks alongside you as you do it. He will not leave you or forsake you. He loves you and He calls you by name.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, March 1 Greg & Lesli Kramer	Sunday, March 1 Judy Eben	Sunday, March 1 Sarah Gruis
Sunday, March 8 Steve & Anna Jean Schneiderman	Sunday, March 8 Gerri Spangler	Sunday, March 8 Katie DeBoer
Sunday, March 15 Janice Schneidermann	Sunday, March 15 Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, March 15 Rachel Kramer
Sunday, March 22 Dennis & Gracia Schrick	Sunday, March 22 Donna DeBoer	Sunday, March 22 Kayla Reck
Sunday, March 29 Nolan & Gwen Kooiker	Sunday, March 29 Alyssa den Hoed	Sunday, March 29 Abby Kramer



March	2	Payton Arends Mary Kramer
	5	Marcee Ruddy
	6	Jim Douglass Bob Kruse
	9	Phil & Trisha Jacobson
	10	Stan & Crystal deBoer Dane Arends Rachel Kramer
	12	Brylie Johnson
	13	Steve Arends
	14	Phil Jacobson
	15	Cooper Kramer
	19	Greg DeBoer
	21	Kase DeBoer Breanna Schrick
	24	Gayle & Carolyn Wagenaar
	26	Greg Kramer
	27	Jolene Ackerman
	28	Dave Busse
	29	Bradley Kramer Sharon Douglass
	31	Daniel Gruis



From Dennis and Nancy Palmer:

Nancy and I are now retired and live in Kansas City. Nancy continues to receive treatment for her ocular melanoma. Recently her disease has progressed, and she will be receiving more invasive treatment including radiation. We continue to be engaged with the ongoing projects at Mbingo especially with building the radiotherapy unit. We are thankful for the care that Nancy is receiving and are reminded that most patients with these problems in Cameroon don't have access to adequate cancer care.

The bunker is being built, and the personnel are being prepared to operate the center. All this work is part of the plan to develop Mbingo into a major cancer treatment center. We believe the Cancer Center will offer a great opportunity to improve the treatment of center patients in Cameroon and the surrounding countries and provide a great ministry opportunity.

Mission Board

(Continue to pray for Nancy and for the work being done and funds need for the Cancer Treatment Center)

Thank You So Much

Thank you to the church for the fruit basket that I received. I appreciate it very much! -
Janice Schneidermann

We as a family would like to say thank you to Pastor Jesse for leading the funeral service and all the words said honoring Terry. Thank you to the church for the flower arrangement, cards, and words of sympathy extended to our family. Thank you to Sharon and Judy for working in the kitchen. We sincerely appreciate it.
- Terry Winter Family

Thank you to our church family and friends for the prayers, concerns, and beautiful flowers while Harold was in the hospital and at home. We are so blessed!
- Harold & Helen Eben



The family of Gayle & Carolyn Wagenaar are requesting a card shower for their 65th wedding anniversary on March 24. Cards can be sent to 201 Cedar Lane Rock Rapids, IA 51246.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Camp Taco Bar Lunch	2	3	4 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	5	6 7:00 PM World Day of Prayer @ Ebenezer	7
8 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U	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 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission	14
15 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Mixed Choir 6:30 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 10:00 AM Worship Bell Choir 6:30 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb	23	24	25 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday BUILDING FUND SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Baptisms 4-7:00 PM Easter Open House	30	31	Baptism Class March 1-22			