



FIRST CHRONICLES

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“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11

I once led a project that completely overhauled a church’s existing sound system. I was the worship pastor at this church and every morning service would be recorded and brought to the radio station to be aired a few days later. I heard the quality of that recording and knew that we needed to fix the issues that were occurring. But not everyone bought into this project. There was definite push back and opposition. The project took a little longer and cost a little more than we wanted it to, but we got it done. The difference could be heard immediately that following Sunday. Still, a couple weeks later, I played a new recording and an old recording back-to-back to show the improved quality. Hearing those recordings helped everyone to understand the need for this project and they were grateful it was accomplished. After this, I found myself wishing for the ability to show the end result before the work began—it would have saved so many headaches. But I’ve realized that the growth that happened through the process wouldn’t have occurred—either in myself or others.

Going through the process to experience growth is the way that God has ordained our life. But the process is marked out the same way we mark out our projects. We have a goal, we believe that goal to be worth the time, money, and effort, and we move towards that goal even though the process might be tough. God shows us the goal we are working towards. The two verses before the one quoted above say, “For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.” There are days that I wish I were already living with Him. But I also know that God is working through the process of my life for a purpose. And yet, even though I know that, I can still get discouraged.

I believe that’s why Paul followed his short explanation of the Gospel with a call for encouragement. Even though we may already be building one another up and encouraging one another like the Thessalonian believers were doing, we need to be faithful to continuing in it. Believers know we aren’t destined for wrath but for eternal life in heaven—but life is still hard. The cancer diagnosis, the struggling finances, the broken relationships, the sudden house expense, and more can make the time before arriving at our heavenly goal difficult. This is why we need encouragement. This is why we are called to build one another up. We can help and support one another along the way—especially when it is difficult. We can remind each other that our hope is in Christ and that we are not destined for wrath but for eternity in heaven. This is our call. This is part of the reason First Baptist exists—our mission statement includes the phrase “building up believers.” So let’s step into that call and fulfill it. We all need encouragement—especially encouragement rooted in the Gospel. Let’s build each other up.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, November 1 Alan & Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, November 1 Josie Klingenberg	Sunday, November 1 Rachel Kramer
Sunday, November 8 Henry & Joan Boneschans	Sunday, November 8 Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, November 8 Abby Kramer
Sunday, November 15 Doug & Donna DeBoer	Sunday, November 15 Donna DeBoer	Sunday, November 15 Katie DeBoer
Sunday, November 22 Greg & Sharon DeBoer	Sunday, November 22 Alyssa den Hoed	Sunday, November 22 Sarah Gruis
Sunday, November 29 Stan & Crystal deBoer Judy Eben	Sunday, November 29 Ruby Deweese	Sunday, November 29 Rachel Kramer

THANK
YOU!

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement in memory of our dad, George. Thank you for your willingness to allow us to use the church in spite of construction. As it is, it all seemed to open up. Thank you for being dad's church home for all his life and may God continue to bless your work as you pour into many more lives in the present and in years to come.
- The family of George Stratman

Thank you so much for the pretty fall flower arrangement that I received when I fell and fractured my arm. I appreciate it so much! - Janice Schneidermann



November	1	Brandon DeBoer
	3	Faith DeBoer Janice Schneidermann JoAnn Schneiderman
	4	Hannah Kramer
	18	Jim & Sharon Douglass Sharilyn Reemtsma
	22	Sydney Schneidermann
	23	Brenan Schneidermann
	25	Kelly DeBoer
	27	Eric Gruis Lena Ruddy



💖 **Thank You for Sharing Hope!** 🧡

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated items for our Chemo/Hope Bags! Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we were able to complete **25 bags** filled with items such as chapstick, Kleenex, colored pencils, devotionals, adult coloring books, mints, travel blankets, and many other thoughtful goodies.

These bags were delivered to area hospitals to bring a little comfort, encouragement, and hope to those going through their cancer journey. ❤️

Thank you for helping make this project a success! If you happen to find items on clearance, consider picking them up for us. We hope to do more projects like this in the future, and your continued generosity will help make that possible.

🎄 **Let's Spread More Love Around the World!** 📺

As we look ahead, please remember the children around the world who could use a little extra joy this Christmas. You can make a difference by filling a **Christmas Shoebox** with small gifts and essentials to bring a smile to a child's face and share God's love.

Thank you all for your generous hearts and for helping us spread comfort, hope, and joy—near and far! 💖💖



- We will be having a soup and pie luncheon on Sunday, November 15, following the morning service. This is also the collection date for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Group 5 will be working in the kitchen.
- The Annual Business Meeting will be on Sunday, November 22, following the morning service.
- Christmas program practice will be:
 - November 29: half of the Sunday school time
 - December 6: 9-9:45 am Program Practice
 - December 13: 9-9:45 am Program Practice Dress Rehearsal
 - December 20: 9-9:45 am Program Practice Dress Rehearsal
10:00 am Christmas Program
- Christmas time is just around the corner and to help us to focus during the worship services, we'll be lighting Advent Candles. We would love for you to be a part of this and help lead worship for others! Please sign up to light one of the candles and Pastor Jesse will let you know what Scriptures to read for it.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	2	3 Election Day	4 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	5	6	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 11:00 AM Soup & Pie Luncheon Collect Shoe Boxes	16	17	18 5:00 PM Bread of Life 6:30 PM Awana 6:30 PM Youth @ Jesse's 7:00 PM Visitation	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Bell Choir Business Meeting (vote on ballot) 6:30 PM Discipleship U	23	24	25 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28
29 ADVENT BEGINS BUILDING FUND SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb	30					