



Gospel: God's Word for Everyone

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Sunday Worship

9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

11:00am: Worship in the sanctuary

12:00pm: Coffee Fellowship in the parlor.

Come Join Us for Worship!

"He said to them, 'When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come."'"
(Luke 11:2 NIV)

As I write this, I hear the workers in our church sanctuary busily removing the stained glass, preparing it for much-needed restoration. I smell the fumes from the new flooring installation in our fellowship hall. And I also hear the banging and grumbling of excavators and cement mixers in the construction lot just outside my office. And in the midst of it all, hurting people are finding healing, children are learning about Jesus, we are singing with joy in worship, and the Gospel, WHICH IS GOD'S WORD FOR EVERYONE, *continues* to be preached here at First Baptist Church of Omaha.



I am also writing this brief article in the midst of preparing a sermon on the Lord's Prayer. In that prayer, Jesus taught us to pray to the Father, "your kingdom come." In the midst of the busy-ness of ministry at church, let's continue to pray for the kingdom to come. Yes, we must acknowledge that the kingdom will come in a future sense. However, as we seek to serve the Lord here and now, making evident his priorities right here in Midtown Omaha today, the Kingdom is right at our door.

So join me in keeping in mind the coming of God's kingdom as we prepare for a busy and exciting season of ministry at First Baptist this fall. Join me in praying for the restart and expansion of the Electric Wednesday program, the Table Talk Adult Bible Study, Choir rehearsals, and many other exciting ministries. Join me in praying for our neighborhood as new buildings go up, as new people move in, and as God keeps moving and leading us into the future.

It is a good time to be at First Baptist Church Omaha!

Following Christ with you,

Pastor Matt

Please Remember The Following In Prayer

Our homebound members: Beverly Tompkins, Nancy Clatterbuck, Velta Henson, Ruth Saklar, Bob Snyder, Pat Buie, Pauline Borromeo, and Floyd Webber.

- Those with other medical concerns.
- Our men and women who are serving our country in the military at home and overseas.
- Our kids and youth.
- The “Vision Team” and the YMC Search Committee.
- Remember the staff of FBCO and the members of the Cabinet in prayer.

Special Prayer Emphasis

The Cabinet encourages the First Baptist Family to adopt the following prayer emphases for the next few months.

- ◆ Pray for the Youth Minister Search Committee
- ◆ Pray for the Vision Committee as they prepare for their tasks.
- ◆ Pray for a sister church—North Baptist Church, Ottawa Kansas—as they celebrate their 125th anniversary this year. This is the church that Lynne Cheshire and Kathy Brown worked with on the ABC/NE mission work in June. Pastor is Rev. Kim Wilcox.
- ◆ Pray for the work of our missionaries Debbie Kelsey, Annie Dieselberg, Lauren Bethel and others working with women and girls who are victims of human trafficking.



Each quarter, the Cabinet will determine other ministries beyond our walls that will always need our prayer support.

Many thanks for the many baby shower gifts we received and thanks, also, to those who helped with the shower.

Erica (Gladwell) Perez and Daniel

Reminder

Electric Wednesdays

Gearing Up for the Fall!

Don't miss the start-up date for Electric Wednesdays on September 11 at 6:15pm. We begin with Dinner for a Dollar, and continue with sections of recreation, music, and Bible Time for children; Adult Bible Study at 7; Bell Choir at 6:30 and Adult Choir at 7:45pm.

If you are looking for a place of service, we still need Table Parents (who act as host at a table of 6-8 children), Team Leaders (who escort children's groups from one section to the next) and kitchen/clean up helpers. We are also in need on one more Bible Time teacher. Call Georgia Soucie at 402-334-8254 to get plugged in.

No matter what your interest, there is a place for you. Come be a part of our "Happening Place" on Wednesday nights as you re-connect with your Power Source, Jesus Christ!

NOTE TO ELECTRIC WEDNESDAYS STAFF: Staff will meet on Wednesday September 4th at 6:30pm for a brief start-up orientation. Please make a note of this.

Bell Choir and Adult Choir To Begin Rehearsing soon

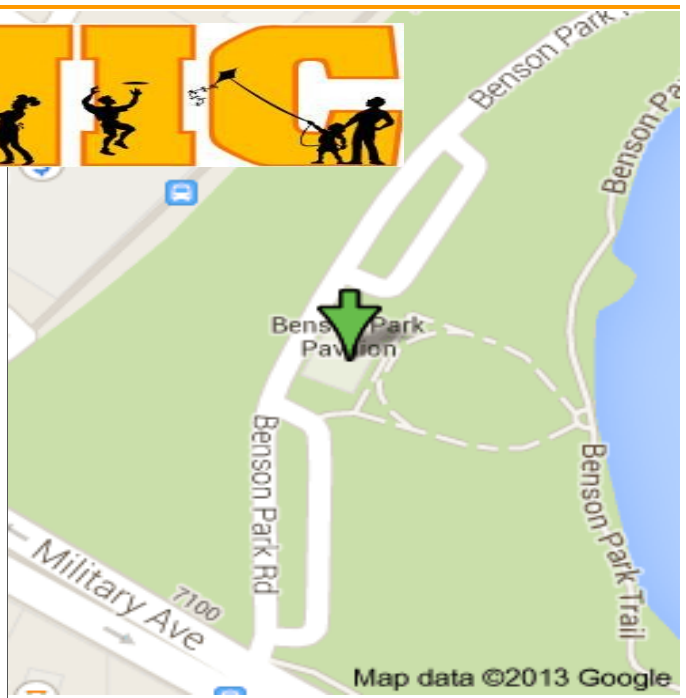
For the choir enthusiasts and bell ringers, practice will begin Wednesday, September 18. Bell Choir rehearsal is at 6:30pm and Adult Choir rehearses at 7:45pm. New people are always welcome!

PICNIC

Our annual Church Family Picnic is soon here and we want you to be a part of this fun day. The date is September 15 right after church. The location is Benson Park Pavilion. See map at the right for location.

What to bring: Last names beginning with an A—M provide a salad or side dish. Names beginning with N—Z provide a dessert. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and beverages will be provided.

Our friends from the American Karen Baptist Church will join us.



We have just completed an inventory of the books in our library in its new location (previously the church office). In the next couple of weeks we'll be adding some finishing touches. Stop by and

check it out.

TO CHECK OUT A BOOK: Remove card from inside the front cover, fill in the date and your name, and put it in the small yellow check-out box located on the top of the cabinet by the entrance door.

Pickup a Date Due Slip, write the date the book is due (in one month) and slip it inside the book, as a reminder to yourself.

Books can be checked out for one month and children's videos for two weeks.

Watch for more information about our Library Book Shower scheduled sometime in October.

NOTE: Please check at home for books or DVD's borrowed from the library and return them on Sunday.

Rebecca-Ruth ABW Circle will resume their activities this Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00pm. All ladies are invited. Please come hear our mission assignments for the coming year.



Your Help is Needed!

First Baptist Church will be preparing and serving the Community Meal on Saturday, September 7 and we are in need of many helpers. The dining room and kitchen will still be off limits to anyone so the meal will need to be served outdoors. We will need people to transport the food from the kitchen to outside and we need people to furnish cookies. The meal will be hot dogs, chips and a cookie. If you can give any amount of time to help or can bring some cookies please place your name on the sign-up on the table near the elevator. Thank you!

September Birthdays

- 3—Celeste Gustafson
- 6—Lynn Murray
- 8—Janice Stober and Gerald Kubiak
- 13—Austin Borrromeo
- 14—Jennifer Cleveland
- 16—Rus Weaver and Cindy Gladwell
- 17—Doris Clark and Jan Kottich
- 20—Velta Henson
- 21—Inez Edwards
- 23—Kathy Brown
- 27—Jason Hurlbut



September Anniversaries

- 15—Kevin and Alvadine Gilliland
- 16—Jim and Pat Fitl

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Search Committee Update

The Youth Ministry Coordinator search committee met August 27, 2013. The meeting was opened by Pastor Matt with prayer. We discussed ideas and action steps for getting the word out that we were looking for a person to work with our church youth. We are waiting for references for the candidates that have submitted their applications. Pastor Matt will attend the Student Leadership Training career fair at Grace University September 6th. We would ask you to continue praying for our committee and for the person the Lord will send to us as our new Youth Minister. Our next meeting will be September 24th.



LOOK! A unique opportunity for young adults at FBC Omaha...

Missional Immersion (Starting 10/11-12)

What is the Gospel? What is the Bible and its role in our lives? Where is the Kingdom of God and how do we get involved? What is the Church? These are questions that shape us as Christians every day. Missional Immersion looks to engage our 18-40-year-olds in Nebraska to help discover answers to these questions. There will be hands-on training taught by people and churches already doing ministry. There will be immersion experiences where participants can see and experience in person how this ministry is done in local settings. Participants will receive a \$1,000 stipend to start their own ministry experiment and receive regular feedback and encouragement. Missional Immersion promises to be an exciting learning process that will challenge you to grow deeper in your faith and grow deeper in your understanding of ministry and the Church.

This opportunity is free besides the cost of travel and includes study materials, food,

lodging, and learning encounters. The first Missional Immersion gathering will take place October 11th-12th at Camp Moses, Merrill.

Sign up today! Join Pastor Matt and Lisa for this exciting opportunity. To register contact Pastor Matt or the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska Region office at 402-556-4730 or email Associate Executive Minister Greg Mamula at gma-mula@abcnebraska.com. You can also contact the church office for more information. Child care is provided for participants.

