



Gospel: God's Word for Everyone

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit" (Colossians 1:3-8 NIV).

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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!

On October 22nd, I will be leaving Omaha for just under two weeks on a Mission Study Tour to Bolivia. Lord willing, I will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, November 3rd.

Why am I going to Bolivia? This is a part of an endeavor sponsored by the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska, and also of the Rocky Mountain Region, along with International Ministries. The objective of the Study Tour is to give local US pastors hands-on, cross-cultural, and international experience at various locations throughout the world where ABC missionaries are at work. It is an honor, and a privilege to be invited to join this Mission Study Team!

But as I considered the words of the Apostle Paul from the beginning of his letter to the Colossians, I am also excited about this Study Tour for other reasons. Like Paul, I am praying for and thanking God for his Church, which is already present in Bolivia. Through our international partners, I have heard of their faith in Jesus Christ, about how the church is growing in their midst, and about exciting ways in which God is moving in their land. I am going in amazement of the fact that all over the world the gospel is bearing fruit. And like Paul was grateful for Epaphras, who had brought the gospel to the Colossians, I am grateful to our ABC missionaries, including folks like Mario Morales and JD and Rhonda Reed, who have been called by the Holy Spirit to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in places like Bolivia.

Additionally, so that you may know the purpose that will be guiding us as we go, the Study Tour team has agreed to the following statement:

The purpose of this short-term Mission Study Tour is:

To develop relationships with our international partners and missionaries in Bolivia,

To explore what God is doing in Bolivia through our international partners and missionaries,

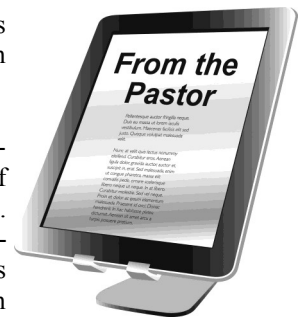
To seek ways to apply what we learn in our respective mission contexts,

All while remaining open to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

As I go on this Study Tour, I am going with an open heart and an open mind, exciting to make connections with God's people and God's work in Bolivia. I also go with a desire to continue discerning the vision and mission God has for us back home at First Baptist Church Omaha. I would request your prayers for me and for the other members of the team as we head out, including those from Nebraska: Rev. Paul Marine (Benson Baptist Church, Omaha), Pastor Matt Wolf (Gibbon Baptist Church, Gibbon), Rev. Gordon Braun (First Baptist Church, Norfolk), and Rev. Robin Stoops (Executive Minister, ABC Nebraska).

May the gospel continue to bear fruit among us and throughout the world!

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.



If only Adoniram and Ann Judson could see the fruit of the seeds they planted in Myanmar (Burma) 200 years ago!

They'd see a church pouring its heart into ministries for education, training, outreach, children—reaching out to all people in this predominantly Buddhist country. They'd be thrilled to see a church providing free medical care to the poor in surrounding villages. Patients like this young girl and many others benefit from the team effort of church members, doctors and nurses. *"We go together to help the villagers," says Pastor U Toe Toe.*

Churches like U Naw are actively helping people come to faith in Jesus, grow in their relationship with God, and change their world through the power of the Spirit.

YOU make work like this possible by supporting the entire work of IM through your gifts to the World Mission Offering.

We will be receiving the World Mission Offering throughout the month of October.



Book Shower

We have a very limited number of children's books in our library so...

We're having a Children's Book Shower and you're invited!

When: Sunday, October 13

Where: The Church Library

Time: During the Coffee Fellowship time, following the Worship Service

A variety of Children's books will be on display and may be purchased and donated to the library, or consider a cash donation toward the cost of a book.

Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church, memo: church library.



Stop by and help us add new books to our Children's Corner!

Temporary Address for Roosevelt Money:

608 Alexander Avenue

Las Vegas, NV 89106

When we receive a permanent address we will put in the Columns.

CHURCH 101: New Member Class

(For Adults)

Are you interested in connecting with the FBC Omaha church family? Then this learning experience is for you! We will be looking at the importance of local church membership, what the word "Baptist" means, and how you can become connected with serving the Lord and this community at FBC Omaha. It all happens in Pastor Matt's office during the Sunday School hour, 9:45am to 10:45 am, November 10th and 17th.



The Youth Ministry Coordinator Search Committee met on September 24th at 7:00p.m. All committee members were present. Christine Hillebran opened the meeting with prayer. We discussed the questions that we thought were important for us to ask the applicants. We decided that we would accept applications for the position until October 31, 2013. We discussed what we as a committee would want in a Youth Ministry Coordinator. We will meet again on November 5, 2013. Once again we would ask you to pray for our committee and for the person God has selected to be our new coordinator.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Mark your calendar now to attend the last Quarterly Business Meeting for this year, 2013. There are several new things that have happened since the last Ministry Update in July so you do NOT want to miss anything!



Food distribution follows:

A—H: provide a dessert

J—R: provide a main dish

S—Z: bring a side dish or a salad

The Youth and Young Adults are the clean up crew .

October Is Pastor Appreciation Month

October is the designated month we let our Pastor know how much he is appreciated. There are several ways you can show Pastor Matt what his one year of ministry FBC has meant to you. Here are some suggestions:

1. Pray for him and his family on a daily basis
2. Encourage him with a word that says you appreciate what he is doing for you or the church.
3. Write him a thank you note or send a card.
4. A Dining Gift card is appreciated.
5. A Bookstore gift card.
6. Remember his spouse, Lisa, and family.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in my expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12

October Birthdays

1—Chuck Hayes
2—Christine Ferrell and Linda Greco
4—Elaine Stober
8—Fred Walden
12—Jerika Shelton and Robert Eirhart
13—Charlene Howard
14—Michelle Wing
20—Pat Dahmer and Matt Toupin
22—Vergel Borrromeo
23—Vicki Bishop
26—Jason Ferrell
27—Lynne Chesire
28—Tristan Jackson
28—Bess Borrromeo
31—Dave Overbey



October Anniversaries

10— Gary and Maryellen Rose
15—Gary and Cindi Gladwell



October 7 & 8: New floor tiles will be placed on the dining room floor. This will not affect Wednesday night activities or the Community Meal on Saturday.

October 7: Vision Team Meeting, 7pm in the Library.

October 10: Cabinet Meeting at 7:00pm in the Parlor.

October 11—12: "Missional Immersion", at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center.

October 13: Staff Relations Meeting right after church in the Pastor's Lobby.

October 13: Children's Book Shower in the library during Coffee Fellowship.

October 16: Any articles for the monthly newsletter are due!

October 20: Quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall right after church.

