

The Home Visitor Newsletter

March 2018



North Platte First Baptist Church
100 McDonald Road
North Platte, NE 69101
Worship Hours
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.



Pastor Clint Walker

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M-Th 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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Following the Pace of the Spirit

I am by nature a passionate person. By the grace of God, the Spirit has empowered me to bring that passionate nature under control from my childhood, when my temper would run hot and tears would sometimes come quickly. In grade school and even into middle school, I was a scrapper, getting in-school suspension several times. By high school, I channeled that fire into wrestling and football. If you listen closely, you can hear the fire that still burns within me in my preaching, and read it in what I write.

In worship, we have begun a focus on living a Spirit-led, Spirit-empowered life. My experience of the Spirit-strengthened life comes not through a mystical encounter of the Holy Spirit through an experience like speaking in tongues (like some of you have experienced), but through careful listening to the Spirit through prayer, study, and other Bible-based and time honored spiritual practices of listening to and obeying the leading of God. I have found out that by stepping out in faith and finding that God was faithful as I trusted Him.

One time, when I started at a new church as an associate pastor, we were having a time of discernment regarding restructuring our church's governance. One of the leaders of the church, who had been a hard-charging businessman and politician, said something I will never forget. He said, "Almost all of my life I have been running ahead of God, then looking back and asking God to bless what I had already done." This spoke to me because in many ways it could be me, and reminded me that we all need to follow the pace of God's Spirit as he leads.

As we walk with the Spirit we may come to learn that:

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1. God works on a slower timeline that we may want him to.

The Israelites waited for 40 years to enter the Promised Land. It should have taken about two weeks. God had to take the Israelites on a roundabout way to the land of promise, so that they were more ready and equipped to live for him once they received the blessings he had promised. Sometimes if we are impatient, we can think that God is saying no or not listening. The Spirit may have a slower process than we do. In the ministry of Paul, he was prevented by the Spirit from doing ministry in certain places, and then had a vision to go to a different region called Macedonia (Acts 16)

2. When the Spirit is ready to move, we need to be ready to move.

Often, the work of God through his Holy Spirit comes swiftly, and requires a heart that is ready to respond. When I travel with my kids, I say that there are going to be moments where things are going to go slowly, and then there will be a hurry up and go time. Life in the Spirit works the same way. The river of the Spirit flows slow for a while, then we hit some swift water. We need to be growing during the slow times, and ready to move when the Spirit identifies opportunities to us. The Spirit, like the wind, blows where He pleases (John 3:8).

3. God's Spirit often leads us into circumstances when we have less control than we are comfortable with.

Paul was known to say that God was able to do some of his best work in his life and in his ministry when he was weak (I Corinthians 12). Gideon defeated an army of thousands with a few hundred soldiers, by God's grace. God is able to do God-sized things through us when we allow him to do the work instead of taking over and trying to do it all on our own power. **So, my friends, take time to slow down and be in tune with God's Holy Spirit, but equip yourself to follow his leading at any moment. And realize that God is bigger than any task in front of you.**

Pastor Clint

The Agape Group will be doing cleaning at the church on Saturday, March 3rd from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Anyone can volunteer to help for part or all of the specified times.

Please bring a vacuum, rags and various cleaning supplies.

When the spic and span is finished there will be **pizza!** Please bring your own drinks.

If you have any questions, please call Linda Mueller at 530-3675 or Chris Conner at 534-5617.



PASTOR CLINT AWAY ON REGION BUSINESS

Pastor Clint will be in Washington DC w/region leaders for missional church training on **March 14th - 17th.**

April 16-18th Pastor will be attending a Prairie Pastors Conference in Omaha. The focus of this conference will be on ministry with Millennials.

April 27th-28th he will be attending an Annual Region Convention in Lincoln.



The following are the First Baptist Church's financial figures for January 2018.

General Fund	\$15,364.37
Other Missions	0
Building Fund	2520.00
Global Missions	65.00

Please continue to prayerfully and generously support the ministry of our Church.

<p>HOLY</p>  <p>WEEK</p>	<p>Palm Sunday-March 25th March 26th -28th Holy Week Prayer Stations March 26th- Noon-3 March 27th- 4 p.m.-7 p.m. March 28th- Noon-3 Homebound Communions- March 28th- 9 a.m.- Noon Maundy Thursday Service- March 29th at 6:30 p.m.</p>
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Easter Breakfast 

April 1st at 8 a.m. FBC's menfolk will be making and serving a delicious Easter breakfast. What a great way to start off the day! Free will offerings will be accepted.



Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday, March 10th before going to bed as Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11th.

Check Out Camp Moses Merrill

FUNDRAISER

Through the Door
... a women's getaway

Friday & Saturday
March 2-3, 2018 ~ \$80

Friday:
Workshops
Dinner
Café House
Girlfriend Time
DIY Wreaths

Saturday:
Breakfast & Lunch
Worship
"Through the Door" with Speaker, Linda Brown
Breakout Groups
Free Time
Hiking
Rest

"Knock & the door will be opened to you"
Matthew 7:7

Speaker:
Linda Brown
Waterloo, NE

Carmen Sealock
Exeter, NE

Barb Golike
La Vista, NE

Register now: Camp Moses Merrill | 402-666-5639 | www.campmerrill.com

There will be a fundraiser for Robin Eitzen to help with her medical expenses. Robin was diagnosed with a rare form of pneumonia and was flown to Denver on Thursday, February 1st. She is currently back home recuperating. There will be a silent auction, bake sale and soup lunch at the North Platte Moose Lodge on Sunday, March 4th from 11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Any donations are welcome.

The Moose Lodge is located at 1315 E. 4th street in North Platte.



FBC will continue to focus on the following global missions through April 1st, 2018.

**America For Christ
One Great Hour of Sharing
World Mission Offering**

Please consider supporting these missions with your contributions.

Please write which mission you are giving to on your check or envelope.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**



Epicenter Soup Cookoff

As you can imagine the competition was brutal! Once the smoke cleared here were the final results.

1st Place Soup-Lindemeiers with their delicious cheesy Vegetable soup

2nd Place Soup-Crankshaws with their famous Strawberry soup

Number of soups-14

****60-70 people attended and Epicenter raised over \$400!**

Brittany McDaniel insists that there be a shout out for a few of the men who managed to try every SOUP!!! There were no names mentioned but WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!!!!



Dear Church Family and Friends:

I want to say thank you for all the prayers, support and donations I have gotten. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

I'm truly blessed,

Robin, Russ, Cade and Family

Dear Church Family and Friends

Thanks to everyone for remembering my 99th birthday.

I have been so blessed!

With Christian Love,

Alice Hutchinson



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>March 28th— Prayer Stations will be Noon-3 p.m. and Homebound Communion will be from 9 a.m.-Noon</i></p> <p><i>Small Groups are every Sunday & Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.</i></p>				<p>1 8 a.m. Men's B-fast</p> <p>9 a.m. Ladies B-fast</p> <p>1 p.m. Mission Quilting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2-5 P.M. Agape Cleaning/ Pizza</p>
<p>4 Communion 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:30 Epicenter 6:30 Small Groups</p>	<p>5 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 p.m. Wed Supper</p>	<p>8 7-8 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8 a.m. Men's B-fast</p> <p>1 p.m. Mis- sion Quilting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 Wor- ship 6:30 p.m. Epicenter 6:30 p.m. Small Groups</p>	<p>12 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 Wed Sup</p>	<p>15 7-8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. Men's B-fast 1 p.m. ABW</p>	<p>16</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>Pastor Clint in DC March 14-17</p>						
<p>18 Welcome Coffee 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Cen- tennial 6:30 p.m. Epicenter</p>	<p>19 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 Wed Supper</p>	<p>22 7-8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. Men's B-fast 9:30 a.m. Work Day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Epicenter 6:30 p.m. Small Groups</p>	<p>26 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk</p> <p>Prayer Station Noon-3 p.m.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>27 Prayer Station 4-7 p.m.</p> <p>7 p.m. Executive Board</p>	<p>28 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 p.m. Wed Supper 9:30 pm Mens Bible Study</p>	<p>29 8 a.m. Men's B-fast 1 p.m. ABW-White Cross</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31</p>