

HOME VISITOR * NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

2019



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



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Moving from “Why Me?” to “What Now?”

About a month and a half ago, out of the blue, I got a call from my friend, “Hey Clint, how are you doing? I’ve been thinking about you and I thought I would check in.”

“I’m fine,” I said. I shared a little bit. Then I turned the conversation around to talk about him instead of me. I did not want to be caught in my lie. I was having a bad day where everything seemed to be catching up with me. However, the fact that someone called out of the blue, and cared enough about me to check-in on me really mattered.

A few days later my wife and I went out for lunch. “Anne is asking if something is the matter. I told her I wasn’t sure.” Great, I thought, now my mood is the topic of conversation all around the state. I thought I had done a good job at keeping my head up, and a smile on my face. I guess I had not.

The truth was, I was struggling because nothing seemed to be coming together as I had hoped, and I was feeling like a failure. I was (and am) struggling at doing my work for my new classwork, both because I was unclear about some expectations and was not sure I was grasping some of the concepts I was supposed to learn. I had fitness goals that I had not met. Church attendance was not rallying in the fall like it usually does. The list goes on and on. This was supposed to be a year where things were going to really move forward, but instead I felt like I couldn’t do anything right.

Maybe you have some of those days, weeks or months too. I don’t know if you do or do not. But when I do get in this place mentally, it helps me to remember a little sentence I came up with years ago, “Instead of asking ‘why me?’ ask yourself ‘what now?’”

Do you feel like you have made a mistake that you really regret, and there is no way you can make it right? You may not be able to change the past, but you can repent of it. And then you can stop asking, “Why me?” and start asking “What now?”

Do you compare yourself to others, and always feel like others do things better than you, or are more accomplished than you are? Maybe your insecurities are pointing to something true, or maybe they are lying to you. Either way, it does no good to want to be someone you are not. You need to stop asking “Why me? And start asking “What now?”

Have your recent circumstances dealt you a difficult blow? Perhaps your health has declined. Perhaps you are simply grieving. And you have gotten to the place where you are feeling bad for yourself. Anger and depression are a part of the grieving process, so don't discount those feelings and emotions. However, even in these difficult situations I think it helps, when you are ready, to move past all the “why?” questions that cannot be answered, and move toward the “what now?” questions that challenge you to make meaning out of your heartache, and to keep on living with hope and purpose.

The Apostle Paul put it this way, “press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:14) *Pastor Clint*



Thank you, First Baptist Church, for the wonderful celebration you provided for me and my family to celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month and the Twentieth Anniversary of my ordination. Your presence, your kind words, your thoughtful gifts, and the wonderful cards were something we will remember for years into the future. God Bless You. And God bless us as we journey forward in ministry together.

Pastor Clint



MIDLERS

Middlers are invited to a potluck on Saturday, December 7th at Linda & Ken Nelms. The time will be 6:30 p.m. Meat and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish to share.

Where: 211 E. Circle Drive-North Platte
RSVP or text to 308-660-0855



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2, 2019.



Our family wishes to thank you who reached out to us when Marcus was so sick. Your phone calls, texts, food, cards and love were greatly uplifting... You really inspire us with your kind thoughts and prayers.
The Adkissons

pastor appreciation

A Pastor Appreciation celebratory luncheon/20 year anniversary of ordination was held for Pastor Clint and his family at FBC on Sunday, October 20th. Thank you to all who attended, assisted, guided, directed and made it happen and most importantly fun!! Check out some of the special moments during that day!



CANVAS PAINTING PARTY!!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH- 4:30 P.M. @ FBC

Hosted by
Jen Walker
& Brittany McDaniel

Suggested \$5 donation

Hors d'oeuvres & Hot Cocoa Bar



ALL AGES WELCOME

Bring a friend or two!

RSVP to Jennifer Walker
by December 1st at
719-468-1486



STEWARDSHIP 2019—GIVING STORIES

This fall as we begin to discuss God’s call to wholehearted generosity through faithful stewardship, we are simply going to hear stories of giving, and be transformed by them. Scripture gives us several stories of generous people. We will hear what the Spirit has to say to us through their narratives. But we will also hear stories about how people being good stewards of their lives has made an impact on others at First Baptist Church. Pay attention and consider how you want to invest in the life of First Baptist Church of North Platte now and in the future.

November 3	Loaves and Fish: Giving What You Can	Stories of Sacrificial Community
November 10	Widow's Mite: Giving All You Have	Stories of Worship and Hospitality
November 17	Good Samaritan: Giving What is Needed Zacchaeus: Giving in Response	Stories of Mission and Service
November 24	to God's Grace	Stories of Spiritual Transformation

News & Announcements

BYLAW REVISION

NOTICE: A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON BYLAW REVISION WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 24th, 2019 FOLLOWING WORSHIP. The executive board is recommending a revision to our bylaws. Copies of the bylaws will be available starting November 4. Announcements about this bylaw revision will be made in worship on November 10th and 17th. On those same days, members of the executive board will be available to dialogue with you regarding these changes in the Agape Room following worship. These informational meetings are designed to answer questions about the nature of the changes prior to a congregational meeting following worship on November 24th. The goal of this bylaw revision is to:

- Make our administrative structure more efficient
- Make our leadership board(s) more proportional to the number of participants at First Baptist
- Reduce the amount of meeting members need to attend so that they can have more freedom to participate in hands-on ministry at First Baptist.

Briefly, the bylaws will do the following:

- Combine officers and deacons into one ruling board, called the “Church Council”, while at the same time maintaining the integrity of the separate roles of spiritual leadership with the deacons, and business leadership with the officers.
- Change some of the nomenclature of deacon positions, changing “Fellowship” to “Hospitality”, and “Missions” to “Outreach”.
- Reducing the number of positions to fill on the boards. The number of deacon positions will be reduced from 14 to 6. The Executive Board currently has 8 and will be reduced to 5. Two of the current executive board positions will remain and have important work, but will not need to be voting members of the Church Council (Nominating, Financial Secretary)

Please support this ministry as we seek to be faithful, stepping forward into the future.

News & Announcements

Prayer Walks have been discontinued.

There will be no evening ABW in November.

Scaffolding for the Living Christmas Tree will be set up on November 16th & 23rd.

Living Christmas Tree set-up is November 19th and 21st from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Also, on Saturday, November 23rd from 8 a.m.-noon.

Living Christmas tree practices are every Sunday in November (children choir-3:15 p.m. and adult practice 4 p.m.) but will not be held on December 1st.

PASTORS OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Clint will be out of the office November 27th - 30th to spend time with his family during the holidays.

There are no activities on November 27th—the church office will be open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on that day.

The Church Office is closed on Thanksgiving, November 28th.



The Living Christmas Tree Presentation will be on December 13, 14 and 15.



Tickets will be available after Thanksgiving (no charge)

There will be opportunities to answer phones, make cookies, greet, usher and more.

Look for more information in the November, Sunday bulletins and church email!!

THE THEME
IS
“DEAR MOM”

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 <i>SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR PRIOR TO GOING TO BED.</i> 10 a.m. Girl Scouts
3 Communion Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 3:15 p.m. Children's Choir Prac 4 p.m. LCT Practice 6:30 p.m. Epicenter	4	5 9 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	6 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 p.m. Wed Supper	7 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. Men's B-fast 9 a.m. Ladies B-fast 1 p.m. Mission Quilting 6:30 p.m. Young Adults	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
10 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>Info Meeting</i> 3:15 p.m. Choir Prac 4 p.m. LCT Practice 6:30 p.m. Epicenter	11 7 p.m. Deacons Meeting	12 9 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	13 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 p.m. Wed Supper	14 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. Men's B-fast 1 p.m. Mission Quilting 6:30 p.m. Young Adults	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 LCT Scaffolding set up
17 8:30 a.m. Welcome Coffee 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>Info Meeting</i> 3 p.m. Centennial 3:15 p.m. Choir Prac 4 p.m. LCT Practice 6:30 p.m. Epicenter	18	19 9 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 6:30 -8:30 p.m. LCT set up	20 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 p.m. Wed Supper	21 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. Men's B-fast 1 p.m. ABW 6:30 p.m. Young Adults 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. LCT set up	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 8a.m.-Noon LCT set up LCT Scaffolding set up
24 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>After Church Bus Meet</i> 3:15 p.m. Children's Choir 4 p.m. LCT Practice 6:30 p.m. Epicenter	25	26 7 p.m. Executive Board 9 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	27 No Activities	28 OFFICE CLOSED due to <i>Thanksgiving Holiday.</i> 	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30
November 27-30 Pastor Clint and family will be on Holiday/vacation						