

# First Baptist Church

*"Go, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of  
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit..."*

*Matthew 28:19 NIV*

## The Trumpeter

June 2017

### How Versatile is Your Mouth?

By Pastor Kara Krohg

Recently I read an article about how Christians are becoming increasingly comfortable with swear words. In that article, the polls show that little separates Christians from non-Christians in the speaking department. Swearing, according to many Christians, is an acceptable sin because "it doesn't really hurt anyone." Swearing is so blasé now that many adults are wishing there were stronger words than swear words because they used them so often that they aren't powerful anymore. They want strong words to express themselves in real times of anger because swear words are too common in their vocabulary.

On the other end of the spectrum, there is remarkable power of the mind when we commit Scripture and Christian music to memory. Many people who are suffering from the power of mental diseases that steal memories remember Scripture and the songs they grew up singing in church. The words and music sank into not just their brains but also into their hearts.

How are we shaping our hearts and minds? What are we filling them with? Many adults talk about memorizing Scripture as children, but why did they stop? Why do we not think it vitally important to keep memorizing Scripture as we age, especially as our challenges increase? Would it not be helpful to have the words of life on the tip of our tongue to sustain us and our loved ones in times of celebration or times of concern?

Why is it easier for us to know how to curse others instead of blessing them? Moses sure had reason to

curse his people--his family--after all the stunts they pulled in the wilderness, yet God provided strength for Moses instead to learn the commandments and the teaching of the Lord in order to teach the people the way of abundant life. If the people would learn and adhere to the Law of the Lord then they would be blessed. God even made a way for his people when they fall short and sin to be made in right relationship with him; a way to fully return to the coverage of his blessing was embodied in Jesus' sacrifice.

Words have the power of life and death, and the effects are visible in our world daily. I believe our words do affect the people around us. David writes in Psalm 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." What a powerful prayer to ask the Lord to help us be accountable for our words.

As the priesthood of all believers, we have the ability to speak the priestly blessing over our loved ones. Maybe start your memorizing journey with these verses: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." These words are from Numbers 6:24-26.

May you be the giver of words of peace and life to all those you meet.

Pastor Kara



## Daily Bible Reading

Taken from "The Secret Place" devotional. You may pick one up for yourself for a donation of \$.25 each in the narthex or east hallway.

<b>June 1</b>	Hebrews 11:29-40	<b>17</b>	Acts 15:6-21
<b>2</b>	Judges 5:1-5	<b>18</b>	Judges 11:4-11
<b>3</b>	Judges 5:24-27	<b>19</b>	Judges 13:8-18
<b>4</b>	Judges 4:1-10	<b>20</b>	Judges 13:19-23
<b>5</b>	Judges 6:1-10	<b>21</b>	Num 6:1-8,13-17
<b>6</b>	Psalm 83:1-12,18	<b>22</b>	Judges 14:1-9
<b>7</b>	Judges 6:19-24	<b>23</b>	Judges 15:1-8
<b>8</b>	Judges 6:36-40	<b>24</b>	Judges 16:23-31
<b>9</b>	Judges 7:19-23	<b>25</b>	Judges 13:1-7,24-25
<b>10</b>	Judges 8:29-35	<b>26</b>	Exodus 23:1-9
<b>11</b>	Judges 6:11-18	<b>27</b>	Matt 25:41-46
<b>12</b>	Judges 11:1-3	<b>28</b>	2 Chron 19:4-7
<b>13</b>	Judges 11:12-18	<b>29</b>	Luke 18:1-8
<b>14</b>	Judges 11:19-22	<b>30</b>	Acts 6:1-7
<b>15</b>	Judges 11:23-28		
<b>16</b>	Judges 11:34-40		

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## Thank You...

- ◇ Thank you to everyone who helped with the Vet bollen stand. The donated supplies, money, and time working the stand were all very much appreciated. This year's Tulip Time was a great success. Additional thanks goes to Casey's for the donation of all the ice, Two Rivers Coop for the LP gas donation, Wal-Mart for the \$50 gift card, Vince Nossaman for moving the stand, and Chuck and Esther Van Zante for the use of their garage to store supplies. We are so grateful for the support of the community for our youth and women's programs.

*Pastor Kara Krohg & Mike Clark*

- ◇ Thank you on behalf of the Forest Lake Ministry Team for the contributions, monetary donations, and prayer support that keep this ministry alive and growing so we can impact lives for God's glory.

*Shawn & Teresa Ott,  
 Forest Lake Camp Managers*

- ◇ Thank you to all who provided meals for CONNECT this year! We really appreciate all the help!

*Chris Thomas & Mary Lenox*

- ◇ I'm so blessed to be part of this Baptist family. God uses angels to minister to those in need. Thank you to each one who has ministered to me in some special way!

*Darlene Kool*

- ◇ "Dear Kara's church: I love my prayer shawl! I think it's made from sheep, but it's not. It's so warm! I wear it all the time. Thank you so much! I love the presents you guys send me from your church! "

*Cole Chavez*

- ◇ Dear Church Family: Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and all the meals since I had kidney transplant surgery. I am doing well and gaining strength daily. I'm so thankful to be a member of such a loving and caring church. God bless you all.

*Mary Carson*

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## ***Diaconate Doings***

### **All Church Pool Party**

#### **Pella Aquatic Center**

Saturday, June 24th

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The time will be split up with the first hour being in the lower half of the facility (lazy river, tube slides), and the second in the upper half (diving boards, body slides).

Refreshments will be provided.

Invite your friends to this fun, free event!



## ***Inspiration from...***

Do not discount what you have already accomplished. You have made important steps toward the freedom you are searching for. You have decided to dedicate yourself completely to God, to make Jesus the center of your life, and to be fashioned into an instrument of God's grace. Yes, you still experience your inner dividedness, your need for approval and acclaim. But you see that you have made important choices that show where you want to go.

~Henri J. M. Nouwen, *"The Inner Voice of Love"*

Jesus replied,

"Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

John 14:23 NIV

## ***Mission Corner***

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Did you know that the OGHS offering began sixty-eight years ago in response to the devastation of WWII? In March 1949, a national broadcast on a Saturday evening asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day.

Today, OGHS serves people in over 80 countries around the world. Sponsored by nine Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service, OGHS makes sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development.

The World Relief Committee of the American Baptist Board of General Ministries reviews each development request for funding from the OGHS offering received from American Baptists. Gifts reach the ministries and people in need through a network of regional and international partnerships with:

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society  
American Baptist Home Mission Societies  
Baptist World Aid  
Church World Service

Give generously - envelopes will be in your weekly bulletins on the 11th, 18th, and 25th of this month.

## ***Christian Ed "Cliff's Notes"***

A HUGE Thank You to our Sunday School and CONNECT teachers for 2016/2017:

- \* Johnnie & Maria Bogaards
- \* Connie Cogley
- \* Robin Tietjens
- \* Pastor Kara & Christian Krohg
- \* Randy & Joyce Bogaards
- \* Dennis Dingeman
- \* Shannan Duenwald
- \* Kathy De Vos
- \* Ken Hoksbergen
- \* Pastor Jay Thornton
- \* Lovena Van Haaften

Thank you for all your gift of teaching!

with God with others in service  
**connect.**

## Prayer Concerns



Lloyd & Arlene Brand	Bea Mick
Dan Arnett & family	Jim Morris
Mary Carson	Lt A. J. Nunnikhoven
Cole Chavez	Bob Peebler
Sgt. John Cogley	Ken & Miriam Roberts
Darrell & Karen Dobernecker	Albert Rouw
Alex Ehler	Dan Scaperoth
Joni Felton	Betty Schwien
Donna Gilchrist	Willie Van Essen
Ken Heschke	Lovena Van Haaften
2nd Lt. Wesley Hoksbergen	Dottie Van Vark
Robin Kemntz	Kevin Vander Hart
	Wilma Ver Heul
	Pte. Matt Vos

## June Birthdays

3	Boyd Boehlje	13	Lona Bandstra
	Lydia Taylor	14	Dennis Dingeman
4	Deb Campbell	18	Sheryl Lubberden
5	Joyce Bogaards	21	Diana Burkin
9	Bonnie Van Halen	22	Gary Moffet
11	Arla Rietveld		Hillary Nossaman
	Ruth Rieken	24	Matthew DeKoning
	Betty Vander Werff		



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

## Library News

The following books and movies were added to the church library in May:

### If Not For You

By Debbie Macomber (fiction)  
Her newest book!

### The Ebb Tide

By Beverly Lewis (fiction)  
Her newest book!

### An Echo in the Darkness

By Francine Rivers (fiction)  
#2 Mark of the Lion Series

### Saturday Morning

By Lauraine Snelling (fiction)

*Look for a good book or movie in the library or narthex this week!*



## Anniversaries

***May God bless these marriages with health, joy, love, and many more years!***

- ♥ Tom & Shannan Duenwald were married 21 years ago on June 1st.
- ♥ Keith & Betty Vriezelaar are celebrating 61 years of wedded bliss on June 3rd.
- ♥ Christian & Kara Krohg said "I do" 3 years ago on June 14th.
- ♥ Ken & June Hoksbergen were married on June 24th 46 years ago.
- ♥ Ken & Sarah Heschke are celebrating 58 years of marriage on June 28th.

Don't see your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter? Please call or email the church office with your information and it'll be added to the list!



## Opportunities To Give...

### June Food Shelf Needs

**Summer Needs:** Canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, soup, pasta, condiments, and peanut butter



**\*\*Checks can be made out directly to the Food Shelf\*\***

**April donations: 68 items, \$270.00**

*Thank you for supporting this important community service!*



### Hope Ministries Summer Drive

The Mission Team is going to be doing some local trips and service projects this summer, including Hope Ministries in Des Moines. Hope Ministries is not funded at all by the government, so they ask for donations for needed items. Will you help us by donating the following items? You can put them in the box in the narthex. Thank you!

- ◇ Men's socks
- ◇ Men's briefs
- ◇ Men's travel size deodorant
- ◇ Men's travel size shampoo



### It's VBS time again!

First Baptist is hosting the Pella area's 4th graders once again, and they come hungry! The sign up sheet is in the narthex to **donate snack time items**. VBS is June 5 - 9, so please **have your donations to the church kitchen by Sunday, June 4th**. If you have questions, please contact Shannan Duenwald at 628-8788. Thank you for your generosity! It's going to be a great week of sharing God's love with the children!



## Opportunities To Serve...

### June Van Drivers:

George & Chris Thomas 628-2032

### Van Coordinator:

Ron Vander Linden 780-3682

### \*Greeter Schedule:

6/4 Diana Burkin & Connie Cogley

6/11 Mel & Jan Petersma

6/18 Don & Beverly Graves

6/25 Randy & Tami Sikkema

### \*Usher Schedule:

6/4 Diaconate

6/11 Don & Bev Graves

Mike & Sheryl Lubberden

6/18 Doug & Vivian Vriezelaar

Paul & Jan Ostrander

6/25 Dennis Dingeman, Bob Owens

Bill Anderson

### Nursery (please sign up in the narthex):

6/4 Zara Pippel, Bev Graves

6/11 Zara Pippel, Faye Dieleman

6/18 Zara Pippel

6/25 Zara Pippel

\* If you have a conflict, please switch with someone or find a replacement. Call or email the church office and let us know about the change.

*Thank you!*



## Save The Date FREEDOM HOUSE BIRTHDAY PARTY



**Saturday, June 17, 2017**  
**Noon – 3:00 pm**

Cordova Shelter House  
The Whole Family Is Invited  
It's a ParTy!!!

- We want to celebrate God's provision for the Freedom House!
- There will be lunch, snow cones, games, music & door prizes (birthday gifts to you!)
- Please bring fresh fruit to add to our big fruit bowl or chips to share & lawn chairs!
- Optional: As God would lead, consider bringing a wrapped kitchen item for the house or donate toward the 1<sup>st</sup> year's budget.
- **Most important:** Come celebrate with us, bring your whole family, and invite your friends!!
- RSVP: [freedomhouse17@gmail.com](mailto:freedomhouse17@gmail.com)

The invite is from Freedom House's Board of Directors: Jennifer Attema, Roger De Waard, George Clark, Austin & Chelsea Steenhoek, and Melissa Van Kooten.

[freedomhouseministry.org](http://freedomhouseministry.org)

**\$15 for Rider & \$5 for Passenger**  
**Kick stands up at 10 AM**

**for info...[www.pathwaysofpella.org](http://www.pathwaysofpella.org)**

**JUNE 10**  
**Pathways of Pella**  
**RIDE FOR LIFE**



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# June 2017

Sun

Mon







Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<div></div> <div>Worship Service each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.</div> <div>Experiments in Faith - Summer Sunday School for kids with Pastor Kara Krohg and Aaron Cantrell - begins June 25th at 10:45 a.m.</div>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<div></div> <div>Communion Sunday</div>				<div>Search &amp; Grow @ Windmill Cafe 7:30 a.m.</div>		
Union Vacation Bible School 9 - 11:30 a.m. each day						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<div>Trustees 8:00 a.m.</div> <div>Mission Board 8:00 a.m.</div>				<div>Senior Citizens Lunch 11:30 a.m.</div>	<div>Senior Singles 10:00 a.m.</div>	<div>Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.</div>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<div></div> <div>Leadership Council 8:00 a.m.</div>	<div>Mary Martha Potluck 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>Stitches from the Heart 6:30 p.m.</div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div>First Day of Summer</div>			<div>All Church Pool Party 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.</div> <div></div>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<div>Diaconate 8:00 a.m.</div>	<div>Senior Singles Game Day 2:00 p.m.</div>		Deep & Wide Camp @ Forest Lake - Collin Van Ee			
					2017 Biennial Mission Summit thru 7/2	