

Foundations News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FOUNDATIONS BIBLE CHURCH
| APRIL 2025



WINNEBAGO AMBULANCE

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE AND FRENCH TOAST
FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH
8AM-1PM

WINNEBAGO MUNICIPAL CENTER

SERVING PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST,
SAUSAGE, BISCUITS AND GRAVY,
COFFEE, JUICE AND MILK

Free will donation to
Winnebago EMS
Association



GENESIS
Classical Academy

APRIL 5TH 2025
5-9PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE
At Genesis
Classical Academy
Just AT THE DOOR

5-6:45 PM
DINNER
\$15 For Adults
\$7 For Children
12 and Under

Aloha Luau

SPRING FLING

Dinner * Raffle * Silent & Live Auction

WINNEBAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING
1321 1ST AVENUE SE, WINNEBAGO, MN 56098

Join us for breakfast @ 8:30am

April 20th, 2025 @ 10:15am

Resurrection

SUNDAY

with Baptism and Church Membership

If there is anyone wanting to get baptized or become
a member of our church, please contact Pastor Daren

KINSHIP RADIO'S
2025 DAY FOR WOMEN

REGISTRATION
OPENS APRIL 7TH
KINSHIPRADIO.ORG
OR 1-800-810-5559

Make Your Life a Bestseller

MAY 3, 2025
FEATURING AUTHOR AND SPEAKER
Karen Kingsbury

DOORS OPEN AT 7:15AM | STARTS AT 8:30AM

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
195 HOSANNA DR, MANKATO, MN

\$45 FOR THE DAY INCLUDES:
MINI SESSIONS, LUNCH,
WORSHIP MUSIC, & MORE!

This year the Foundations Bible Church
Women's Ministry will reimburse your
ticket price. After you purchase to your
Ticket, let Carolyn know then she will be able
To reimburse you. Thank you!

Registration starts April 7th
To register call 1-800-810-5559

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*Preparing people for
Wholeness in Jesus through
The Word of God.*

*Readying the remnant
For the rapture.*

A Blast From The Past Newsletters

“And They Call Themselves a Christian!”

You shall know them by their fruits-Matthew 7:16

How many times have we or someone else say the phrase, “And they call themselves a Christian”? I have said it. I’ve also heard this said from other believers and nonbelievers. Some have even gone as far to say, “This is why I don’t like going to church. They’re just a bunch of hypocrites.” How many times have you seen or heard that someone isn’t the same person they used to be? Maybe they quit the partying scene, or able to be patient instead of flying off the handle, and people will ask them what happened? How did you do it? This is why Matthew 7:16 is so important. People are constantly watching our actions to determine are we who we say we are. If we say we are a Christian, then we should be acting like one all the time.....not just in the pews. I think a lot of young people and nonbelievers get the hypocrite attitude and get turned away from church when they see our bad behavior constantly. By obeying God on how we are to act IS another way to lead others to Christ.

So what actions and behaviors does everyone seem to use to see if others are the real deal? It’s the fruits of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We are told not to judge anyone on their clothing, nationality, race, education or rank in society (James 2:1-7, Colossians 3:11), but we are to look at their spiritual fruits to help determine if they truly are a child of God. For a child of God is to be held at a higher account of obedience to God and they are to treat nonbelievers with love, grace and mercy cause we were once like them.

1John 4:7-8 says, “Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better. But if a person isn’t loving and kind, it shows that he doesn’t know God-for God is love.

If you only love those who love you, what good is that? Even the scoundrels do that much. If you are friendly only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even the heathen do that. Matthew 5:46-47.

I think we really need to examine ourselves to see if we put these fruits into action in our daily lives.

Do we show these fruits at: home, work, school, shopping trips, out with friends, at restaurants, etc? Please know others are watching, including our youth. Let them see that we are the real deal and would love for them to ask us, “How did you do that?” Then we can “speak” the gospel! I’d like to finish with Colossians 3:2-17

Let heaven fill your thoughts; don’t spend time worrying about things down here. You should have little desire for this world as a dead person does. Your real life is in heaven with Christ and God. And when Christ who is our real life comes back again, you will shine with him and share in all his glories.

Away then with sinful, earthly things; deaden the evil desires lurking within you; have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust and shameful desires; don’t worship the good things of life, for that is idolatry. God’s terrible anger is upon those who do such things. You used to do them when your life was still part of this world; but now is the time to cast off and throw away all these rotten garments of anger, hatred, cursing, and dirty language.

Don’t tell lies to each other; it was your old life with all its wickedness that did that sort of thing; now it is dead and gone. You are living a brand new kind of life that is continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ who created this new life within you. In this new life one’s nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all.

Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don’t worry about making a good impression on them but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently.

Be gentle and ready to forgive, never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony. Let the peace of heart which comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of his body. And always be thankful.

Remember what Christ taught and let his words enrich your lives and make you wise; teach them to each other and sing them out in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing to the Lord with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, let it **be as a representative of the Lord Jesus.** and come with him into the presence of God the Father to give him your thanks.

Pastor's Pen

WHAT DO YOU TREASURE?

At the risk of coming off as a pirate hiding his treasure, making a map so they can find it again, or for their successors to.... I ask this question: what do you treasure?

I can tell you, not only from experience and observation, but also from the Word of God – we as people, individually and congregationally, tell everyone around us exactly what we treasure by what we talk about, what we invest in, what we do, what we prioritize. Each of us displays our treasure without even saying a word at times and by how we use our time, talents. It shows exactly what we are treasuring.

Look at the following passages:

Luke 6:45 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

So, let's dig these verses apart:

Good used here means beneficial, and is directly related to being properly beautiful, valuable, virtuous, honest.

Stored used here means placed in deposit of wealth figuratively as treasured.

Overflow used here means a surplus, superabundance.

Speaks used here means to talk, utter words, preach, tell.

Jesus is teaching us that what our heart contains will ooze out of us in our conversations and what we are prioritizing in our lives. There is a serious lesson for us to take away, actually – a few of them:

- 1) What you set your heart upon is your treasure, and it is what you will work for and towards
- 2) What you treasure you prioritize, so take an inventory of what you spend your time on, what you put first, and what you don't will help you discern what is most important....
- 3) When it comes to the LORD, when it comes to Church, when it comes to Family, when it comes to Work, when it comes to Money, When it comes to Possessions, When it comes to People, When it comes to Pleasures.... which occupies most of your time, talent and treasure? This will tell you what is in your heart and what is most important to you, or more over who is most important to you.... of course, this does not mean, when it comes to making a living, as many need to put much time in, but it is wise to take stock of how much of your life is balanced or out of balance.
- 4) It is easy to make excuses, or put off something or someone – or to even notice what others prioritize, but let's be honest, how many of us do any one of these three things and never take the time to really assess our own heart's treasures and priorities?
- 5) Look at your investments – money, time, people, work, church, family, your relationship with Jesus, etc.... which one usually gets the short end of the stick? Which one gets the most attention? What are you most involved in?
- 6) How many of us make it hard or hinder, help or make it easier for others to prioritize the right things or more important things? I mean – do we serve one another in a way that makes it possible for those around us to prioritize the right things in the right order? Or do we throw more on others, leaving them with not enough time or energy to prioritize the right things?

OK, so hearts, treasure – all that said.... I would like to touch on a nerve a bit. Everyone knows the family is under attack right now. Everyone sees the devastation it is bringing to the next generation. We think doing more benefits our family, rather than making them more. I wonder if we have gotten so out of balance with life stuff, that the life we have is run ragged and our loved ones are

suffering because we have our own personal treasures placed ahead of them, expectations of what they should treasure but we don't consider what we treasure may need changed, or we are teaching them by example what to treasure that should not be one's top priority as a follower of Christ that should treasure Him above all things.

Treasure Jesus Along with You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Darren" followed by a stylized flourish.

How to Start a Conversation with Someone About the Gospel

Have you ever wondered “man, how can I share Jesus with this person” in your mind, right when you’re in the middle of having a good conversation with someone, and you feel that “nudge” from God to tell them about the gospel?

Well – to get started, let me share with you a simplified version of the Gospel:

God’s Word tells us that “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins”. So, God sent His Son, born of a woman by the Holy Spirit, whose name was called Jesus to shed His own blood for the forgiveness of mankind’s sins. He grew up from a boy, into a young man, and into an adult – and never sinned! He went about doing the things God wanted Him to do – healing people of diseases, delivering them from demons, performing miracles and many signs. The religious leaders of that time hated Jesus and wanted Him dead. Romans ruled during Jesus’ times, and those religious leaders stirred up the people against Jesus, convincing them to crucify Him on the cross. After He died on the cross – Jesus was laid in a tomb (the grave) and three days later He rose from the dead – never seeing decay. This act conquered sin, death, the devil and his demons. It also showed that God, through Jesus, offers us forgiveness, eternal life and we can have a new life, being born again, placing our trust and belief in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice. There were many witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection, and several other people came back to life when He rose from the dead. He hung around for about forty days – eating and talking with the disciples and others. Then He ascended to heaven in the clouds, but not before telling them He would one day return to take the disciples and future believers back with Him to heaven to be with God the Father.

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So – how do you start a conversation about this? How do you bring Jesus into the talks you have with the people around you?

Sure, we are already pretty good at having discussions about the weather, sports, fishing, hunting, our likes or dislikes, and around here – farming.

Well – take the same relaxed posture and talkative demeanor. While, as Christians we know the Bible contains the truths that are needed for people to hear the Lord, it is not always the first thing to throw out there. You have to get around to the Scriptures of course but remember at this point it is not an in-depth Bible Study you're having – it is sharing what you know about Jesus, His Word's impact on your life and your testimony – that is the story of how you came to become a Christian and believe in Jesus.

Here are three questions you can ask that will get the conversation moving towards sharing the Gospel and what God's Word says that go beyond superficial or just life-on-earth things:

Question #1: Why are you here and what is your purpose here on earth?

Some will have some kind of an answer like: to be happy, to be good, to make a living, to have a family, etc... some won't be able to give an answer at all....

Question #2: How did you get here? How did we get here?

Again, some answers you may hear are: my mother had me, I was born, we evolved, something had to make all this and us....

Question #3: What is going to happen when you die and leave this planet?

You know – they say "hands-on" learning is the best way to get good or gain knowledge or ability to do something and retain what you learned in the experience. So, practice, ask the questions, start interjecting them into the conversations you have with people. It may take a few times before you are comfortable with it or get it down.... You may even be rejected a few times, but don't give up! Eventually you will spark the heart and mind of a person to think about Jesus.

If you never noticed before, look at Jesus' interactions with people as recording in the Bible – He asked a question, and then often replied to their answers with another question, or He told them a parable (a story or true account with a spiritual meaning or lesson). Follow His example. And don't forget that people hear and become saved through Gospel by our sharing our testimonies, the truths of God's Word, and knowing about the blood of Jesus shed.

Romans 10:13-17 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Mike Jenkins
Spiritual Ministry Team Member

FBC Women's Ministry will be collecting the following items for Options Pregnancy Center

**** Is what's needed the most**

**** clothing for toddlers - sizes 12-18 mo and 2T (boy & girl)**

**** diapers and wipes - sm pks. In sizes 3, 4, 5, 6**

Baby Bibles

Baby bottles & bottle brushes (No Dr. Brown's)

Baby lotion, shampoo, baby wash - gentle like Aveeno Baby

Clothing for baby - size Newborn & 0-3mo.-onsies, outfits and Sleepers

Crib sheets, crib mattress pads

Hooded bath towels

For moms -to-be

Body wash and shampoo

Gas gift cards

Maternity clothing - all sizes

Pjs and bath robes that they can breastfeed in

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Women's Bible Study

April 3rd & 6th

Will be at FBC @ 6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall Servers

March 30 - Andrew & LaNay Hervey

April 6 - Potluck

April 13 - Ty & Makayla Nepp

April 20 - Resurrection Breakfast 8:30 am

April 27 - Mitch & Laurie Jenkins

April Anniversaries

10 -- Tyler and Megan Morrison ~2010

12 -- Doug and Cari Jenkins ~2014

12 -- Josh & Shari Walker

15 -- Dwight and Dedra Hervey ~1978

April Birthdays

01 -- Ethan Cyphers

01 -- Cherrie Langford

03 -- Sally Yeager

07 -- Madeline Jenkins

12 -- Noah Barnett

13 -- Marilyn Foster

14 -- Makenzie Gartner

24 -- Steven Jones

26 -- Renae Hill

27 -- Laurie Jenkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 1st- Stewardship Meeting 7 pm

Apr 3rd- Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm

Apr 6th- Communion Sunday

- Potluck

Apr 8th- CED Meeting 7 pm

Apr 13th- Time for Prayer during fellowship

Apr 11th- Stewardship Team meeting 7pm

Apr 15th- Spiritual Ministry Meeting 7 pm

Apr 17th- Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm

Apr 19th- Men's Breakfast @ FBC 8:30 am

Apr 20th- Resurrection Breakfast 8:30 am

- Baptism & Membership

Apr 22nd- Deadline for Newsletter

Apr 27th- FBC Women during fellowship

