



Maturity Team Notes

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The first Sunday in September is the date most of our Sunday School classes begin a new quarter. The summer programs are great, but it's nice to get back to a regular routine on Sunday mornings!

Here's a list of all our Sunday School teachers as of the fall quarter. Please remember to pray for them as they spend time each week preparing their lessons and dedicating themselves to teaching the Word of God.

Beginner Department (3- to 5-year-olds):

Department Head: Tamara Vander Heide.
 Teachers: Janel Berrington, Pat Copeland, Judy Rosenberger, & Ashley Vander Heide.

Primary & Junior Department (Kindergarten through 5th grade):

Department Head: Karen Onan

Kindergarten: teacher position yet to be filled; (using substitutes until a permanent teacher can be found). "Living for God" is the theme for their lessons, which emphasize kindness and giving through the lives of Rebecca, Isaac, Ruth, Abraham, and Daniel.

- 1st Grade: Mary Cooper
- 2nd Grade: Gayle Sims
- 3rd Grade: Steve & Brenda Nauta
- 4th & 5th Grade Girls: Sharon Vosovic
- 4th & 5th Grade Boys: Bob Copeland

The 1st, 2nd, & 3rd graders are studying "Living Courageously," looking at the lives of Elijah, Jesus, Rehab, Gideon, David, Esther, and Daniel. The 4th & 5th graders have a series of lessons called "The Beginnings," which basically covers the book of Genesis.

The Middle School class (6th through 8th grade) has Brent Bradley as their teacher. He is wrapping up a series on John and then will start a 13-week curriculum about finding deep Biblical truths in the bizarre stories of the Bible (Jonah, the talking donkey, writing on the wall, Jesus using mud to heal, etc.)

The High School class is taught by Pastor Phil. He will be wrapping up a series on "How to Study the Bible" and then he is going to start a series on Romans. He is taking a class on Romans, so it just seemed natural to teach the book right along with his studies. Since it is a pretty big book, it will take a while! After that, he hopes to go through "Don't Stop Believing" by Michael Wittmer. It is a book on the some of the key doctrines of our faith.

Our ABF classes don't necessarily start a new series in the fall, but don't forget to pray for these adult teachers:

- New Directions (college/career): Jim Moore
- Kaleo (young married): currently Steve VanLaan is teaching a series, but normally taught by Bob Berrington
- Faithful Friends: Don Green
- Ladies: Cheryl Haines
- Beach Boys: Dick Beach
- Fellowship Bible Class: Pastor Margesson
- Faithful Bible Investigators (FBI): currently Greg Green is teaching while Pastor Sims conducts a new members class.

The followers of Jesus Christ are the ministers of the church! The Holy Spirit equips us to effectively minister to one another in the local church, and through the local church to our world.

Student Bill of Rights

Overreaction to decisions by the courts regarding prayer and religion in the public schools has led some overly cautious schools to prevent students from doing what they have a Constitutional right to do in the free exercise of their religion. To clarify this confusion, Foundation for Traditional Values has prepared the following "Student Bill of Rights," which represents the current state of the law and lets you know what you can and cannot do. (The purpose of this document is informational and is not intended to give you specific legal advice).

- 1. Prayer.** You may pray anytime, anyplace, silently or out loud, provided that there is not a rule that you must remain silent or that all speech is limited, such as during classroom instruction. You may not pray so loudly that it disturbs others, anymore than you are permitted to shout or engage in loud, noxious speech about non-religious topics.
- 2. Religious Discussion.** You may meet on school grounds to discuss religious issues or to try to persuade other students to accept your religious beliefs. If you are free to discuss or debate other issues with classmates, you may also discuss your religious faith with them. You may not, however, force others to listen.
- 3. Distributing Religious Literature, Bible Study.** Distributing religious literature on school grounds may not be restricted just because it is religious or that some students may find it disturbing. Religious literature may not be singled out for special regulation. You may carry or study your Bible, Tanach or other religious literature while at school unless the Bible study interferes with classroom work or other legitimate school activities.
- 4. Pins, Signs, Symbols and Messages on Clothing.** You may wear or display religious pins, signs, symbols and/or messages on clothing if they are not vulgar, lewd, obscene or indecent.
- 5. Papers, Study Projects.** Generally, you may express your beliefs about religion in homework, art-work, and other written or oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content of your submissions. But please note carefully. Such home and classroom work must be judged by ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance. (By "relevance," a student must not stray from the subject matter of an assignment. For example, when asked to describe the development of the steam engine, the student may not write about his conversion experience, but if asked to write about the most important event in his life, he could describe his conversion experience). In other words, schools may control the style and content of school-sponsored expressive activities so long as their actions are reasonably related to legitimate academic or teaching concerns.
- 6. Religious Holidays.** Music, art, literature and drama that have religious themes are permitted as part of the curriculum for school activities if presented objectively as a traditional part of the cultural and religious heritage of the particular holiday.
- 7. Rules and Discipline.** School authorities may impose rules of order, but they may not structure or administer such rules to discriminate against religious activity or speech.
- 8. Equal Access.** A school that allows one or more student, non-curriculum-related clubs to meet on its premises during non-instructional time may not refuse equal access to student religious groups. Religious groups and clubs must also have equal access to publicizing meetings as other non-religious groups, such as use of the bulletin board, photocopier, the student newspaper or the public address system.

In general, the school, its administrators and teachers may neither encourage nor discourage religious activities. Activities that are otherwise permitted cannot be restricted nor regulated differently because of their religious content. If you have any questions, contact:

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Math in the Bible - Crossword Puzzle Answers

Here are the answers for the Math in the Bible Crossword Puzzle published in the September Newsletter.

Across

1 **Forty**—Exodus 16:35 (KJV) “And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.”

3 **Five**-John 6:10 (KJV) “And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.”

4 **Cubits**-Genesis 6:15 (KJV) “And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.”

6 **Tithe**

8 **Methuselah**- Genesis 5:27 “And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.”

10 **Six** (He rested the seventh day.)

11 **Thirty one** - Idea: Read a chapter each day that corresponds with the date of the month. For example, if today is October 16, then read Proverbs 16.

13 **Eight**

15 **Twenty** - Genesis 6:3 “And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”

16 **Three** - Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

17 **Divided** - Mark 3:25 ‘And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.’”

Down

1 **Fifth**

2 **Twelve**

5 **Square** - Exodus 27:1 “Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits high; it is to be square, five cubits long and five cubits wide.”

6 **Twos**

7 **Multiply**

9 **Thirty Nine**

12 **Numbers**

14 **Flies**

16 **Ten**

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Healthcare Plan Truly Amazing

Passed on to us through Betty Deans.

Let me get this straight. We're going to be "gifted" with a health care plan we are forced to purchase and fined if we don't, written by a committee whose chairman says he doesn't understand it, passed by a Congress that hasn't read it but exempts themselves from it, signed by a president who also smokes, with funding administered by a treasury chief who didn't pay his taxes, to be overseen by a surgeon general who is obese, and financed by a country that's broke.

What could possibly go wrong?

EVER WONDER where we are headed...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why you never see the headline: "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?

Why Doctors call what they do "practice"?

Why you have to click on "Start" to stop Windows 98?

Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, while dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons?

Why the man who invests all your money is called a "Broker"?

Why there isn't mouse flavored cat food?

Who tastes dog food when it has a "new & improved" flavor?

Why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?

Why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why sheep don't shrink when it rains?

Why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

Why they call the airport "the terminal" if flying is so safe?

On most brands of Christmas lights:

"For indoor or outdoor use only".

(As opposed to...what?)

CHILDREN'S SUMMER MINISTRY

Wow, is it fall already? The summer flew by so fast. We kept our kindergarten through fifth graders busy with activities throughout the summer. Not only was it a change of pace for them, it allowed a well-deserved break for our regular children's church and Sunday School teachers.

We started off the summer with the very popular trip to Stony Lake to fish for bluegills.

We had over 30 children join us, and we didn't stop until everyone had caught at least one fish. Many



We were pretty successful with both.

Our teacher that day was Bill Johnson, so we came back to the church and had our lesson outside in the beautiful weather. Since it was Father's Day, we learned about a father's love through the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32).



caught more than that.

We had our "senior" fishing helpers baiting hooks and untangling lines while our regular helpers tried to keep the fishing poles facing the water and the children out of the water.



We stayed at the church some Sundays and did crafts, played games, had snack, and of course, enjoyed our lessons. Our teachers were Ed Schwenke teaching about our Father's love through the story of Abram in Genesis 12:1-9; Amber Ritchie told us of Isaac's birth (Genesis 18:1-15); Monica Pasquale shared about the danger of greed using our scripture reading and by add-

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ing music to the lesson (I Timothy 6:6-10); Lori Raimer talked about having a reputation of strength using Daniel’s choice to honor God (Daniel 1:1-21); and Angie Ingram taught about having a reputation of courage through Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3:10-20.

We also took trips away from church. On the Fourth of July, we went to Fallasburg Park for games and fun on the playground while church was being held in the pavilion. Pastor Taylor told us about Abram and Lot parting ways and how we should make our choices wisely so we will please God (Genesis 13:1-18). After the church service was over, the children joined their parents for our pig roast.

Another popular trip is to the John Ball Park Zoo. We had about 30 children join us for that trip. We spent part of the time looking at the animals and then met back at the park to enjoy lunch and our lesson by Andy Johnson. He spoke about how the material things we own or want to own can easily distract us from obtaining that which will benefit us eternally and we need to make sure that we give God and His plans first place in our lives (Matthew 19:16-23). It was a gloomy day, but we ended up staying dry and enjoying ourselves.

We also went bowling at Rollaway and Janel Berrington was our teacher. She used Luke 16:19-31 to talk

about a rich man who lived to please his sinful nature; giving little, if any, thought to spiritual things or the needs of others compared to how Lazarus lived.

We went to a new place this year called Branch Adventures. It’s a Christian camp located between Lowell and Saranac. Since our trip to the Raimer horse farm was rained out a few weeks before, Lori graciously brought her horses out there so we could ride. We took turns going for a nature walk and creating a collage of twigs, leaves, etc. and riding the horses. Herb Whorley was our speaker that day sharing about a reputation of humility as described in Daniel 5:1-30. We learned when we are humble and honor God instead of acting selfish and proud, He will reward us with many blessings.

We always end the year with a trip to the West’s cottage on Big Pine Island Lake. We enjoy swimming, boating, games, and lunch. The Nauta family brought two boats to use for rides and everyone had a great time! Kailey Van Laan was our final teacher for the summer and told us about having a reputation of faith. We learned that faith is the key to finding courage. We read Daniel 6:6-24 about Daniel in the den of lions.

We want to thank all of our helpers, bus drivers, snack providers, and teachers this year. We wouldn’t have been able to have so much fun and learn about God’s word without all of you.

See you next summer!
Cheryl Runstrom

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FBC Mission Statement

We endeavor to...

Magnify

The Lord, by bringing people to Jesus Christ and

Membership

In His Family, seeking to develop them to Christ-like

Maturity,

Equipping them for their

Ministry

In the Church.... And their life

Mission

In the world.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Name	Happy Birthday to..	Happy Anniversary to..
Lorri Gabrion	10/01	
Angie Ingram	10/01	
Jessica Ryder	10/02	
Mike Burnham	10/03	
Sue Raimer	10/03	
Betty Deans	10/06	
Don & Lynn Green		10/06
Tammy VanderHeide	10/07	
Dennis & Dianne Kennedy		10/08
Doug Folsom	10/09	
Sara Tarchala	10/09	
Roy Schwarcz (M)	10/09	
Jeanne Shores	10/14	
Sue White	10/18	
Don McQueen	10/19	
Mike & Pam Sigafoose		10/20
Bob & Karen Bennett		10/21
Pat Reed	10/21	
Mark & Tammy VanderHeide		10/22
Dale & Pat Reed		10/23
Don & Diane Lasby		10/24
Margie Miller	10/26	
Bob & Joyce Oberlin		10/29
Mike Sigafoose	10/30	

If we missed your Birthday/Anniversary, or you have been coming to FBC for a short while and you know we don't have that information, please leave a note with your dates on the main office desk. Thank you.

***I have set the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Psalm 16:8***