

This Week's Services

April 18, 2021

Worship Services: 8:30, 9:50, 11:05am

"True Confessions"

1 John 1:9

Pastor Kent Hinkel

Children's Baptism Service – 6:00pm

Attendance

Attendance	Last Week	2020 Avg
Sunday School	209	172
AM Services	402	329
Prayer Mtgs.	37	

Who's On Deck

Ushers

8:30 Darrell B., Thomas G., Russ R., Claude S.

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11:05 Darrell B., Steve E., Mike L., Claude S.

Greeters

8:30 David Kopp

9:50 Jenae Orluck, Kelli Sem

11:05 Darryl & Sharon Strube

Information Desk

Mary Kohler

Children's Church, Ages 3 & 4 (9:50am)

Rena Carter, Katie Lee

Nursery Workers

9:45 I – Bridgette DeBold, Twyla Dishon

T – Laura Graham, Dylan DeBold

11:00 I – Randi Long, Jeri Long

T – Cody & Gabrielle McManigal

Sunday Bus Ministry: Contact our bus driver, Ray, 838-4359



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Learning to Forgive

Haddon Robinson describes going through one of the most difficult experiences of his life...

We were sued by a young woman whom we had tried to help. On several occasions Bonnie had gone over to clean her house, and we'd had her over for dinner. When we got that suit, it just felt like we'd tried to wash someone's feet and got kicked in the mouth. She blamed us for things for which we weren't responsible. I wish I could tell you I was pure and noble, but at that time, I would have been happy if this woman had gotten run over by a truck.

But love doesn't think like that. I found that as we prayed about it every day there came a time when I could no longer talk about it to the Lord. I'd say, *Lord, you know what's on my heart, and you know the details. You do it.* And then there came a time when I prayed, *Lord, you know that I think she's done us wrong. If vengeance is necessary, you do it.* I found myself thinking, *I serve a God who has forgiven all of my sins, and they are many. And on the basis of that I can begin to forgive her.*

I'm not an expert about how to show forgiveness, but I do know that when, in the power of the Spirit and the love of God, you work with it, you can take that truth about love off the page (of Scripture) and see it work in your life. Alfred Tennyson said of Archbishop Cranmer: "To do him a hurt was to beget a kindness from him. His heart was made of such fine soil that if you planted in it the seeds of hate they blossomed love." I want that to be true of us. And we're better at it than we think we are, because the Spirit of love lives in those who put their trust in Jesus Christ.

"There is more grace in God's heart than there is sin in your past."

– Erwin Lutzer

Becoming a Modern-Day Disciple Dietrich Bonhoeffer who wrote, "The Cost of Discipleship" asks the following question, "If we answer the call to discipleship, where will it lead us? What decisions and partings will it demand? To answer this question, we shall have to go to Him, for only He knows the answer. Only Jesus Christ who bids us follow Him, knows the journey's end. But we do know that it will be a road of boundless mercy. Discipleship means joy."

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Coming This Week

April 18 - 24, 2021

Sunday	8:00 am	Pre-Service Prayer with Pastors
	8:30 am	Classic Service
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Membership Class
	9:50 am	Contemporary Service Children's Church
	11:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:05 am	Contemporary Service
Monday	4:00 pm	Missions Committee Ladies' Zumba
	4:30 pm	Adult Prayer Gathering, Zoom
	6:00 pm	Children's Baptism Service
	10:00am	Sew What Care Group
	6:00 pm	Men's Monday Event
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	9:30 am	Men's Noon Prayer, FBC
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting
	1:30 pm	Deaconess Committee
	6:30 pm	Elder Board
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Awana
	6:30 pm	Jr. High Trek, #201- City Auditorium
	7:00 pm	Weekly Prayer Gathering, Zoom
Thursday	7:15 pm	Sr. High Youth
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Friday	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery
Saturday	8:30 am	Men's Basketball
	2:30 pm	45 Club

Standing on the Promises

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:11-12). Some people have a difficult time believing they are really forgiven. Yet, God's Word promises, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). When you remember you are forgiven, it's easier to be a forgiving person.

News

• **Children's Baptism Service:** Join us this Sunday evening, April 18 at 6:00pm for the Children's Baptism Service. You will truly be blessed witnessing their testimonies and baptisms. There will be a celebration fellowship to follow in the Gym.

• **Adult Sunday School:** "A Cord of Three Strands Marriage" Sunday School Class (*Ecclesiastes 4:12*) will begin this Sunday, April 18 at 11:00am in the Downstairs Lounge. In this six-lesson video study, Chip Ingram will lead us through the Marriage Built to Last Bible Study. Facilitated by Blair and Annette Backes.

• **Dakota Hope Baby Bottle Campaign:** Begins Sunday, April 18 at FBC. By simply bringing a bottle home with you and filling it up with your spare change, you will be helping keep all the services at Dakota Hope Clinic free!

• **Men's Monday Event:** Monday, April 19, 6:00pm. Physical Food, Spiritual Food, Building Relationships. "Service...God Wants You To Think Small" Matthew 5-7. Speaker: Captain Rob Compere, Chaplain USAF. Menu: Hotdogs with trimmings, beans, potato chips, and ice cream sundaes.

• **Sew What Care Group:** Will meet Monday, April 19th in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall from 10:00am until 5:00pm. Bring your own project to work on. Please RSVP to jkreddig@srt.com.

• **45 Club Event:** For any 4th or 5th Graders, Saturday, April 24 from 2:30-6:00pm. We will be going to HighAir Ground for an hour of jumping, then to Oak Park for a scavenger hunt and a picnic supper. Price for the jump park is \$9.00, \$2.50 for socks if you don't have a pair. Please sign the jump park waiver at www.highairground.com if you have never been there to do that before. If your child has a cell phone, please send that along for the scavenger hunt to take pictures with. We realize not many kids have phones, we will see how many we get. Drop off at First Baptist. Pick up at Oak Park at 6:00pm. Sign up by Miss Elaine's office.

• **Ladies – Cookies, Coffee and Canvas:** Ladies, join us Thursday, May 6 at 6:30pm at FBC. Artist Instructor: Mary Wager. The Coffee Cart will be open. RSVP by May 3: To sheministries@fbcmintot.org or contact the church office at 701-852-4533.

• **Celebrate Recovery:** Meets on Friday nights starting at 7:00pm. This is a biblical, balanced program to overcome hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Brochures are available at the Information Desk.

Ministry Matters

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• **Car Care Clinic:** Saturday, May 8. This event includes single moms and widows from within our church family or if you know of a single mom or widow who could use our help at the Car Care Clinic.

• **Ladies of FBC!!** The Car Care Clinic is on Saturday, May 8 and the men are in need of women who will invest in the lives of these women by listening, encouraging, witnessing, and being a friend. Please contact Amber Pankratz at 701-240-0673 if you would like to sign up.

Prayer & Praise

Prayer Chain: Days 838-0405; Evenings 833-8534

Online Prayer: Join the weekly online prayer gatherings on Wednesday nights @ 7pm and Sunday afternoons @ 4:30pm. Request log-in information at firstminot@yahoo.com.

Giving Thanks: Thanks to our many volunteers! We have Greeters, Ushers, Information Desk people, Nursery volunteers, our Deaconess and Social Committees. We have Safety Team people, AWANA volunteers, and more volunteers than are mentioned here! Each of our volunteers represents the spirit and service of Christ among us and each makes a difference!

Praise God for the recent moisture!

Prayer: For those who have not yet returned to church, we pray for your encouragement and continued growth in the faith. You are missed and we look forward to reuniting in days to come. We also pray for those of our church family who must remain in nursing and care facilities beyond the pandemic. Let's be careful to visit them and encourage them as we have opportunity.

NCA Ministry of the Week: First Baptist, Valley City, ND

FBC Missionary of the Week: 4J Missionaries: Pray for favor with authorities for needed paperwork. Pray for those who are attending English language groups and showing interest in Scripture and Christ. **Come hear a word of greeting this Sunday morning from our friends serving in the Middle East.**