

The Word on the (F) Street



A Place of Acceptance and Direction
F Street Neighborhood Church

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Calendar for November 2021

2nd: 6:30am Prayer

4th: 6:30pm FoodNet

5th: **Happy Birthday Crystal Schneider**

6th: **Happy Birthday Madeline Mailand**

7th: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Aaron McMullen**

9th: 6:30am Prayer

11th: 6:30pm FoodNet

14th: Sunday Service

16th: 6:30am Prayer

18th: 6:30pm FoodNet

20th: **Happy Birthday Natasha Ingraham-Pfeifer**

21st: Sunday Service

23rd: 6:30am Prayer

24th: **Happy Birthday Ramon Gable**

25th: 6:30pm FoodNet

28th: Sunday Service

29th: **Happy Birthday Dakota Erks**

30th: 6:30am Prayer; **Happy Birthday Darby Lytle**

Please keep us up to date on birthdays & anniversaries! If you aren't sure that we have your information, talk to Jane Mailand or simply fill out a Welcome Card and hand it to her. In addition, if your address, phone, or email has changed, let Jane know.

What is a Mighty Warrior? Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

I love the idea of "Mighty Warriors," those as in 1 Samuel 22:2, "...who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader." It is these men who are believed to become King David's Mighty Men, who do incredible feats for God.

One must be careful of the abuse and pain that can come with the use of military imagery within the church, but one must also be careful not to do away with the reality that we are "...fighting against... evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." (Eph. 6:12) This life is a battle, and to ignore this imagery is also dangerous.

"Mighty Warriors" at F Street Church, do not wield a sword and destroy people, but are those who wield the word of God with boldness and with love. They are to be filled with the grace and truth of God's Word (Acceptance and Direction).

Yet what does a Mighty Warrior look like? How do I become one? It is by the living out of the 5 C's that everyone of us can and will become a Mighty Warrior for God at F Street or wherever God may place us.

- A Mighty Warrior starts with a committed and growing relationship with Christ. For this there is no substitute. We must abide in, or be connected to Christ for our growth and for his leading in our lives, for hope and for salvation.
- A Mighty Warrior must be engaged in the Community. Now there is nothing unique about F Street Church in this, yet we are a church, the Body of Christ and that is special, and Mighty Warriors must be living in community for their own growth and support.
- A Mighty Warrior is always transforming in Character to be more like Christ. No matter how big or small you see your role in the building of the Kingdom of God, one of the key aspects to doing great things for God is the ability to be transformed in your character. A lack of Character is usually visible, and there is no shortage of stories of those who have done damage to the Kingdom due to this.
- I believe the idea of Calling is often missing in our language of the church today. Yet Mighty Warriors of God see themselves as having something specific that they do for the building of the Kingdom. They recognize their responsibility to "Go and make disciples." No matter how great or small your understanding of your calling is, it becomes great when we work together as the Body of Christ doing our part for the Kingdom of God.
- To do this well we need to continue to be developing our Competencies. As we see in any field or discipline, we must continue to improve our abilities or skills. Specifically, this is the continued growing of our spiritual gifts, but also would include our Bible knowledge, our depth of community, our transformation in character etc.

I hope that you are encouraged to be a Mighty Warrior for Jesus to let him transform you from who you are to who he will make you to be. One who goes out in the Name of Jesus to make disciples with grace and truth.

Stewardship

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." Jim Elliot, Martyr

Starting Sunday, October 31, we will begin a new series on stewardship. The quote from Jim Elliot has been one that has been very thought provoking during the development of this series, for me personally. Specifically, when we realize that Jim Elliot lost his life at the hands of the people, with whom he was seeking to share the good news of Jesus. Some of the questions that I have been wrestling with are:

- Why can I get so caught up in the acquiring of things that I cannot take with me?
- Why do I think that there is more comfort and security in the things of this world when I know that they will not last?
- What positive things am I giving up in the pursuit of earthly things?
- Am I just a fool?

As we dive into a four-week series on stewardship it is my prayer for all of us to reflect on what it means to be stewards in all of the areas of our lives from time to talents, from finances to our own bodies. May we honor God with all that we have and live out the following passage from Romans 12:1-2, *“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”*

Want Some Additional Rest?

Turn your clocks back before going to bed (if you still have a clock or watch that is not connected to your phone) on Saturday, November 6 and get one extra hour of sleep. Or for long term rest: Jesus:

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” Matthew 11:28-30.



Family Meeting

Sunday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Family Meetings are our regular meetings for those who consider themselves members of F Street Neighborhood Church, as we seek to cover important topics that are not addressed in the worship service. Everyone who has a relationship with Jesus and is active in giving, serving, and attending at F Street Church should plan to attend.

Specific things that we will be covering at this meeting are, elder nominations (looking to add one elder to our current team), 2022 budget, and some communication about staffing, building and programs.

3M Classes: Membership, Maturity, and Ministry

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

With a view toward developing fully devoted Christ followers at FSNC, we are offering a special series of classes called 3M which includes teaching on Membership, Maturity, and Ministry.

Our first class on Membership helps folks become better acquainted with what it means to be a part of our F Street Church family, and we had nearly 20 in attendance in September. The next class dealing with Maturity took place last month, and 27 people were present to learn about the habits that foster spiritual growth in our lives. Finally, the Ministry class, which is planned for November 21st, will explore how each of us is uniquely shaped to serve the Lord and his people.

The 3M classes occur following Sunday morning worship services on the dates scheduled. We plan to provide lunch, so you will want to sign up when opportunity is given in the coming weeks so we will know how many to plan for. Please feel free to contact Pastor Jeff or me with questions or to sign-up for our next class.



Enrollment is Open for Winter Classes at Lincoln School of Ministry

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

With the fall session of LSOM ending the first week in December, plans are now underway for the winter classes that will soon be offered. Our focus for this coming series will be on developing Ministry Skills in areas such as communication, pastoral care, and evangelism. If you would like more information about how to be a part of these equipping classes, please talk with Pastor Bill. Our winter session is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 6, and will meet in the upstairs area outside the pastors' offices at the church building.

Staffing Changes

Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

Worship Director, Adam Woockman: A few months ago, I reported that we were hoping to hire a part time worship leader for F Street Church. This has multiple reasons behind it, including the start of Celebrate Recovery. We are pleased to announce that we have hired Adam Woockman (our current leader) whose other job was “mysteriously” adjusted so that he could do both. Adam will be working 12 hours a week and will be starting on November 1. We look forward to Adam leading us in worship and working to develop others in worship.

Team Developer and Coach, Beth Heerspink: We hired Beth Heerspink to assist in developing our Team Leaders, and to coach people in different times of their lives. After 5 years of leading Immerse Groups, Beth has stepped down from her role as Director of Immerse (now being led by Sage Peterson). In part, this change for Beth has been to be more available for our family in the summer, yet another part is that it has been her

desire to be more involved in the people of F Street Church, and the neighborhood. We also look forward to Beth's development of the Team Leaders and coaching those in our community.

Community Developer, Savannah Clapper: In mid-October Savannah Clapper resigned from her role at F Street Church, working with our monthly Block Parties, and Community Development, as well as working with some of our creative elements. We are grateful for the work that she has done in our community as she moves on to other ministry endeavors and jobs in our city.

Special Offering for Jacob's Well

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

On Sunday, November 7, we will be receiving an offering for Jacob's Well, a community development non-profit that does work in our neighborhood, as well as in Haiti.

Recently the news reports coming out of Haiti have been rather discouraging and frightening. Much of the work that JW does there has been negatively impacted by natural disasters, political conditions, and COVID. Still, there are efforts being made to feed the neighborhood kids living there, both physically and spiritually, several days each week, so please pray for our staff on location, Dave and Stacy Winters.

Closer to home, JW has been impacted by the pandemic. This fall we the Well after a transitory nature has meant beginning new kids previously unknown to us. Yet, God is giving opportunities each Tuesday evening to share His love in tangible ways with these young people for whom we invite you to pray.



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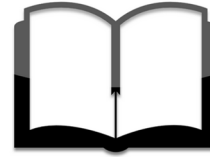
Additionally, the Community Garden located at the SW corner of 17th and F Streets has thrived this summer with 24 raised garden beds being made available for growing food and flowers. The little food pantry that stands in front of the JW house at 18th and H has witnessed the regular distribution of groceries and shared conversations with neighbors that even COVID has been unable to stop. Please pray for our director, Mark Thornton, and our board of directors as we seek God's direction as we serve Him in an ever changing neighborhood.

Whatever the future holds, at the heart of its ministry, Jacob's Well has always been about loving God through loving one's neighbor. Your generous gifts in our offering on Sunday, November 7th will help accomplish this very important work!

Youth Group Update Sage Peterson, Youth Director

Hello F Street Church, I just wanted to give a short update on what's been going on with F Street Neighborhood Church Youth. Over this past month, it has been awesome seeing all the connections being built between leaders and students, and also between the students. We recently started a study of the book of Jonah. I have enjoyed hearing the students' thoughts on the book, and look forward to seeing them continue to dig deeper, and learn more about this great story. In October we had an awesome time visiting a haunted forest, that was put on by one

of our students. As we move into November, we look forward to heading to Ankeny, IA for a weekend service project with the VIP Prom. Our group will help put on a prom for people with disabilities, ages 14+. This is a totally awesome event for all who are involved. If you know of any students who are 6th-12th grade we would love for them to join us on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.



Women's Bible Study: Advent of Our Savior Beht Heerspink

Join us in the Fireside Room, 10:00 a.m. on Friday mornings, for friendship, food, prayer, and the study of God's Word. We will explore, and learn from Isaiah's prophecy, Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the Magi, as we spend six weeks preparing to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The study will start on Friday, November 5, meeting also on November 12 & 19, December 3, 10, and 17 (taking a break on Black Friday). We will take a couple weeks off at the end of December and begin a new study on January 7. Hope to see you on Friday mornings! Beth Heerspink, 402-217-2352.

Volunteers Requested Susie Kinsey

Sunday Coffee needs some cheerful and willing volunteers to serve coffee and snacks before church on Sunday mornings. Please call or text Susie at (402) 309-5035 or email kinseysusie@gmail.com if you are interested. The potential for smelling good coffee and meeting amazing people is very, very, good!



Health Ministry

Health Ministry Corner Barb Douglas, HMFSNC

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We are definitely in to fall weather now aren't we! I have absolutely loved this weather so far. Not everyone is a fan of the cool weather, but I always look forward to it after the summer heat. I enjoy the prospective holidays that come in the fall and winter, and hope everyone had a safe Halloween. There were several 'Trunk or Treats' going on at various churches and homes.

This weather is going to keep getting colder, so please do all you can to stay warm. The Benevolence Team has put together some gift packs for those of you who are between homes at this time. Please if you know someone who is not able to live indoors at this time, send them to us and some member of our staff will gladly give them a gift pack. We also have some hygiene kits as well, also for women. And if you know anyone in need of a coat, please come and see me, Pastor Bill or Pastor Jeff, about that and one of us will help you out. We want to help keep you warm as much as possible.

Jesus' last command to his disciples before he was crucified was: 1. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind," and the 2nd is like it, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Please remember each other this holiday season. Do what you see Jesus doing. Show care and respect toward all people, especially those who look, think, or act differently from you or what you are accustomed to. Ask God's help to be a blessing to one another.

These are rather precarious and uncertain times for all of us, all around the world. Things seem unsettled and chaotic at the least. Remember we have a great God. There is no other like him, and he is so close to each of us, always, especially when we can't feel it, or perhaps he seems a million miles away. Never lose sight of the fact he sent His only son to die for us that whoever believes on him will have eternal life! No one else can ever beat that promise from a loving Father. He sees you, He loves you, and he will never forsake you. Put all your trust in him, always.

Season of Advent Series: "The King is Coming"

November 28th, First Sunday of Advent.

Title: *Hope's Fulfillment.*

Text: Luke 21:25-36.

Preaching: Pastor Jeff.

December 5th, Second Sunday of Advent.

Title: *Proclaiming Peace.*

Text: Luke 3:1-6.

Preaching: Pastor Bill.

December 12th, Third Sunday of Advent.

Title: *Love's Expectation.*

Text: Luke 3:7-18

Preaching: Pastor Bill.

December 19th, Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Title: *Joy's Fullness.*

Text: Luke 1:39-55.

Preaching: Pastor Bill.

December 24th, Christmas Eve service.

Title: *Let Us Go to Bethlehem.*

Text: Luke 2:1-20.

Preaching: To be determined.

December 26th, Year End Service with Teaching on Prayer.

Title: *Lord, Teach Us to Pray.*

Text: Luke 11:1-13.

Preaching: Pastor Bill.



Community Groups

Group: Men's Bible Study

Location: Green Room at Church Building

Contact: Tad Stryker

Day/Time: Mondays, 7 pm

Group: Within My Reach (Relationships) Class

Location: Area Outside Pastors' Offices

Contact: Vincent or Cathy Grove

Day/Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Group: VA Small Group Study

Location: Victory Apartments (445 Honor Drive)

Contact: Jeff Heerspink or Carlos Gomez

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 2 pm

Group: Keith Morrissey's House

Location: 1750 Prospect Street

Contact: Keith Morrissey

Day/Time: Thursdays, 7 pm

Group: Women's Study: "Advent of our Savior"

Location: Fireside Room at Church Building

Contact: Beth Heerspink

Day/Time: Fridays, 10 am

Regular Email Updates

If you would like to, but are not getting regular updates about things at "F" Street Neighborhood Church, please send a request to be added to the email list at fstreetchurch@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

If you have prayer requests, please send them to our office email at fsncoffice@gmail.com



Monthly Bible Reading Schedule

John

Written between AD 85 and 95, while serving the church in Ephesus, John penned the gospel that highlights the divine qualities of Christ as the Son of God. One commentator says that the first half of John's gospel might be known as the "Book of Signs." It highlights seven of Jesus' miracles that he performed during his ministry. This book, more than any of the other gospels, points out Jesus as the God-man, the one who died for our sins, and was risen to new, eternal life. Many of the miraculous signs, that John captures in his book, are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, and "that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name." Come, read and enjoy, the life-giving message and hope of eternal life in Christ that has brought countless people to belief in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

1 Thessalonians

This letter is written by the apostle Paul as an encouragement to a fledgling church. After stopping there on his second missionary journey, Paul preached in the synagogues over an approximately three months time. During that time, he drew gentiles out of idolatry to a life in Christ. Much of Paul's teaching in this letter encourages godliness amidst questions and trials, so that the believer might look towards Christ's return while their life is being sanctified by the hope of Jesus Christ. The power of the Spirit to promote growth was, for Paul in this letter, ultimately tied to their hope in Christ's return.

2 Thessalonians

Paul wrote 2 Thessalonians within a few months after his first letter. Writing (to combat false teachers who distorted his words and even wrote false letters in his name), Paul writes about what to expect in the end times. The future hope of Christ's return would provide the Thessalonian believers with encouragement in their suffering, and the motivation to continue to grow in godliness, as they persevered amidst trial and hardship. Hope in Christ, still today, encourages the church to continue to honor God with how we live our lives and live responsibly for Him.

2 Peter

In his second letter to the same group of believers, scattered throughout the north of Asia Minor, Peter defends "knowledge." Referred to, some fifteen times in the three chapters of this letter, Peter reiterates that knowledge and knowing the word of God are the primary means of growth for the Christian. Pursuing this spiritual maturity was the first line of defense against false teachers and heretics, who sought to tear down the church with unbiblical theology about God. This letter encourages us to consider the importance we give in our own life - of clinging to knowledge of God as it is revealed in scripture. For Peter, the proper knowledge of God could combat the false teachers living amongst the churches he wrote to, and could grow their faith by attending to the word of God.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov 1 – John 11	Nov 2 – John 12	Nov 3 – John 13	Nov 4 – John 14	Nov 5 – John 15
Nov 8 – John 16	Nov 9 – John 17	Nov 10 – John 18	Nov 11 – John 19	Nov 12 – John 20
Nov 15 – John 21	Nov 16 – 1 Thes 1	Nov 17 – 1 Thes 2	Nov 18 – 1 Thes 3	Nov 19 – 1 Thes 4
Nov 22 – 1 Thes 5	Nov 23 – 2 Thes 1	Nov 24 – 2 Thes 2	Nov 25 – 2 Thes 3	Nov 26 – 2 Pet 1

