

The Word on the (F) Street



A Place of Acceptance and Direction
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Calendar for January 2023

1st: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Sydney Glanz**
3rd: 6:30am Prayer
4th 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery; **Happy Birthday Susie Kinsey**
5th: 5:30pm FoodNet
8th: Sunday Service
10th: 6:30am Prayer
11th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery; **Happy Birthday Kenneth Curtis**
12th: 5:30pm FoodNet
15th: Sunday Service
16th: **Happy Birthday Brian Sudbez**
17th: 6:30am Prayer
18th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
19th: 5:30pm FoodNet
20th: **Happy Birthday Sparky Dallmann**
22nd: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Jeanna Reiber**
24th: 6:30am Prayer
25th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
26th: 5:30pm FoodNet
28th: **Happy Birthday Benjamin Simon**
29th: Sunday Service
31st: 6:30am Prayer

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.

Dr. Rick is a Quack! Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

Progressive Insurance has had a great run with their commercials that highlight how *not* to be like your parents. They feature “Dr Rick,” who helps young home buyers in this endeavor. Most of the advice is funny, and maybe even good, until recently. In his commercial titled, “voice mail,” he corrects Julie for calling and leaving him a voice mail, and states, “9 out of 10 times a text will do.” WRONG!

Texting is great for passing a quick note or reminder, like we use to pass notes in class. However, they are horrible for building a relationship or really getting to know others. Our world lacks personal connection, and our ease in picking up the phone to text is not helping. We do not need more words to hear the actual voice of a human. We need to be able to understand not just the words, but the inflection. Sometimes we need more than 140 characters to impart important matters and truths. Specifically, when we are dealing with spiritual concerns and corrections, texting is horrible.



Now let me be honest: we likely have all done this, and I am included. But with no intentions of pointing the finger at anyone, I have had more interpersonal conflicts because people texted a concern to someone, and it came across as rude, or judgmental. The sender of the text often meant to communicate a concern of deep care. Of course, the responses have not often been much better when we feel we have been wrongly accused or judged. The wedge of division and hurt is now dug in and friends, a moment ago, are potentially forever separated by the send button.

Can we, as a community, work to, “Love, carry the burden, admonish, be kind, live in harmony, comfort, care, encourage...” less by text, and more through sitting down with someone? Remember that James tells us, “..my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.” James 1:19

A few thoughts to consider:

- Never assume you understood the meaning of the text. Call to clarify
- What could be said in a text, but would be better in person? Stop before texting and consider better options
- Don't make quick responses of any kind. Take time to pray and calm down before calling back. Maybe ask someone else to read the text and help you consider a healthy response.
- Sometimes if someone is simply going off in texts, and unwilling to have a healthy conversation there may be a time to simply block the person.

Bondage Breaker Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

Too many of us are living our lives with a false identity. We are wounded by the things that others have said to us, have false views of God because of the lack of love from parents. We fail to know and believe that word of God in our lives.

This January, Vince Grove and myself (Pastor Jeff) are going to be hosting a 12-week, early morning study through Neil T Anderson's Bondage Breaker

for all those interested. It will be at the church from 6:30-7:30 a.m. on Friday mornings starting on January 13.

Opportunities for the New Year

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

As the New Year 2023 begins, I want you to be aware of the following opportunities for growth and learning within our congregation.

Starting January 8th, Pastor Jeff and I will be leading our church family through a 15-week series from the Book of John, *That You May Believe*, during our Sunday morning worship services. While the Gospel accounts have been provided in our Bibles to help us understand the life and ministry of Jesus, they were also written in order to help us come to belief in Christ and to grow in our faith. This is particularly true of the Fourth Gospel which will be receiving our attention. Following is a listing of the messages we are planning in the series.

- January 8—*When We Receive Him* (John 1)
- January 15—*You Have Saved the Best Till Now* (John 2:1-11)
- January 22—*Destroy This Temple and I Will Raise It* (John 2:12-25)
- January 29—*The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up* (John 3)
- February 5—*A Man Who Told Me Everything I Ever Did* (John 4)
- February 12—*Do You Want to Get Well?* (John 5)
- February 19—*The Bread of Life* (John 6)
- February 26—*Streams of Living Water* (John 7)
- March 5—*Neither Do I Condemn You* (John 8)
- March 12—*That the Work of God Might Be Displayed* (John 9)
- March 19—*The Good Shepherd* (John 10)
- March 26—*When Jesus Is Your Friend* (John 11)
- April 2—*For This Reason I Came* (John 12-19). Palm Sunday
- April 9—*That You May Believe* (John 20). Easter Sunday
- April 16—*Do You Love Jesus?* (John 21).

History of Early Christianity

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

This will be offered on Monday nights.

Following our survey of the Old Testament that was offered this past fall, beginning January 30th, we will be taking a twelve-week learning journey through the books of the New Testament. We will examine the life and ministry of Jesus, the establishment and expansion of the early church, and gain insights into Christian living from those who were Jesus' first disciples. We will meet on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Please let me know of your interest to enroll in this class!

Coming This Spring **Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor**

3M Classes, Membership, Maturity, & Ministry

With a view toward developing fully devoted Christ followers at FSNC, we regularly offer a series of classes called *3M* which provide teaching on *Membership, Maturity, and Ministry*.



The *Membership* class helps folks become better acquainted with what it means to be a part of our F Street Church family. The *Maturity* class focuses on the habits that will foster spiritual growth in our lives. The *Ministry* class will explore how each of us is uniquely shaped to serve the Lord and his people.

Each class is offered in one session and will occur following the Sunday morning worship service that day. You will want to sign up when opportunity is given in the coming weeks so we will know how many to plan for. Our upcoming class schedule is planned as follows:

Membership, March 5th

Maturity, April 2nd

Ministry, May 7th

Please feel free to contact me with questions or to sign-up for these classes.

Interested in Baptism?

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

Perhaps you have been present when a friend or family member has been baptized, and you have wondered about whether you should experience this, too. We believe that baptism is a significant event in one's life as a Christ follower. As a church family, we want to provide the spiritual encouragement and understanding that should accompany your decision to be baptized. If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact me or Pastor Jeff.



Sunday Morning Coffee & Bagels

Ronda Simpson

We hope you are enjoying the Sunday morning fellowship time with coffee and bagels. We have a great team, and they are doing a terrific job! It takes about three people each Sunday morning to get everything set up and to serve. We could use a few more people on our team. If you are interested in serving on the Coffee team once a month please let me know. If you have any suggestions please share your thoughts with us. It is really a blessing to serve so many people on Sunday morning and to see everyone visiting. If you have not joined us please come to the fellowship room downstairs and enjoy a hot bagel and fellowship. We serve from 10:00 to 10:25 a.m.



Special Offering Tad Stryker, Elder

January Offering will support Pregnancy Center

In 2023, we plan to continue our tradition of taking a monthly special offering to benefit ministries outside of our church. On Sunday, January 8, we will take an offering for the Pregnancy Center, located at 111 Piazza Terrace in Lincoln.

The center’s mission is to support women in unplanned pregnancies, providing free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. It also offers counseling services and gives advice about community resources, all at no charge. The center receives no government funding, and is not affiliated with any church. A short informational video will be shown at church the previous Sunday, January 1.

To find out more about the Pregnancy Center, visit its website at www.pregnancycenterlincoln.org.

Community Groups

Group: Studying Spiritual Disciplines

Location: 6730 S 41st St.

Contact: Drew or Sarah Peters

Day/Time: First three Tuesdays of the month , 6:30 pm

Group: Keith Morrissey’s House

Location: 1750 Prospect Street

Contact: Ardeshir Mazhari, Keith Morrissey

Day/Time: Thursdays, 7 pm

Group: Wayne & Linoma Wingate’s House

Location: 5815 Brittany Place

Topic: Sermon Discussion

Contact: Wayne or Linoma Wingate

Day/Time: First and Third Thursdays of the month, 7 pm

Group: Young Adults (College/20s): Book of James

Location: Grace Room at the Church Building

Contact: Bill or Marcia Thornton

Day/Time: Thursdays, 7 pm

Group: Women’s Study, *Exodus: Liberating God’s People.*

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 fstrectchurch@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

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



Monthly Bible Reading Schedule: Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

Well, here we are again, at the beginning of a new year. Time for new-year resolutions and goals. I always think that it is a good time to make some changes as well, and this year am working on a “Rule of Life” (you can google “Rule of Life John Mark Comer” and find a great worksheet for doing this). Yet few choices and changes can be as important as being in the word of God.

The Bible is the only offensive weapon we are given in the spiritual armor (Ephesians 6:17) and is stated to be sharper than any two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). It is the light for our feet and the lamp on the path to guide us (Psalm 119:105). Those who delight in the word of God and meditate on it, are like a tree planted by the waters edge always fruitful, strong and full (Psalm 1).

I really want to encourage you this year to put together a plan ... some kind of plan to be in God’s Word. This year I will be putting a Bible reading plan on the back of the F Street Church Newsletter, that will help to direct you through the New Testament. It even is a 5 day a week plan so that if there are “those days” that we all seem to have you can catch up on the weekend.

There are plenty of Bible reading plans if you want to search for others and I will encourage you to check out one of the community groups (listed in each edition of the F Street Newsletter), and consider joining the History of Early Christianity Class that is starting this January.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan 2 – Mark 1	Jan 3 – Mark 2	Jan 4 – Mark 3	Jan 5 – Mark 4	Jan 6 – Mark 5
Jan 9 – Mark 6	Jan 10 – Mark 7	Jan 11 – Mark 8	Jan 12 – Mark 9	Jan 13 – Mark 10
Jan 16 – Mark 11	Jan 17 – Mark 12	Jan 18 – Mark 13	Jan 19 – Mark 14	Jan 20 – Mark 15
Jan 23 – Mark 16	Jan 24 – Acts 1	Jan 25 – Acts 2	Jan 26 – Acts 3	Jan 27 – Acts 4
Jan 30 – Acts 5	Jan 31 – Acts 6	Feb 1 – Acts 7	Feb 2 – Acts 8	Feb 3 – Acts 9