

FAITH NOTES



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JESUS, JESUS...

Jesus, Jesus is my friend.
Jesus, Jesus is by my side.
Jesus is everywhere.

Jesus is the one that I trust.
Jesus is the one that looks over me.
Jesus is the one that I love.

– By Anna Brewer

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 21
7:00pm

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, March 23
Worship 9:00am and 10:45am
No Sunday School
Brunch between services

R.I.C.H. CAMPAIGN

Reaching into the County of Harney
Faith in Action

“Don’t just ‘go’ to church, ‘be’ the church.”
Pastor Mike

Campaign series during April and May
Project Day – May 18
Dinner at church following projects.

A duty and a privilege...

The purpose of worship is to adore and to praise God. Worshiping God is both a duty and a privilege. As those who were created and redeemed by God, it is our duty to offer our praise and thanksgiving. It is our privilege to come into the presence of the Most High God. If we feel good after worship, that’s a bonus God has given us, but it’s not the true purpose for our being there.

FROM PASTOR MIKE’S DESK...

“Our Role in the Church”

The great violinist, Nicolo Paganini, willed his marvelous violin to Genoa – the city of his birth – but only on the condition that the instrument never be played upon. It was an unfortunate condition, for it is an extremely unique wood that as long as it is used and handled, it shows little wear. Yet as soon as it is set aside, it begins to decay. The exquisite, mellow-toned violin has become worm-eaten in its beautiful case, valueless except as a relic.

Is there a lesson there for us? Could the lack of being used or the lack of service have an ill effect on us? Does a life withdrawn from all service to others lose its meaning? How important is service? Jesus came to serve (Matt. 20:28). Scripture tells us to “Serve one another in love” (Gal. 5:13) and “Serve wholeheartedly” (Eph. 6:7).

The following portion is taken from the February 13th “Between Sundays” blog (can also be read at www.faithbchc.com):

“Pareto’s 80/20 Rule”

The Pareto principle (also known as the 80-20 rule), states that, for many events, 80% of the effects comes from 20% of the causes. Wikipedia describes how Italian economist, Vilfredo Pareto, observed that 80% of income in Italy went to 20% of the population. It is a common rule of thumb in business; e.g., 80% of your sales comes from 20% of your clients, or of more mundane matters: one might guess approximately that we wear our 20% most favored clothes about 80% of the time, or perhaps we spend 80% of the time with 20% of our acquaintances, etc.

One of the most interesting challenges in the local church is turning the 80/20 rule (20 percent of the people doing 80 percent of the work) into what I call the

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“Our Role in the Church”

By Pastor Mike (Continued from front page)...

100/100 volunteer strategy. Although churches may not achieve this goal, we all should be working toward it. Christ clearly intended the Church – and by extension, our local churches – to work as a body, with everyone performing the role to which he or she is best suited.

Last week I was looking through the Faith Baptist membership list and placing checkmarks by those who are serving in some type of situation within our church body. Out of 160 names 32 checkmarks would verify that the 80/20 Rule rings true at FBC. There would need to be 48 checks to verify a much improved 30% involvement. Instead, the number of checkmarks I wrote numbered 80; 50% involved in ministry! Although I'd love to see a 100/100 mark, I am excited knowing that one out of every two members is involved in serving. Furthermore, I'm sure I didn't count everyone. I may have missed a prayer warrior on her knees five hours a day, or others in less visible but extremely vital places of ministry.

May you be encouraged as you continue to serve and may you continue to look for places to minister. Don't just go to church (0/0), be the church (100/100).

There's a story told of an incident during the American Revolution that got me thinking. It's told of how a man in civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers repairing a small defensive barrier. Their leader was shouting instructions, but making no attempt to help them. Asked why by the rider, he retorted with great dignity, "Sir, I am a corporal!" The stranger apologized, dismounted, and proceeded to help the exhausted soldiers. The job done, he turned to the corporal and said, "Mr. Corporal, next time you have a job like this and not enough men to do it, go to your commander-in-chief, and I will come and help you again." It was none other than George Washington.

I have often been guilty of "serving" in a way that was not truthfully serving as a servant, but as a sideler. Leadership is not position, it's action, just as serving (if you want to do it like Jesus) is waiting upon others, working alongside others, sacrificially meeting needs, etc.

Pastor Mike

Fly-Tying Gathering...

Anyone interested in a fly-tying gathering tentatively set for a Saturday in April, please contact Richard Yates 413-0602 or Andy Dobrinin 573-7708.

Ladies Night Out...

Food, Fun, Fellowship
Friday, March 14
Speaker: Reda Cowart

Discovering FBC...

A one-time class called "Discovering Faith Baptist Church" will be taught in the library during the second service on March 9, designed for those interested in membership or those just wanting to know more about FBC.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

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| March 2 | Communion |
| March 9,16,30 | Prayer Service 6pm |
| March 14 | Ladies Night Out – Reda Cowart, Speaker |
| March 16 | Service at The Aspens, 1:45pm |
| March 21 | Good Friday Service, 7pm |
| March 23 | Easter Sunday
Brunch between services |

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Mondays at noon – opportunity to gather together in the fellowship hall and pray for our youth.

Every Tuesday morning at 8:30am, the Pastors meet for prayer in the church offices. Everyone is welcome!

Hymn Stories...

Be Thou My Vision (Eighth Century)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

Only one missionary is honored with a global holiday, and only one is known by his own distinct color of green – St. Patrick, of course, missionary to Ireland.

Patrick was born in AD 373, along the banks of the River Clyde in what is now called Scotland. His father was a deacon, and his grandfather a priest. When Patrick was about 16, raiders descended on his little town and torched his home. When one of the pirates spotted him in the bushes, he was seized, hauled aboard ship, and taken to Ireland as a slave. There he gave his life to the Lord Jesus.

“The Lord opened my mind to an awareness of my unbelief,” he later wrote, “in order that I might remember my transgressions and turn with all my heart to the Lord my God.”

Patrick eventually escaped and returned home. His overjoyed family begged him to never leave again. But one night, in a dream reminiscent of Paul's vision of the Macedonian Man in Acts 16, Patrick saw an Irishman pleading with him to come evangelize Ireland.

It wasn't an easy decision, but Patrick, about 30, returned to his former captors with only one book, the Latin Bible, in his hand. As he evangelized the countryside, multitudes came to listen. The superstitious Druids opposed him and sought his death. But his preaching was powerful, and Patrick became one of the most fruitful evangelists of all time, planting about 200 churches and baptizing 100,000 converts.

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“God’s Business”

By Pastor David

I love the story of Joseph. I was reading some of it this morning in my devotional time. It was the chapters where he interprets the dreams of the royal cupbearer, the chief baker and Pharaoh. In particular, it was Genesis 40:8b that caught my interest as I read it again. In the New Living Translation this section reads, “‘Interpreting dreams is God’s business,’ Joseph replied. ‘Tell me what you saw.’”

At first I thought Joseph’s statement was a bit presumptuous. First of all, he says that the whole dream-interpreting thing is God’s business, which is all fine and dandy, but then in the same breath he asks the cupbearer and chief baker to tell him the dreams. What is he thinking? Is he pretending to be God here? Now I know that may sound like a bit of a stretch, but think about it. He says that it is God’s business and then does it himself. Why would he do such a thing?

So here is what is going on. Yes, Joseph rightly states that the ability to interpret dreams is God’s business. However, God in his infinite wisdom has granted Joseph the ability to interpret dreams. Joseph knows this and is confident in the gift that God has given him, and recognizes that indeed it is a gift that comes from God. He is a little clearer in Genesis 41:16 when he speaks to Pharaoh about how this works. “‘It is beyond my power to do this (that is to interpret Pharaoh’s dream),’ Joseph replied. ‘But God will tell you what it means and will set you at ease.’” Joseph is directly identifying the source of the interpretation as God Himself. Joseph is merely the vehicle or instrument that God uses to communicate the interpretation of the dream. The interpretation does not originate in the mind of Joseph.

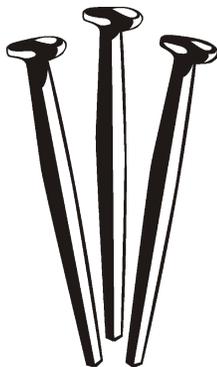
This is a great example of how the gifts of the Holy Spirit work. The gifts of the spirit are mentioned in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12-14; Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4. When we exercise our spiritual gifts we are doing God’s business. It isn’t that we are taking the place of God. But, like Joseph, we are communicating the truth of God either in action or in words to those we serve.

When there is work to be done in the kingdom of God, may you first say with confidence, this is God’s business, and then roll up your sleeves and say, let’s get busy.

Till next time,
Pastor David

Nails...

Nails symbolize Jesus’ passion and suffering because they were used at His crucifixion. They are often depicted in groups of three because two nails were used to secure Jesus’ hands, and a third was used to secure His feet. Three nails are also used to identify Jesus as a member of the Holy Trinity.



YOUTH EVENTS...

High School:

March 3, 10, 17, 31 High School Youth Group, 7:30pm
March 24 No Youth Group due to Spring Break

Junior High:

March 2, 9, 16, 30 Trek 24/7 (7th & 8th Grades)
March 23 No Trek 24/7 – Easter Sunday

AWANA:

March 3 AWANA Store Night
March 10 AWANA
March 17 AWANA *Paint Your Face* Night
March 24 No AWANA due to Spring Break
March 31 AWANA

MEXICO 2008 Team

March 21 Mexico Team Leaves
Mission Trip March 21-29

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Mondays, Noon - 1pm
Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to pray for our youth.

Opportunities are always available to volunteer in our youth programs. If interested, contact Pastor David 573-7777.

Mexico 2008 Team Leaves March 21

Craft Items List

60 sheets 8-1/2 x 11 red card stock
60 pages reflective paper
decorative stickers
40 pages 12x12 white card stock
2 bags 100-count cotton balls
60 1/2" plastic eyes
180 feet various colors of embroidery floss or
fine crochet thread beads
12 squares black felt
15 sq.ft. white craft foam (approximately 1/8"
thickness)
15 sq.ft. yellow tissue paper

Please bring items to church office by March 16.
Thank you for your help!

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

This craft is a reminder of God's love for the world and of Jesus' sacrifice for everyone.

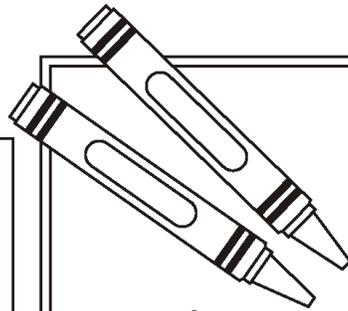
What you need:

- Two pieces of 8½" x 11" white or light-blue construction paper
- Circle shape that fits paper (plastic lid or paper plate)
- Black marker or crayon
- Masking tape
- Shallow box, box lid or old cookie tray
- Blue and green paint
- Two paper plates
- Two marbles
- Two plastic spoons
- Scissors



What you do:

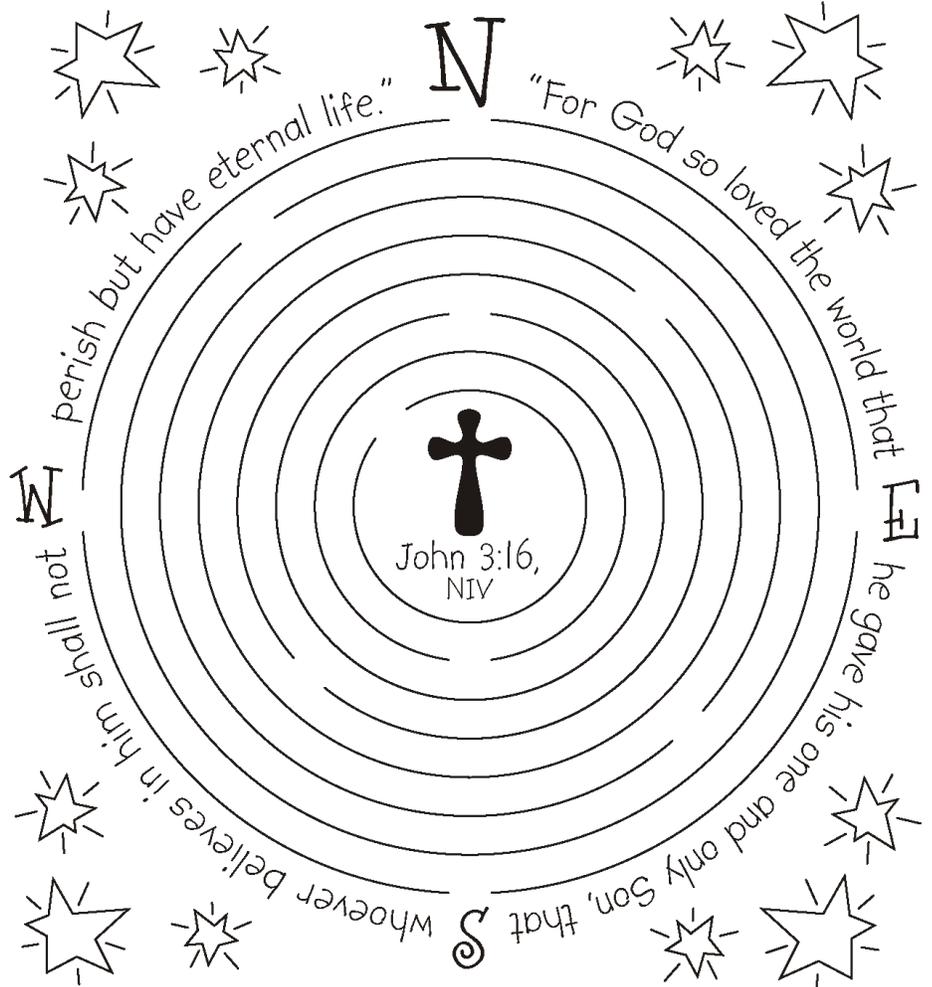
1. On one piece of paper, trace the circle shape.
2. Using two pieces of masking tape, make a cross in the center of your circle.
3. Place your paper inside the box, box lid or cookie tray.
4. Pour blue paint onto one paper plate and green onto the other. Place one marble in each color of paint.
5. Using a spoon, take out one marble at a time and place on your paper.
6. Roll each marble back and forth, around and around, alternating between colors.
7. After your circle looks like the planet Earth with lots of blue and green, cut out the circle.
8. Glue the circle onto another piece of paper.
9. Around the circle, write the words to John 3:16, NIV: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
10. Take off the masking tape and see the cross that's left. Keep your artwork as a reminder of how much God loves you!



Just for **KIDS**

For everyone

Every day we should be thankful for God's love and for the gift of his Son, Jesus. Complete the maze below to help people from all directions hear about this good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read the words to John 3:16, NIV.



MEET RICHARD YATES...

Richard was born in Salt Lake City and raised in Nampa, Idaho. He joined the Navy after High School, met and married in Hawaii and divorced in 1981.

He has two children, who were born and raised in Salem: Rita 35 and Ryan 31, and 7 grandchildren ages 3-13: Makaela, Chandler, Marina, Davis, Caleb, Jayden and Camden. His children and grandchildren all live in Salem.

Richard said, "I turned my life over to the Lord in 1983. I have never looked back. It has been great since then."

Richard went to work for the State of Oregon as a Weigh Master in 1986 and moved to Hermiston, Oregon. Two years later he moved to Burns and retired in 2005.

He currently serves on the Harney County Library Board and the Great Basin Celtic Society Board.

His hobbies include photography, genealogy, learning to flyfish and attending auctions.

He has attended FBC for six years and became a member on September 16, 2007. He currently serves on the Men's Ministry Commission and photographs FBC people and events.

Richard found his favorite verse, 1 John 3:16, by "accident." He said, "One day I was looking for John 3:16 when I opened my Bible to 1 John 3:16: "This is how we know what Love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

Richard certainly *lives* his favorite verse as he serves the Lord and others.

Hymn Stories *(continued from page 2)...*

His work endured, and several centuries later, the Irish church was still producing hymns, prayers, sermons, and songs of worship. In the eighth century, an unknown poet wrote a prayer asking God to be his Vision, his Wisdom, and his Best Thought by day or night.

In 1905, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, a scholar in Dublin, Ireland, translated this ancient Irish poem into English. Another scholar, Eleanor Hull of Manchester, England, took Byrne's translation and crafted it into verses with rhyme and meter. Shortly thereafter it was set to a traditional Irish folk song, "Slane," named for an area in Ireland where Patrick reportedly challenged local Druids with the gospel. It is one of our oldest and most moving hymns:

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Robert J. Morgan
Then Sings My Soul, Thomas Nelson, Inc. 2006

"Kindness, if you show it to others, will radiate from you like the warmth of the sun over the hilltops."

– Source unknown

"Breaking Free from the Trap of False Alternatives..." By Jess Wenick

In his book, *A Mosaic of Christian Belief*, author and theologian Roger Olson presents the case that elements of truth can be found in apparently conflicting beliefs. Known as "both-and" theology (as opposed to "either-or"), this concept can be useful in preventing false doctrinal alternatives that result in an undermining of both Church unity and our credibility to the world.

It is important to stress that this is not a liberal concept. It should never be used to compromise the Word of God or our understanding of its clear teachings. It only seeks to find synergy when comparing doctrines containing biblical merit. We can find an example of this "both-and" concept at work in the science of physics. Light behaves as both particles and waves. At first glance these two radically different truths seem to conflict, but we have found that they are complementary to one another. We need both models of light to gain a better understanding of its properties and behavior, yet they cannot be combined into one model without compromising the integrity of either one.

How often do the various denominations within the Church argue over different "models" of the same doctrine that may actually be complementary to one another? Could both views provide a greater understanding of biblical principles that the Lord is revealing through His Word? For centuries Arminians and Calvinists have fought over the issue of predestination versus free will. Could it be that both views are arguing the same truth from different angles? Can Scriptural synergy be found between these two "apparently opposing" views? Can you think of other issues that continue to divide the Church and compromise our ability to reach out to a skeptical world?

If a viewpoint is counter to the clear teachings of the Word of God through His Holy Spirit, however, there is no room for synergy. The Bible leaves no room for the incorporation of reincarnation, an embraced lifestyle of homosexuality, adultery, etc. "Both-and" theology simply provides the opportunity to reestablish or preserve unity within the Church by transcending false alternatives and providing an expanded view of the truths of God as found in His Word.

An Easter Prayer...

Once again, Lord, we are astounded by the incomparable and glorious event of Easter.

To remember how you conquered sin and evil through the resurrection of Jesus stirs up joy and hope within us.

It comforts us greatly to know that because Christ was raised from the dead, we who are "in Christ" have the assurance of eternal life.

Furthermore, to have the living Christ as our Savior and the undergirding Holy Spirit as our daily Companion assures us of grace that never fails us.

Finally, it is a certainty that all things good and desirable are possible for those who love you, because Christ lives and reigns as King of our lives.

All praise and glory to you, loving Creator, now and forever!
Amen.

– Charles Ferrell

We have tomorrow...

During the Korean conflict, Marguerite Higgins, an award-winning reporter covering the war, asked a young soldier, "If I could give you anything in the world you wanted, what would you ask for?"

It was a freezing day. The soldier was eating out of a tin can. His face was a bit muddy. He thought about Miss Higgins' question for a few seconds, and then replied, "Give me tomorrow."

Christians are people who not only have today, but also have tomorrow. That is, because we are people who believe in the resurrected Christ, we believe that whatever comes, whatever happens to us in this life, we will be victorious. The Bible proclaims that "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54, NRSV).

Paul put it this way: "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV). We who trust in the God who raised Jesus from the dead have tomorrow already assured.

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Sunday Schedule

The Nine 9:00am

Fellowship 10:15-10:45am

The Quarter 'til. 10:45am

Sunday School runs concurrently with services.

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