



"To Know Him and Make Him Known"

First Baptist Church

October 2017 Monthly Newsletter

Pastor's Paragraph

STRONGER CHURCH

Wouldn't it be great to have a stronger church? Well, we have a wonderful opportunity at First Baptist Church in October. We are hosting a Stronger Church conference on October 6th and 7th. Leaders from the GARBC and RBP will gather here in Nebraska City along with churches from around our region to discuss the dynamics of a stronger church. It will be a rare opportunity to hear from our national representative, John Greening (in his final year in that role), our church planting representative, Clare Jewell, and our RBP representatives, David Gunn and Alan Wilson. And, you won't have to travel because they are all coming to us!

The conference is divided into three tracks: work out, max out, and stretch out. "Work Out" is all about discipleship. Jesus instructed His disciples to make disciples. This is the great commission of the church. I think we can agree that strong disciples make a strong church. And a stronger church will produce mature disciples. Our goal is Christ-like maturity, and the church is the best way to produce that in the lives of those who follow Christ.

"Max Out" is all about revitalization. Let's face it, when a church has been around for 162 years, it probably needs to be revitalized every once in a while. Our mission doesn't change, but sometimes we need to update our methods and rearrange our assets in order to accomplish our mission more effectively. This track emphasizes the need to maximize the gifts and resources of the church so that they can be used for the fullest potential.

"Stretch Out" is all about church planting. A stronger church will be involved in reproduction. Our Nebraska association has been pretty good at casting a vision for starting new churches. Unfortunately, we have lost a few of the new churches recently. Our church plant in Bennington closed its doors, and our church plant in Chalco Hills recently followed suit. We rejoiced at the birth of these churches, but unfortunately, they did not survive. This track of the conference will be a much needed primer on the necessity of planting and nourishing stronger churches.

So, I would encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Plan to attend as much of the conference as you can. It is only one Friday evening and one Saturday morning! We do need volunteers to serve during the conference, but even our faithful volunteers will have time to attend the conference when their duties are done! My advice would be to absorb as much of the conference as you can. Then, together, we can be a stronger church! ~Pastor

October 2017



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 SS Contest
Communion
Life Chain
1-2 PM

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Deacons' Mtg
7 PM

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AWANA
6:30-8 PM

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STRONGER CHURCH

Fall Conference

[We are the Host Church]

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Guest Speaker
David Gunn

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AWANA
6:30-8 PM
Pastor's
Popcorn Night!

12

13

NARBC Ladies'
Retreat
WCBC

14

Bridal Shower
For Analiese
10 AM
Fellowship Ctr

15

Choir Practice
Begins!



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18

AWANA
6:30-8 PM

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Quarterly
Business Mtg

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25

AWANA
6:30-8 PM
Store Night!

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Choir Practice begins on Sunday,
October 15th! We need your voices!



STRONGER CHURCH

NARBC/RBP Fall Conference—October 6-7

Friday

6 PM Registration

6:30 PM Opening Session

7:15 PM Session I

Valuable training to help our church
become stronger in our Great Com-
mission work!

Saturday

8 AM Registration

8:30 AM Session 2

9:30 AM Session 3

10:30 AM Session 4

11:30 AM Closing Session

~You're Invited~

We are hosting a Bridal Shower for
Analiese Udd on
Saturday, October
14th, 10 AM, in the
Fellowship Center!
{Target Registry}



LIFE-CHAIN SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1st

1-2 pm ~ Meet
at the parking
lot across from
the Library at
12:45 pm to
choose your sign.
Refreshments
will be served in the parking lot
after Life Chain.



August Finances

Balance Forward 8/1/2017

Deacon's Fund	\$772.29
Designated Fund	\$0.00
General Fund	\$32,781.03
Checking Account	\$33,553.32
August Income	\$11,255.06
August Expenses	\$16,523.58
Net Decrease	(\$5,268.52)

Balance 8/31/2017

Deacon's Fund	\$748.29
Designated Fund	\$0.00
General Fund	\$27,536.51
Checking Account	\$28,284.80