



Salt and Light

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News from Creighton First Baptist Church

Matthew 5:13-15

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*From the
Pastor*



As we get ready to celebrate our nation's birthday this July 4th, I wonder what that is going to look like. We have Covid-19, social unrest and many other problems facing our nation.

1 Peter 4:17 "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel?" As I prayed and thought about this article, this passage came to my mind. It hit me that the church owes our country an apology. While we have done good works, like feeding the poor, standing for moral issues and Biblical values, we have missed one thing. We have not done a good job of telling people about Jesus. Before Jesus was ascended to heaven, He left us with one command, Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Remember the command is not to go, it is assumed you are going somewhere so while you are going, tell people about Jesus, making them disciples. Before you dismiss what I am saying, think about this, only 7% of Christians say they live by the word of God. If only 7% live by the word of God, then how many are telling someone about Jesus? Last estimate I heard was that only 5% of Christians tell someone about Jesus. Where are you? When was the last time you told someone about Jesus? I love our country and I am thankful to be an American, but I know only one thing can heal our land, that is for people to come to Jesus. If the church does not do it, who will? It is not our government's job; it is the job of churches.

If you are involved in good works, keep it up, but be sure to use that platform to tell people about Jesus. I understand it can be intimidating to share Jesus with someone, I even get tongue-tied or can't think of what I want to say until later, but do not let that stop you. Jesus did not call us to be successful but faithful. I am praying about, and I think that our focus for next year will be on how to be a witness, using words.

Have a blessed fourth of July, pray for our nation and remember: God has blessed the United States of America.

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Coming Soon!



Vacation Bible School

July 6-10
Youth and Adult
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
July 20-24
Children's Bible School
Preschool through the sixth grade
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon



My favorite time of year is almost here, Vacation Bible School! Join us in “Concrete and Cranes” for two weeks of amazing encounters with Jesus. The construction crews will begin each day at the High Steel Worship Rally. Workers (kids and Adults) will reinforce what they learn at Blueprint Bible Study by visiting: Wrecking Ball recreation, bulldozer crafts, jackhammer music, excavator missions, and food truck snacks.

During VBS, kids will discover that Jesus’ love provides a foundation that will last. Each day the crews will make crafts, play fun games, and enjoy tasty snacks or dinner in the evening for Youth and Adults, sing cool songs, and learn about missions.

Fill out the registration form on our website and head out on a wilderness adventure like no other. Join us for two weeks for Vacation Bible School.

Who: Youth and Adult (Those who have just finished 6th grade thru Adult.)

When: July 6-10; each night from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, dinner served each night 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Where: First Baptist Creighton

2nd Week of Bible School Children

Who: Pre-School thru 6th Grade

When: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM July 20-24

Where: First Baptist Creighton

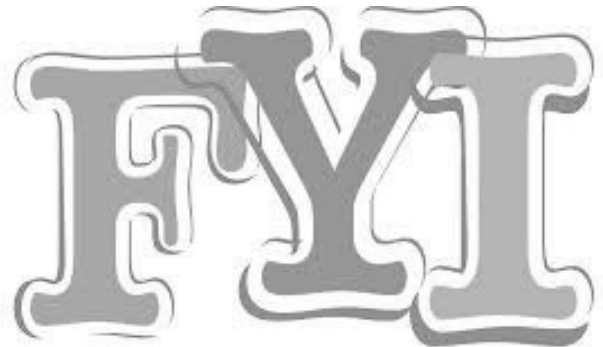
Janet West

Vacation Bible School Director

Community of Care

The Creighton Community of Care will be the hands and feet of Christ and respond to needs in the Creighton area, guided by Matthew 25:35-40.

Our next scheduled meeting will be September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, or possibly online. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.



Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:45 a.m.

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Adult Bible Studies for Life
Living with Hope in a Broken World

- July 5: The Joy Arising from Our Hope (1 Peter 4:1-2,12-19)
 July 12: The Culmination of Our Hope (1 Peter 5:5b-11)
 July 19: How Should I Respond to Politics? (Romans 13:1-10)

Youth Bible Studies for Life
Living with Hope

- July 5: Hope Leads to Joy (1 Peter 4:1-2,12-19)
 July 12: The Result of Our Hope (1 Peter 5:5b-11)
 July 19: How Should I Relate to Authority? (Romans 13:1-10)

Children Bible Studies for Life
Making Choices

- July 5: Gideon Obeyed God (Judges 6:11-40; 7:1-22)
 July 12: Samson Chose Revenge (Judges 13-16)
 July 19: Mary Anointed Jesus' Feet (John 12:1-8)
 July 26: Jesus Answered the Ruler's Question (Luke 18:18-23)

Preschool Bible Studies for Life
Making Choices

- July 5: Gideon Obeyed God (Judges 6:11-40; 7:1-22)
 July 12: Isaac Was Kind (Genesis 26:12-33)
 July 19: Mary Showed Love to Jesus (John 12:1-8)
 July 26: The Kind Man (Luke 10:25-37)

The American Flag

The American Flag is red, white, and blue.
 To you, I salute, this is what I do.
 The American Flag, you stand so free.
 To you, I salute, with love from me.

The American Flag nicknamed "Old Glory".
 To you, I salute, a flag with a story.
 The American Flag, you changed over the years.
 To you, I salute, with a song and music to our ears.

The American Flag, we display you with pride.
 To you, I salute, your true colors we do not hide.
 The American Flag, what can I say?
 To you, I salute, each and every day.

The American Flag raised by a rope.
 To you, I salute, you give us hope.





Sweet Beet and Heat Salad

1 red beet
 1/4 cup pecan pieces
 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1/2 head green leaf lettuce
 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese

Vinaigrette:
 1 teaspoon dry mustard
 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
 salt and pepper
 1/4 to 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Roast the beet by trimming off the long top, wrapping the beet in foil, and baking at 425 F for about one hour. Test for doneness by pressing the flesh — if it sinks in a little, it is done. Let cool. Remove skin, and slice. Place pecan pieces in a skillet over medium-low heat. Add brown sugar and cayenne, and toss. Cook and stir until sugar has coated the pecans. Remove from heat. Chop lettuce. Add vinaigrette ingredients to a jar and shake. Start with 1/4 cup olive oil and add more to get to desired consistency; dressing should still be tart. On salad plates, layer the salad greens, beets, candied pecan pieces, and goat cheese. Drizzle with dressing. Serves 2.

Simple Red Beans and Rice

1 1/2 cups long-grain white rice
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 2 tablespoons finely chopped celery
 14-ounce package kielbasa sausage, fully cooked
 15-ounce can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
 Cajun seasoning, to taste

Cook rice according to package directions while preparing the sausage and beans. In a large nonstick skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add celery and cook, stirring for two minutes. Slice kielbasa into 1/4-inch slices and add to pan in a single layer. Cook a few minutes before turning, allowing to brown on one side. Flip sausage pieces. Cook an additional 1-2 minutes. Add beans to the pan. Sprinkle with Cajun seasoning to taste and cook until beans are warmed through. Serve over rice with extra Cajun seasoning for sprinkling. Serves 4.



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