

News from Creighton First Baptist Church



IF you watched our fireside chat on Wednesday evening, some of what you read here will sound familiar. I have been thinking and praying about what to write for this article and I felt like the Lord

said to use the Wednesday, February 24 fireside chat.

On Saturday the 27th, I turned another year older. This year is one of those decade birthdays, the kind that have a zero behind it and not it is not 30. I told my grandmother that I was going to outlive her, and she made 98, so I figure I have 39 more years on this earth. Also, another thought hit me as I am writing this, I am now the family patriarch. All of my uncles and my dad have gone home to be with the Lord, so that makes me the patriarch of the family. As the patriarch, let me share with you a few things that I have been thinking about and I hope it challenges you to exam your life and make a commitment to serve the Lord faithfully until He calls us home.

The first thing is, I have found some things are easier with age. Such as being slower to anger (Proverbs 19:11); fleeing youthful lust (2 Timothy 2:22); looking at worthless things (Psalm 119:37) and with age patience is a lot easier, (1 Timothy 6:11 and James 1:4).

Second: I have been counting my blessings. First, I thank God for my salvation and the assurance that if I would die tonight, I would be with Jesus. Then, I am blessed with a good wife (Proverbs 18:22) and children and grandchildren. And I have been blessed with good health (Psalm 90:10). I do not take that lightly as I know people my age with health issues and I know what a blessing good health is. When as I count my blessings, I have been blessed with my share of material possessions, more than I need but blessed to have them.

Finally, I think about how much time I do have left on this earth; I know 39 more years. When thinking about my time I have left, I have some things I want to do. I want to declare the Lord to the next generation (Psalm 7:18). I want to walk in integrity (Psalm 26:11) and along with that to be one of the men that Paul talked about in Philippians 3:17 and 49 when he talks about marking those who are good examples and to follow their example. As a contemporary Christian song says, "Let those who come behind us find us faithful."

No matter your age and where you are in life, I hope you are committed to live all your days for the Lord and will speak out and be a good witness.

Have a great month.

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Coming Soon!

March 14



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Creighton Community of Care Meeting

March 15
(via email)

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March 20



April 2 at 6:00 p.m.



REFLECTIONS

In a puddle by the roadside
Left by the warm, spring rain,
Its waters dark and muddy
With the brown earth stain,
I saw a glorious mountain
That stood up bold and high
Reflected in the water,
With a patch of cloud-decked sky.

Sometimes in folk around me
With burdens, hurts and fears;
Through joyful, happy hours
And often through their tears;
In some loving acts of kindness
As they show how much they care—
In the lives of folk around me
I find God reflected there.

CYRUS E. ALBERTSON

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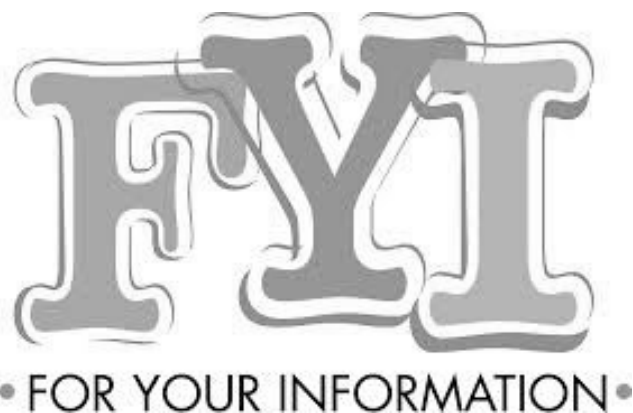
I *am*—the power of self-knowledge
I *think*—the power to investigate
I *know*—the power to master facts
I *feel*—the power to appreciate, to value, to love
I *wonder*—the spirit of reverence, curiosity, worship
I *see*—the power of insight, imagination, vision
I *believe*—the power of adventurous faith
I *can*—the power to act and the skill to accomplish
I *ought*—the power of conscience, the moral imperative
I *will*—will power, loyalty to duty, consecration
I *serve*—the power to be useful, devotion to a cause.

GEORGE WALTER FISKE

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 March 15, 2021, and will be accomplished by email only. 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.
Wednesday evening fireside chat
on Facebook® 7:00 p.m.

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(leave a message, we check the machine regularly)

Check out our website: www.fbcreighton.org





Adult Bible Studies for Life Essentials of Christianity

- March 7: The Nature of God (John 14:8-11,16-20,23-26)
 March 14: The Purpose of Humanity (Genesis 1:1-5,26-31)
 March 21: The Nature of Sin (Isaiah 59:1-13)
 March 28: The Death of Jesus (John 19:8-11,16b-18,28-30)

Youth Bible Studies for Life Faith Foundations

- March 7: The Nature of God (John 14:8-11,16-20,23-26)
 March 14: God's Purpose for People (Genesis 1:1-5,26-31)
 March 21: The Problem of Sin (Isaiah 59:1-13)
 March 28: The Death of Jesus (John 19:8-11,16b-18,28-30)

Children Bible Studies for Life People Followed Jesus

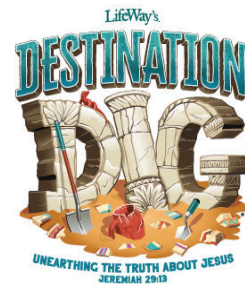
- March 7: John Told About Jesus (Luke 3:1-22)
 March 14: Jesus Chose Disciples (Mark 1:16-20; 2:13-14; 3:13-19)
 March 21: People Learn From Jesus (Matthew 5:1-2; 6:5-13)
 March 28: People Praise Jesus (Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-18)

Preschool Bible Studies for Life The Bible, A Special Book

- March 7: John Told About Jesus (Luke 3:1-22)
 March 14: Jesus Chose Disciples (Mark 1:16-20; 2:13-14; 3:13-19)
 March 21: People Learn From Jesus (Matthew 5:1-2; 6:5-13)
 March 28: People Praise Jesus (Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-18)



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Pack your bags and grab your gear, VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where an epic adventure of discovery awaits. Discover long-hidden treasures, amazing finds, and exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories. They really happened.

At Destination Dig, kids will unearth more than just dirt. They'll discover real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus. Stories from the Bible will leap off the pages as kids explore where Jesus walked and examine artifacts that bring the world of the Bible to life. As junior archaeologists, kids will study tangible pieces of the past to learn the truth about who Jesus is and why He came. Along the way they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13 that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.



Maple-Cinnamon Apple-Pearsauce

5 pounds apples, any variety
 4 pears, any variety
 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
 1-2 teaspoons cinnamon

Peel and core apples and pears. Cut into large dices, and put into slow cooker. Mix in maple syrup and cinnamon. Cook on low 8-10 hours or until completely soft. Puree using a potato masher for chunkier applesauce or an immersion blender or regular blender for a smoother applesauce. Refrigerate up to two weeks, or freeze in jars or zipper bags for up to six months. Serves 10-12.

Cashew Chicken With Rice

2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts	2 tablespoons brown sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch	2 garlic cloves minced or pressed
1/2 teaspoon black pepper	1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
1-2 tablespoons vegetable oil	1 cup cashews
1/2 cup low sodium soy sauce	white rice for serving
1/4 cup rice vinegar	sliced green onions
1/4 cup ketchup	
2 tablespoons chili garlic onions sauce	

Cut chicken into 1-inch pieces. Put cornstarch and pepper in a large zipper-top bag; shake to mix. Add chicken to bag, and shake to coat chicken. Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat; brown chicken about 2 minutes on each side, in batches. Transfer chicken to a slow cooker. In a bowl, whisk together soy sauce, rice vinegar, ketchup, chili garlic sauce, brown sugar, garlic, and ginger. Pour over chicken. Add cashews and stir all together well. Cook on low 3-4 hours, until chicken is cooked through. Serve over rice, and garnish with green onions, if desired. Serves 4-6.



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