

## News from Creighton First Baptist Church



Happy New Year! I know, that introduction makes it sound like I get excited about a New Year, when I actually do not. I do get excited watching the Lord make people new again: 2 Corinthians 5:17. With that in mind, has the Lord changed you this past year? Our focus was "Getting out of Our Comfort Zone," did you? I think we grow the most when the Lord makes us a little uncomfortable and we have to lean on Him. I am not going to list all of the changes and ways I know the Lord worked in the lives of our people and our church, that would take pages, thankfully that means He is still working. One big change for us this year, we have had a baby boom and now have families with young kids in church, the noise is wonderful!

Looking ahead, what are you praying about? I do not want us to be guilty of waiting on the Lord and not praying for Him to work: 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." While I am excited about the focus for next year, I do not want us to forget to pray. If nothing else I can say for many of us that 2025 was a year of answered prayers. I know there are many prayers yet to be answered, but the I am most thankful for is, the future of Creighton First Baptist. I think we are set and ready to move into the future with an associate pastor and young people in place. I am sure we will have growing pains as we should, but Thank you Lord for the next generation stepping up and stepping in.

As we enter 2026, are you ready for the Lord to challenge your walk with Him? As I will share on Sunday January 4, our focus for next year is to "Walk Worthy". To me that sounds almost intimidating, in some ways it should, but when the Lord is doing the work we know He will lead and guide us. Start praying now, for an open heart as to how the Lord is going to work in your life and the life of the church as we prepare to Walk Worthy.

Have a blessed month and an exciting New Year.

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# Coming Soon!



January 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Men's  
Breakfast  
and Bible Study

January 10 at 8:30 a.m.

**Ladies League Meet-Up**  
**January 17 at 11:00 a.m.**



January 24  
at  
6:00 p.m.

# 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.

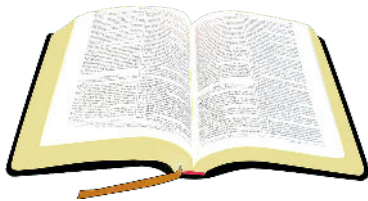
Our next scheduled meeting will be March 16, 2026, most likely in person or could possibly be accomplished by way of email. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.

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## **January Memory Verse:**

"I therefore a prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called."

*Ephesians 4:1*



<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday evening</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Fireside Chat on Facebook®</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>First Saturday Worship</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

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I pray that everyone had a blessed Christmas and I hope that we were able to focus on Jesus and the gift of salvation that He offers each of us. 2025 has been a year of immense growth within our church, we have been able to help people we have never helped before and had many opportunities to share the gospel. As we wrap up another year, it is an excellent time to reflect and see the faithfulness of God. We can often get caught in the trials of life and miss that God has His hand on us in them and provided comfort in the trials. If you had a year that was a struggle, that felt like it would never end, maybe you felt like you limped through; I pray that instead of carrying the burden into 2026 that you will lay your burden down in the loving arms of Jesus and find rest in Him. How did you grow in your walk with the Lord this year? Did you grow in your time spent one on one with God through daily time in scripture? Did you grow in your prayer life? Did your faith face many trials, but your faith grew stronger with each trial? God is the potter and we are the clay. In 2026 let Him continue to mold you more into the image of Jesus. Make 2026 the year that you grew closer to God and the year you shared your faith more boldly.

Pastor Gabe  
Jeremiah 18:3-6



### **Adult Bible Studies for Life: Sharing Jesus in a Post-Christian World**

January 18: Compelled to Act (Job 31:12-23)  
 January 25: Truth Matters (Proverbs 16:20-25; 30:1-6)  
 February 1: Jesus Matters (Colossians 1:15-22)  
 February 8: Jesus Saves (Acts 2:22-24,32-41)  
 February 15: Jesus Displayed (1 Corinthians 9:16-27)  
 February 22: Jesus Shared (Acts 17:16-18,22-23,30-31)

### **Students Studies for Life: No Other Name: Jesus**

January 4: Jesus Over Sickness (Genesis 3:1-7; Psalm 38:3; John 4:46-49,51-54)  
 January 11: Jesus Over Nature (Mark 4:35-41)  
 January 18: Jesus Over Needs (John 6:1-5,7-13)  
 January 25: Jesus Over All (Matthew 14:22-33)

### **Children Bible Studies for Life: The Power of Jesus**

January 4: Jesus Healed the Official's Son (John 4:46-54)  
 January 11: Jesus Calmed a Storm (Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25)  
 January 18: Jesus Fed the People (Luke 2:1-20)  
 January 25: Jesus Walked on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

### **Preschool Bible Studies for Life: Jesus is Powerful**

January 4: Jesus Healed the Official's Son (John 4:46-54)  
 January 11: Jesus Calmed a Storm (Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25)  
 January 18: Jesus Fed the People (John 6:1-13)  
 January 25: Jesus Walked on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)



*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26 NIV*

It's exciting to start a New Year! I'm excited to see how the Lord will move in our small but mighty church. December was fun! Ladies League got together and sent out 100 Christmas cards to Mission Dignity.

We have a few dates to meet up in January. On the 17th at 11:00 a.m., we will meet at church, bring a salad to share. We will have a devotion and time of prayer for the new year!

On the 24th the Church will show a Movie. Not positive of the film we will show. But I think it is set for 6:00 p.m.

On the 31st we will host Bingo at Crown Care at 2:30 p.m. Praying you have a healthy and joyful 2026. Hope to share our time with you soon!

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*Happy New Year*



### CLASSIC PEA SALAD

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| ½ C. sour cream            | 1/3 C. diced red onion                     |
| ¼ C. mayonnaise            | ¾ C. cubed sharp cheddar cheese            |
| 1 T. granulated sugar      | (approximately the same size as the peas)  |
| 2 tsp. apple cider vinegar | 8 slices bacon, cooked crispy and crumbled |
| ¼ tsp. kosher salt         |  |
| 1/8 tsp. pepper            |  |
| 4 C. frozen peas, thawed   |  |

Pour cream, mayo, sugar, apple cider vinegar, salt and pepper in a large bowl; whisk to combine. Add peas, onion, cheese and bacon to the bowl; gently stir to coat completely.

Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. Garnish with some crispy bacon.

### PASTA WITH RICOTTA AND LEMON

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| Kosher salt   | 1 T. freshly grated lemon                            |
| 1 lb short, ribbed pasta, like gemelli or penne                 | zest plus ¼ cup lemon juice                          |
| 1 C. whole-milk ricotta   | Black pepper   |
| 1 C. freshly grated Parmesan or pecorino, plus more for serving | Red-pepper flakes, for serving                       |
|   | ¼ C. thinly sliced or torn basil leaves, for serving |

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package instructions until al dente. Reserve 1 cup pasta cooking water, then drain the pasta. In the same pot, make the sauce: Add the ricotta, Parmesan, lemon zest and juice, ½ teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper and stir until well combined. Add ½ cup pasta water to the sauce and stir until smooth. Add the pasta and continue to stir vigorously until the noodles are well coated. Add more pasta water as needed for a smooth sauce. Divide the pasta among bowls and top with some of the sauces that's pooled at the bottom of the pot. Garnish with grated Parmesan, black pepper, red-pepper flakes and basil, if using.



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