



The Baptist Bulletin

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The Gospel in the Book of Lamentations

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Nation & Leaders

Small Groups beginning

Summer Bible Camps

VBS—July 12-16

Phil Kuhlman—Chemo

Marsha Weeks—knee

Why the Book of Lamentations? That has been a common question that has been asked of me lately. After coming out of a study of the Book of Mark, why jump into a book that is so heavy and sad? Fair question.

The first question in response to the question is: have you ever studied the book of Lamentations? I mean the real in depth, verse by verse, pouring over the passages, seeking the Truth, getting messy kind of study. Most of us would say no. Me included until August of 2020. Then I was challenged to look at Book of Lamentations and face why I have avoided it so strongly.

I learned that I do not like to lament. Lament is defined as a “passionate expression of grief or sorrow”. I don’t like to grieve. I don’t like to experience sorrow. I don’t like to be seen crying. I don’t want anyone to see me weeping. Therefore, I have become very good at avoiding it.

God has not avoided lamenting though. In fact lament is found throughout the Word of God. Even the place that most Christians turn for hope and encouragement is filled with lament. For one third of the Psalms are psalms of lament.

Grieving is a part of life. It is a direct result of sin. God grieves our sin. After the fall of man, God grieved the result and stain that humanity caused through sin (Genesis 6:6). The Lord grieves with us and promises to redeem our sorrow (Matthew 5:4).

So lament is a part of worship. Right now, I would say that the Christian Church is very imbalanced. We love to praise. But we loath lamenting. Yet both are forms of worship which are necessary to honor our Creator. Through lament we find the redeeming necessity and beauty of the Gospel.

For this reason, and I hope so many more, is why we are going to study the Book of Lamentations.

Missionaries of the Month—Doug & Stephanie Lewis

After a delay in returning to the US from Cameroon due to testing positive for COVID, the Lewis's are back in Omaha through the rest of 2021.

They returned early to help with his mother who suffered a heart attack and then COVID and had to be moved to a place offering more assistance than before. She is adjusting.

Doug also needs to follow up with a dermatologist for a recent skin cancer diagnosis. It is not a serious type of cancer, but needs to have more tissue removed to pathology.

They will continue to be in contact with friends and the work in Cameroon, as well as visiting family, friends and supporting churches as possible.



Summer Bible Camps

Time to get kids registered for a summer Bible camp. There are many good camps in the area for you to choose from. FBC has a scholarship program to reward kids for participating in many activities of the church throughout the year as well as help those needing financial help to be able to attend a camp.

Scholarship forms are available at the Welcome Center. For questions see Janie Vogel.



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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- May 1 Walk for Life—9:30 am
- May 2 Christian Ed meeting—12:00 pm
- May 6 Women's Council—1:30 pm
- May 9 Mother's Day / GHS Graduation
- May 11 Management Finance—7 pm
- May 11 Elder Board—8 pm
- May 15 Elijah Urman Grad Open House
- May 16 Worship Watchcare—12:00 pm
- May 23 Fellowship Outreach—12:00 pm
- May 31 Memorial Day

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday Worship Service—9:45 am
Sunday School—11:00 am
- Monday Moms in Prayer—1:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study—1:30 pm
Ladies Bible Study—6:30 pm
(ending with the school year)



Walk for Life—May 1st in Gothenburg

Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. at Ehmen Park on May 1st in Gothenburg. Our FBC team goal is to raise \$2500 for the Women's Resource Center in North Platte.



Come offer **Elijah Urman** your congratulations on his graduation Saturday, May 15 at an open house from 2-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.