

The Lamplighter

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LA PLATA

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Burgess Family has a lot to celebrate
- New deacons
- VBS recap
- Find the cow on each page (sometimes seen with the shark)



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DREAMS AND MEMORIES

BY DR. GORDON HANSON

"Just you wait and see", is what many of us said at an earlier stage of life. Perhaps it focused on a specific goal, as doctor, lawyer, pilot, even president. The sky was the limit. A few reached their dream or career; more did not.

Was not dreaming free and expected? Certainly a dream was the forerunner of many, if not most of the advances.

Conveniences, comforts and health of the good life we enjoy today. Anything was possible in the dream stage. However, as the years passed, there were more memories (some good, some bad) and dreams were adjusted and future.

Somewhere near midlife the memories and future goals arrived at a balance point. Some called this the "mid-life crisis", a

fair label for a life only partially lived. Did negative memories dominate the mind to the extent that future goals were crowded out?

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SMALL GROUPS FOR AUGUST:

MEN:

Brotherhood—1st Saturday of the month @ 9 AM

ROMEO's—1st Tuesday of the month (Foster's Grille in La Plata @ 11:30 AM)

WOMEN:

Ladies of the Light Bible Study—every Tuesday @ 10 AM

Visitation Ministry—every 3rd Thursday of the month @ 9:45 AM

Merry Widow's—Every 3rd Friday of the month @ 12 PM

**SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY
(INFANT & TODDLER):**

Aug 6: Norma Stump, Donna Fleming, Grant & Sara Walker

Aug 13: Norma Stump, Stephanie Walton, Jill Hancock, Fran Wright

Aug 20: Norma Stump, Abby Pankhurst, Katie Lusk, Erin Hancock

Aug 27: Norma Stump, Eli Hancock, Whitney Lump, Kristen Gibson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

Aug 6: Stephanie Walton, Ruth Dillon, Adrielle Law

Aug 13: Jennifer Cooke, Jessica Miller, Camden Cooke

Aug 20: Ellen Nupson, Alison Bode

Aug 27: Hannah Pankhurst, Katie Lusk, Abby Pankhurst

SUNDAY MORNING SECURITY TEAM:

8:30 AM

SS & 11:00 AM

Aug 6: Dillon Edelen, Norma Stump

Terry Mathews, Al Law

Aug 13: Kevin Guiffre, Courtney Harbin

Betty Lou Moore, Bob Mathews

Aug 20: Marion Simpson, Dillon Edelen

Jennifer Miller, Jerry Pruitt

Aug 27: Norma Stump, Kevin Guiffre

Jim Miller, Melvin King

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." — Proverbs 22:6

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS:

Aug 6: AM *The Invitation*

Mat 22:2-3

PM *Sin & Why it Matters*

Num 32:20-23

Aug 13: AM *Eight Woes*

Mat 23:13

PM *The Christian Revolution*

Num 33:50-53

Aug 20: AM *Three Questions*

Mat 24:1-3

PM *Boundaries*

Num 34:1-3

Aug 27: AM *The Return*

Mat 24:38-39

PM *The Value of Life*

Num 35:1-2

**GREETER
SCHEDULE:**

Aug 6: Darrell Linville
Andy Gibson

Aug 13: Glenn Miller
Patrick Hancock

Aug 20: Nick Papanicolas
Billy Moore

Aug 27: Darrell Linville
Scott Nupson

**AUGUST
TELLERS:**

Sheri Bresnahan,
Betty Lou Moore

DAWN BURGESS LAVISHED WITH GIFTS



On Saturday, June 24, 2023, family and friends gathered together at the church to celebrate Dawn Burgess. The bride to be looked beautiful as always and everyone enjoyed good food, laughter and fun. Dawn received many wonderful gifts and is thankful for all the love shown to her that day.



Dawn, her twin sister Carolyn Goldsborough, mom Julie, sister Kimberly and friend Kayla McGraw.

"You don't
marry someone
you can live
with—you
marry the
person you
cannot live
without."
—Anonymous

KIMBERLY BURGESS SAYS YES!



On June 14, 2023, Matthew Kret got down on one knee and surprised Kimberly Burgess with a proposal. It was a total surprise to her! It took place at the Gaylord National Resort & Conv. Center in Fort Wash., MD. Congratulations to Kimberly and Matt!



10 KEY VERSES ON EVANGELISM

3. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

not . . . with lofty speech or wisdom. Paul avoided Greek rhetoric and focused on the message of the cross, so that the Corinthians would put their faith in Christ who was crucified rather than in the ability of human messengers.

that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men. Mere intellectual persuasion does not save people. Saving faith is produced by the heart-changing power of the Holy Spirit as the gospel is proclaimed.

Article taken from: [crossway.org](https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-key-bible-verses-on-evangelism/). (2023, May 21). <https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-key-bible-verses-on-evangelism/>



DREAMS AND MEMORIES CONT...

The Apostle Paul, one of the great saints and writer of the New Testament, reminded us to "forget these things which were past and reach forward to things yet to be (Philippians 3:13). We don't believe he meant that we forget all things or we would be babies again. We understand him to mean that we leave behind the mistakes, mistreatments and even memories which had no redeeming value. We mortals have that ability if we choose to do so.

When one reaches the "advanced years", of which we are among an increasing number, life obviously has more

memories than goals. Someone said that our world gets smaller. Remaining goals are to some their "bucket list", which is somewhat of a negative labeling of what may be both valuable and yet attainable goals.

We have the years our blessed creator gives us, each within a certain time frame and endowed with the strength, talent and resources we possess. Sadly, God's gifts are greater than some realize and employ.

As long as one has life on earth, memories are a significant account of that individual. Journals, letters, photos and even tombstones remind one of memories often foggy or forgotten.

Would it not be a noble goal to create and share as many good memories as possible? Family and friends will hopefully embrace the words and experiences as building blocks in their lives. Let us determine to please our Lord and Savior as we inform and give freely to needy new generations.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ-that I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving for the faith of the gospel." Phil. 1:27

UPCOMING EVENTS:



- Aug 5th: CPR & First Aid Class
- Aug 9th: Church Business Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Aug 27th: Catherine Foundation Tea @ 12:30
- Sept 2nd: Moses trip
- Sep 3rd: Mission Aviation Fellowship fundraiser event (in lieu of evening service) at the home of Chris & Judy Cherest. We'll have a viewing of the movie "Ends of the Earth", swimming & fellowship. Time is 4--?.

See endsoftheearthmovie.com for more info on the movie & MAF ministry.

- Sept 14-17: Charles Co. Fair outreach
- Sept 15-16: Possible weekend missions trip to PA

KIDS CORNER



VBS 2023 WAS A SUCCESS!

- We averaged 77 children in the morning with a high of 80
- We averaged 27 youth in the evening with a high of 31
- For the morning sessions we had 54 volunteers
- For the evening sessions we had 15-20 volunteers, most of which were young adults



The children met in the sanctuary every morning to sing songs about Jesus & get excited for their day ahead.



Alaina, Gracelynn, Adrielle, Reagan, Abby, Elanor & Hannah enjoyed water games & painting (themselves) during youth VBS.



Ruth & the children prayed over an OCC box they packed.



Mrs. Ruth & her daughters, Barb and Sally, provided crafts for the kids.



For the final night of youth VBS, they gathered at the Guiffre's home for food, a pool party & a devotion by the bon fire. It was a blast.



Stephanie taught Bible lessons to the pre-school children. To go along with the lessons, they "fished" various items (like fish shaped sponges & ping pong balls with Bible verses on them) out of a bucket of water.

I Timothy
3:13

For those who
serve well as
deacons gain a
good standing
for themselves
and also great
confidence in
the faith that
is in Christ
Jesus.

CHUCK BONN & KEVIN GUIFFRE ORDAINED AS FBCLP'S NEWEST DEACONS



Chuck has been a member of FBCLP for 11 years. His wife, Lauren, has grown up in this church. They have been married for 10 years. He works at Maryland Partners Bank and in his free time he enjoys woodworking, reading and spending time with his family. Chuck has worked with VBS & UPWARDS sports and is currently on the sound and audit committee.

"I am truly humbled to serve as your deacon and thankful for my church family." -- Chuck

Kevin has been a member of FBCLP for 13 years. He has been married to his wife, Heather, for 15 years and they have a 14 year old son, Patrick. Kevin also has a 23 year old son, Anthony. He is the General Manager at Chick-fil-A in La Plata MD and in his spare time he enjoys camping and spending time with his friends and family. Kevin has served in various positions in the church including Sunday school teacher and usher. He currently serves as Sunday School Director.

"I am so thankful for my church family and am honored to serve as a deacon."--Kevin



WHAT'S NEW AND ON THE SHELF BY BOB MATHEWS

Nonfiction

The Coming Economic Armageddon by David Jeremiah (NF 261.85)

The Church in Babylon by Erwin Lutzer (NF

Atlas of Bible Lands by Harry Frank (NF 220.9)

Juvenile Fiction

Yellow Yacht by Ron Roy (JF ROY)

White House White-out by Ron Roy (JF ROY)

Children's Nonfiction

Desire of the Ages by E.G. White (CNF 261)

The Triumph of God's Love by E.G. White (CNF 230)

Audio

Lillian Trasher by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio Book)

George Müller by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio Book)

Count Zinzendorf by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio Book)

Brother Andrew by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio Book)

Daniel Boone by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio Book)

William Penn by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio Book)

DVD

The Chosen Season

Do You Believe?

Luther



OCC Newsletter



ZIMBABWE: BLIND MAN FROM MONICALAND

Ministering to the blind community, had been appealing for help to reach children of the blind. As they received the gifts of OCC, God helped them in Monicaland (there was no church in that area...only cows). As they went with the gifts, when they gave the gifts some people would cry receiving gifts for the first time and they were impressed that someone was thinking of them. Parents would rejoice knowing their kids were receiving gifts for the first time. From that distribution a church was born. They built a building with 600 seats. The people were the ones to build the church plastering, ordered bricks, ..they did nearly everything. Now over 1000 membership, started 3 years

ago. That church is producing offspring, assemblies, around. They're evangelizing, going from place to place. OCC helped lay the foundation and so the foundation is still having an influence. They started an orphanage, which they say is a product of the OCC. They gave gifts to orphans. Those children were so touched – they started praying and thanking Jesus. They started a home for those children and now have 20 of them.

"READY FOR SCHOOL" SHOEBOX SHOPPING IDEAS

- Build a Shoebox Online anytime of the year by scanning this QR code: or use this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/5n8dfnkj>
- Purchase items directly from the warehouse to donate to FBC or fill your own boxes:
- Order items from FBC's Amazon wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/5n99mvem>



- notebooks
- pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers
- paper clips, binder clips, mini staplers, staples
- scissors, hole punchers, glue sticks (no liquid)
- crayons, colored pencils, markers
- stencils, stickers
- solar calculators, compass, protractor, ruler
- water color paints (no liquid), paint brushes
- coloring books, doodle pads, picture books / easy readers

REPORT FROM THE MISSIONS TRIP TO: SOUTH DAKOTA



Jennifer



Jonathan



Rosa



Dan



Hannah & Lily

Lily Adamo, Jennifer Miller, Jonathan Miller, Dan Minehan, Rosa Minehan, and Hannah Pankhurst went to the Pine Ridge Reservation in Porcupine, South Dakota (about 1 hr. from Rapid City) to work with the Lakota people. They were blessed by being a part of the Chuku Waste Ranch, which has been run by Matthew and Amanda Hadden for the past 11 years. They are originally from Georgia but felt the Lord calling them to this region. Their goal is to provide a safe place for the Lakota people, build relationships, meet the needs of the community, while being a spiritual lighthouse. They started receiving assistance for their Wellness Center and Kidney dialysis office from the North American Mission Board in 2019. We support their efforts through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering each year! During the week that the mission team was there, we helped with several camp maintenance projects, completed the renovation of a home for a family, cleaned the church, and delivered lunches for the dialysis patients. We were really blessed to be present when the keys were turned over to this family. We prayed with them, worshiped, and praised God for his provision! The Ranch also hosts summer camp and bus children in each day. Our efforts as part of the construction team, is considered a 'compassion ministry', performing tasks behind the scenes to continue building the trust of the community, build relationships, and show the love of Jesus through a servant's heart. If you missed the presentation on July 16, Rosa Minehan will present additional information during the Aug. Widow's Meeting and the Sept. WOM meeting. You can also stop one of the missionaries and ask questions!



Birthdays

01 Jody Miller
 02 Vicky Boyce
 04 Pat Hancock
 05 Joshua Hancock
 05 Patricia Yowell
 10 Matt Cooke
 10 Michelle St. Martin
 11 Hannah Kravel
 13 Don Cooke
 13 Paul Miller
 15 Chuck Bonn
 18 Alexiah Daye
 20 Robert Kravel, Jr.
 20 Diane Sheffe
 23 Elaine Anderson
 23 Eli Hancock
 23 Patrick Hancock
 26 Lauren Bonn
 29 Kayla Gibson
 30 Sherry Bonn


Anniversaries

15 Gary & Debbie Schneider
 16 Jeff & Sheri Bresnahan
 26 Cheryl & Calvin Allison
 26 Jim & Carolyn Shaffer
 31 Louis & Gloria Schneider



August 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ladies of the Light 10 AM ROMEO's 11:30AM --Foster's Grille Deacon's Meeting 7PM	2 FREE Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	3	4	5 *Brotherhood Fellowship 9 AM First Aid/CPR class @ 2PM
6 Benevolence Sunday 	7	8 Ladies of the Light Bible Study 10AM	9 Quarterly Business Meeting @ 6:30 PM (No evening service) FREE Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	10	11	12
13	14	15 Ladies of the Light Bible Study 10AM	16 FREE Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	17 Visitation Ministry 9:45AM	18 Merry Widow's Group @ 12 PM	19
20	21 PACE Meeting @ 6 PM	22 Ladies of the Light Bible Study 10AM	23 FREE Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	24 FBCLPEM Meeting @ 6:30PM	25	26 Gibson party
27 Catherine Foundation Tea @ 12:30	28 PACE begins @ 8:30 AM	29 Ladies of the Light Bible Study 10AM	30 FREE Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM			