



## *“The Horse Who Could Tell Time”* by Pastor Gordon Hanson

He was a big bay Percheron we called “Jim”, one of 9 horses on the family farm in No. Dakota when this writer was completing grade school. All the fieldwork on 450 acres was done by horsepower, A 4 or 5 horse hitch was usual and I had the option of taking the four remaining, which would include “big Jim”, and get to work. Every day, about noon, he would demonstrate his wisdom (or stubbornness) and turn toward the homestead pulling the other horses with him. It was time for food and water and he was going with or without the driver, never mean, just hungry and determined.

Are we mortals as concerned about time as that faithful horse? As Israel faced her enemies, the writer in Psalm 89:47 said, “Remember how short my time is (Lord).” “No one knows, except the Lord, how long a time any of us has left on earth. John reminded us in Rev. 1:3, “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the word of this prophecy, and help those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

We know that God’s time is not on the same setting as ours (I Peter 3:8), “But beloved...with the Lord one day is as a Thousand years and a 1000 years as one day.”

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I am retired and have been a member of FBCLaPlata for 18 years. I have served as a deacon served on the Building and Committee and Door Monitor.

Maria & I have been have raised three with 11 grandchildren children, all who live



for 11 years. I have also Fellowship Committee, Grounds, Baptism served as Security and

married for 60 years and boys who have blessed us and nine great grand-in the Maryland area.

I have always been in the construction business and also drove cross country. My hobbies include drawing and painting, reading and working on home projects. Being a deacon gives me pleasure in helping the Pastor and Church families. My favorite Bible verse is 1 John 2:15-17, *“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”*

—Nick

### Easter Services:

Sunrise Service	7:00 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM

Women on Mission will meet March 7th @ 9:45am. We will be making bears for OCC boxes. Sandy Janke will be presenting.



## Sunday Morning Nursery (Infant & toddler):

March 3: Norma Stump, Donna Fleming  
Grant & Sara Walker

March 10: Norma Stump, Christina Vandroff  
Sarah Conant, Amy Jewell, Kayla Hepner

March 17: Norma Stump, Stephanie Walton  
Katie Lusk, Becky Bucher, Erin Hancock

March 24: Norma Stump, Cecelia Stauffer  
Ruth Dillon, Fran Wright, Eli Hancock

March 31: Norma Stump, Donna Fleming  
Patrick & Jill Hancock

## Children's Worship:

March 3: Stephanie Walton, Ruth Dillon

March 10: Jennifer Cooke, Ashley Miller,  
Camden Cooke

March 17: Sharon Hile, Alison Bode

March 24: Kim Burgess, Katie Lusk,  
Abby Pankhurst

March 31: Debbie Schneider, Becky Bucher,  
Jonathan Miller

## Sunday Morning Security Team:

8:30 AM

SS & 11 AM

March 3:	Dillon Edelen, Norma Stump	Jerry Pruitt, Jim Miller
March 10:	Kevin Guiffre, Courtney Harbin	Melvin King, Patrick Hancock
March 17:	Marion Simpson, Dillon Edelen	Robert Hicks, Al Law
March 24:	Norma Stump, Kevin Guiffre	Jennifer Miller, Jerry Pruitt
March 31:	Courtney Harbin, Marion Simpson	Jim Miller, Melvin King



## Upcoming Sermon Topics:

March 3:	<i>Sacrifices</i>	Leviticus 1:2-3
	<i>Freedom and Service</i>	Galatians 5:13
March 10:	<i>Offerings</i>	Leviticus 2:1
	<i>Spirit vs Flesh</i>	Galatians 5:16-17
March 17:	<i>The Trinity</i>	2 Corinthians 13:14
	<i>Living by the Spirit</i>	Galatians 5:19-23
March 24:	<i>Honoring Jesus</i>	John 12:12-16
	<i>Spiritual Fruit</i>	Galatians 5:22-23
March 31:	<i>Easter Changes Everything</i>	John 20:19-20
	No PM Service	

## Greeter Schedule:

March 3: Kevin Guiffre, Paul Dillon

March 10: Darrell Linville, Ken Doyle

March 17: Glenn Miller,  
Patrick Hancock

March 24: Nick Papanicolas,  
Billy Moore

March 31: Marion Simpson, Paul Dillon

## March Tellers:

Courtney Harbin  
Amanda Nicklis

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This truth should quicken us to be ever ready for His coming or judgment for sin. Jesus called the Pharisees and Sadducees “a wicked and adulterous generation” because they could read the face of the sky for weather conditions but “could not discern the signs of the times” (Matthew 16:3).

Mankind has long desired to know exactly the time or season, but only God the Father knows, and He has not changed that plan (Acts 1:7). The primary concern for we, created in His image, is to be ready, Now. For He said...Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation (2 Cor. 6:2).

Are you resting confidently in Him, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

## UPWARD SOCCER

**registration began January 16, 2024**

- Boys and Girls K5 through 12th Grade (Must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2024)
- Registration: \$95 after Feb. 24th  
Shorts may be purchased for an additional \$10
- Registration is available online at:  
<https://registration.upward.org/UPW85853>
- First practice: Week of April 1, 2024  
First Game: April 13, 2024

**WE NEED COACHES AND REFS!**

Email **[fbclpsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:fbclpsoccer@gmail.com)** to volunteer and receive a discount code for your family's registration. Code must be entered at time of registration in order to receive discount.

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This year's VBS – *Breaker Rock Beach* – explores God's rock solid truth in a world of shifting sands. VBS will be held the week of July 15 – 19. Everyone is encouraged to save the date and start sharing it with your friends now. Any questions can be directed to Alison Bode: 301-246-4957 or [thebodes@verizon.net](mailto:thebodes@verizon.net).



## 2024 Upcoming events (tentative)...

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information...if you are interested in one/more of these events, please let Jennifer Miller know.

- April 6** Chonda Pierce 'Life is Fun' Show, Fredericksburg VA  
**April 28** Mercy Me & Newsboys 'Always Only Jesus' Tour, Fairfax VA  
**June 15-21** South Dakota Mission Trip  
**August 17** 'Daniel' Show at Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster PA \*SIGN UP NOW\*

### March Fun Facts



- named for Mars, the Roman god of war
- birth stones are aquamarine and bloodstone
- birth flower is daffodil
- animals start to wake from hibernation in March
- daylight savings (spring forward) is 3/10
- Easter is 3/31
- it's National Craft Month



All girls/women: you are invited to the church on Thursdays from 1-2:30pm for a sewing class ("Connecting Threads"). Please contact Tara Havrilla or Sarah Conant if you are interested!

### New & On the Shelf

by Bob Mathews

#### Non-fiction

*When the Darkness Will Not Lift* by John Piper (NF 248.8)

*A Love worth Giving* by Max Lucado (NF 231.6)

#### Children's Fiction

*VeggieTales: Silent Night* by Lisa Reed (CF REE)

*A Feel Better Book for Little Tears* by Holly Brochmann (CF BRO)

*The Surprising Knight* by Doug Peterson (CF PET)

#### Children's Non-fiction

*Noah's Ark* by Joe Rhatigan (CNF 221)

*The Creation* by Ori Sherman (CNF 222.11)

*Lift the Flap Nativity* by Alia Zobel-Nolan (CNF 252)

#### DVD

*Amazing Animals of Alaska*

*Is Genesis History?*

#### Audio

*Don't Give Up, Don't Give In* by Louis Zamperini

*C.S. Lewis at War*

FBCLP's AWANA Clubs are sending groups to participate in 2 upcoming activities:

⇒ *The AWANA Bible Challenge* on March 2nd, 9am-Noon in Pasadena, MD

⇒ *Summit: The National Gathering for AWANA High School Students* March 14-16 in Lynchburg, VA



### **March Birthdays**

06 – Phuong Dinh  
08 – Kevin Guiffre  
09 - Sy Collins  
12 – Louis Schneider  
13 – Thelma McConkey  
13 – Stephanie Miller  
14 - Jennifer Cooke  
15 - Jeffrey Grote  
18 – Donna Duehring  
18 - Pat Hall  
19 – Patrick Guiffre  
27 – Dean Irwin  
30 - Ashleigh Grigsby



17 – Drew & Tara Havrilla  
25 – Melvin & Janet King

The Safety & Security Committee is asking for volunteers for Sunday morning door monitors. If you are able to serve the church in this capacity, please see Logan Irwin.



Pastor Gary is available for visits on Tuesdays. If you would like a visit from him, please call the church office to schedule: 301-934-9040.



### *Did you know?*

St. Patrick, originally named Maewyn Succat, used the shamrock to teach others about Christianity and the Holy Trinity. He pointed out how the shamrock has 3 leaves but is still one flower. This parallels the Trinity where there is God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit yet still one entity.





The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection.

This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Lifesigns*



The youth had a great time during their lock-in event in February. They had a devotion, played games, ate snacks & watched a movie— all while trying to keep their eyes open all night!

March 3rd: Benevolence Sunday  
March 24th: We will observe the Lord's Supper  
March 31st: Easter services

March 3rd-10th begins a week of prayer and collection for our:

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The 2024 theme is "Make Jesus Known."



The scripture verse is Mark 16:15, "And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

The national goal is \$75 million.

Every dollar given goes to train and resource more than 2,900 missionaries and their families involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories.

Last year as a church, FBCLP donated \$5,501 and **our goal for 2024 is: \$6,500.**



GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

## Everything OCC

March's theme for box items  
is: *All Dressed Up*

T-shirts, pants & shorts, dresses & skirts, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, shoes, flip flops, bandanas, sunglasses, rain ponchos, shoelaces, silly dress up (animal masks, superhero capes, princess tiaras)



Things **NOT** to send in the boxes:

candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items, such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans