

This Week's Services

January 21, 2018

Worship Services: 8:30, 9:50, 11:05am

"What Are You Waiting For?"

Mark 1:14-20

Pastor Kent Hinkel

Attendance

Attendance	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>2017 Avg</u>
Sunday School	232	229
AM Services	438	452
Prayer Mtgs.	15	

Who's On Deck

Ushers

8:30 Darrell B., Dave B., Steve C., Thomas G., Russ R., Claude S.

9:50 Darrell, Thomas G., Steve E., Mike L., Russ

11:00 Darrell, Steve E., Mike, Claude

Greeters

8:30 Dave Brenno, Rob Odden

9:45 Colleen Andersen, Kelli Sem

11:00 Clay Dubovoy, Joy Seifert

Information Desk

Jim & Kaylene Reddig

Children's Church, Ages 3 & 4 (9:50am)

Liz Tilton

Nursery Workers Workers Judy Hall

8:30 Laura Graham, Simona Gerolyte

9:45 I – Bridgette DeBold, Grace Mhoon, Brenna Thompson

T – Josh & Hope Suttle, Kesiah Thompson, Dylan DeBold

11:00 I – Chuck & Susan Ladlee, Tyler & Victoria May, Ashley Toler

T – Roxanne Arthur, Mark McDonald, Bailee Saltzman,

Monique Taylor, Amanda Tschritter

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**"The Beginning of the Good News about Jesus the Messiah,
the Son of God."**

- The Opening Words of the New Testament Book of Mark

Mark begins his gospel with a thesis statement. This is the only time that Mark tells us what he thinks. Through the rest of his book, Mark tells us what Jesus did and records people's reactions, building to the moment he asks Peter, "Who do YOU say I am?"

Mark has shown Jesus has authority over demons, death, disease, wind, waves, and sin. Nearly a half dozen miracles and teaching are finished with people asking, "Who is this?" It's almost as if Mark is turning to his readers and asking them the same question.

Lest we think that the book is only a challenge to those without faith, immediately after Peter's (correct) response, "You are the Messiah", Jesus warns them not to tell anyone, and predicts His impending death and resurrection.. We may know the right answer about Jesus, He's the Messiah, the Son of God, but like Peter we may fail to grasp the meaning of it. Many times, we acknowledge that Jesus has all authority on heaven and on earth, yet deny Him with our lives. Demons obey his commands, yet we frequently ignore (or justify) 'petty' sins – gossip, cursing, envy, greed, and self-righteousness.


Mark asks us, "**Who do you say Jesus is?**" Some answer like the Pharisees, in mocking denial. Others answer like Peter, "The Messiah!" Yet they still don't understand what this faith entails. And others answer like the Roman Centurion, seeing how He died, they confess, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" knowing that this was Caesar's title.

The storms, sickness, and death obey him. Will you?

In Him, Pastor Sam Kautzmann,
Associate Pastor of Student Ministries

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Coming This Week

January 21 - 27, 2018

Sunday	8:00 am	Pre-Service Prayer with Pastors
	8:30 am	Classic Worship Service
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Discovery Membership Class
	9:50 am	Contemporary Worship Children's Church
	11:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:05 am	Contemporary Worship
	12:15 pm	Youth Event, Gym
Monday	4:30 pm	Adult Prayer Meeting
	5:00 pm	Ladies' Zumba
	6:00 am	Men's Bible Study, FBC
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer, FBC
	7:00 pm	Men's Monday
	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Men's Unscripted Group, FBC
	7:00 pm	Deacon Board Trustee Committee
	6:30 pm	Awana Choir
Thursday	7:15 pm	Sr. High Youth
	6:00 pm	Men's Bible Study, FBC
Saturday	8:30 am	Men's Basketball
	2:00 pm	56 Club
	6:00 pm	As One Event

Keys to Building a Strong Life

Throughout history, people have placed their confidence in any number of so-called gods. (Hinduism supports the idea that there are millions of gods). The God of the Scriptures lays claim to being the one true God, He is solitary in His excellency. "Who is like unto Thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? (Exodus 15:11) An overcoming faith will be established by getting to know the God who is "before all else."

Upcoming Events

- **Men's Monday:** Leading To Greater Spiritual Significance, First Baptist Church, 7:00 pm (done at 8:30). Refreshments provided!
 - ❖ Monday, January 22
Experience The Strength & Stability That Comes From: **"Being In Real Relationship With Godly Men"**
 - ❖ Monday, January 29
Experience The Fulfillment That Comes From: **"Being Used By God To Advance His Kingdom"**
- **11:00 am Adult Sunday School:** The class that meets in the lounge will resume Feb. 4th.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, Jan. 20 and Feb. 3, 8:00am at First Baptist. Come and join other men from FBC for faith, food and fellowship.
- **Sweet Connections:** Game Night!! Sat, Jan 20th 6:30-9:30pm in the gym. Baby, it's cold outside! So ladies, let's bundle up, come on out & enjoy some fun & fellowship with one another! Bring a game & a snack or just come to play! Childcare is available.
- **56 Club:** (A First Baptist social club for 4, 5, & 6th graders) will be having a Sledding/Board Game event on Saturday, Jan. 27th from 2:00 – 5:30pm. Drop off and pick up will be at the church. We will come back after sledding and play games, do a devotion, and have an early supper. No charge for this event. You may bring a friend, your Bible, sled, and board games. Please dress appropriately to go sledding. Sign up on the clipboard by the upstairs information desk. Must have a release signed if you have not done one already.
- **Family Music Night:** DATE CHANGE – FEB. 11, 6:30PM. Attention musicians and vocalists of all ages! We would love to have you share a song at our Family Music Night. Call or text John Pankratz (701-340-9870) to sign up or if you have any questions.
- **As One Event:** January 27 at First Baptist. 6:00pm Community Prayer. 7:00pm Community Worship.
- **Financial Peace University:** The current class is full. Another class will be offered in September. Steve Farroh, 701-441-4872.
- **Holy Land Discoveries:** If you are interested in learning more about the January 2019 pilgrimage to the Holy Land, attend the first Informational Meeting on Sunday, February 11 @ 3:30 pm in the Downstairs Lounge.

Ministry Matters

- **Awana Needs Your Help!** We are looking for a few volunteers to listen to kids' Bible verses on Wednesday nights. If you are interested, please contact Adam & Christie Carr at 518-669-6053.
- **Crystal Springs Camp:** Will be participating in Giving Hearts Day, a one day only, online fundraiser on February 8th. Please log into www.impactgiveback.org and select Crystal Springs Camp to donate! You may also donate during this event with a check, but the camp will need it in hand by February 8th in order for it to be counted as part of the Giving Hearts Day total. The donations will help with the many projects that are happening at Crystal Springs, especially the new summer staff dorm (Lakeside) and our Zipline addition to our High Ropes Course.
- **"Seek God for the City":** PRAYING FORTY DAYS TO PALM SUNDAY February 14 to March 25. Complimentary issues of the book "Seek God for the City" are available at our Info Desk.

Prayer & Praise

Prayer Chain: Days 838-0405; Evenings 838-7474

- Praise:** We give thanks for the 146 people who trusted Christ in 2017.
- Sympathy:** We extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to Glynn & Kim Breuer and family in the passing of Glynn's mother, Ann Breuer, Rolla, Missouri, age 89.
- Prayer:** Pray for our ongoing need for an Adult Sunday School Superintendent.
- Deployed:** Qatar - James Booterbaugh, Roddy Looper; Korea - Kschris Anda

NCA Ministry of the Week: McIntosh Baptist, McIntosh, SD

FBC Missionary of the Week: Lance and Abby Freeland (Wycliffe, Cameroon)--The Freeland's do Bible translation work. This past fall, Lance worked on a Babungo-language Scripture app for Android phones. Users can listen to an audio version while following along with the text onscreen. Most villagers have a cell phone. Thank God for the technology available to put the Bible in to many hands. Please pray with the Freeland's that the app becomes a well-used tool among Babungo speakers.