



# The Builder



2021

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

**First Presbyterian Church**

1005 1<sup>st</sup> Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

*Join us for Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30*

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month*

*Join us for Fellowship and a Pot Luck Meal on Rally Sunday, September 12*

Sunday Worship services are posted on our Facebook page:  
**First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City**

**Keep in touch.....**

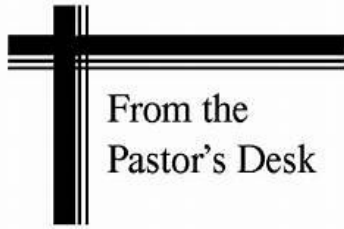
**Pastor Tom:** Email: [presbypastortom@yahoo.com](mailto:presbypastortom@yahoo.com) Phone: 402-274-8199

**Church Office:** Email: [secretary@firstpresnc.org](mailto:secretary@firstpresnc.org) Phone: 402-873-5306

**Church Website:** [www.firstpresnc.org](http://www.firstpresnc.org)

**Church Facebook Page:** First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City

**Homestead Presbytery website:** [www.homesteadpres.org](http://www.homesteadpres.org)



Dear Church Family,

I know that some folks don't put much stock in polls and others live by them. I think it's good to look at them always trying to keep everything in proper perspective. There is a lot of research going on these days about the church and our culture. I don't think it would be hard to convince anyone that things are changing all around us. Here are a few things that have caught my attention in recent days.

For example, the United States is undergoing a seismic worldview shift. That is being reported in a study done by the Cultural research Center at Arizona Christian University. A recent survey revealed that 88% of all Americans of all generations are inclined too syncretism. That means that they choose to fashion their individual beliefs and values from a philosophical buffet. This will result in an incoherent mash-up upon which they build their lifestyles and behaviors.

Then in a survey completed by Probe Ministries' Religious Views & Practices, shows a striking decline in evangelical religious beliefs and practices. The study interviewed 3,100 Americans ages 18 to 55 and revealed a drop in "basic biblical worldview". That would include things such as: God's attributes, the accuracy of the Bible, and salvation and Jesus being sinless. 60% of born-again Christians in America now believe that Jesus isn't the only way to heaven—that Buddha and Muhammad also are valid paths to salvation.

This tells me that the church has a lot of work to do! In the Roman Empire in AD 60, biblical world-view Christians made up fewer than 1% of the population. But three hundred years later, virtually the entire empire was at least nominally Christian. If we commit ourselves to the mission of the church, then God can bring a revival to this confused and everchanging world we live in. I hope you will join me in doing the best that we can to here in Nebraska City to lead others to know the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of our heavenly Father. I pray that you will come to worship each Sunday so that we can encourage each other in that effort!

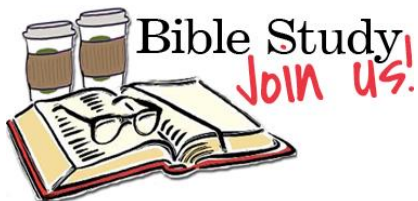
Blessings, Pastor Tom



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 John Wehling	6 Jeffry Dammast	7	8	9 Janet Hemphill	10	11
12	13 Karen Brannon Larry Brammier	14	15 Marvin Zimmerman	16 Carol Maddox	17	18
19	20	21	22 Tom & Janet Hemphill	23 Joseph Frerichs	24 Jordan Dierking	25 Loran Patton
26	27 Ed Reed	28	29	30		

If you have additions or corrections to the Birthday and Anniversaries calendar, please don't hesitate to let Jane know! Please call the office or email your information to [secretary@firstpresnc.org](mailto:secretary@firstpresnc.org)



Join us for **Sunday Preview** each Thursday morning, 10am. This Bible study is an expanded study on Pastor Tom's message for the following Sunday. He shares history and interesting stories direct from the Bible and other Biblical sources! Please join us! All are Welcome!



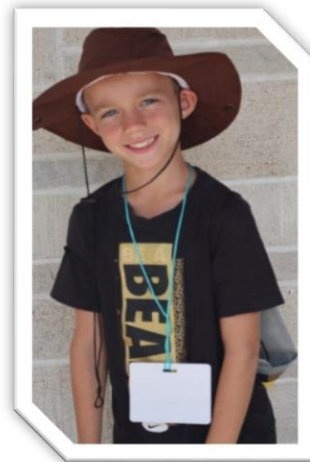
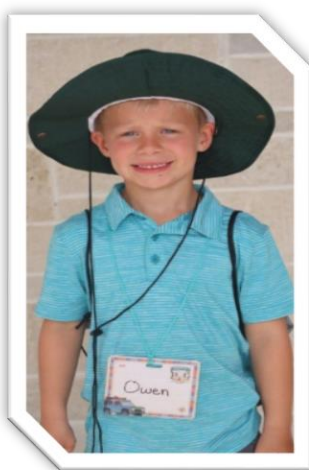
## Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Subway Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	2 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday</i> Preview - 10am	3	4
5 Worship/ Communion 10:30am 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	6 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	7	8 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Arby's Quilters 1pm Deacons 5:30pm Session 6:30pm	9 <b>Rummage Sale! 3-7pm</b> Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday</i> Preview - 10am	10 <b>Rummage Sale! 8am – 4pm</b>	11
12 <b>Rally Sunday! Fellowship &amp; Potluck Meal</b> Worship 10:30am 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	13	14	15 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Taco John's Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	16 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday</i> Preview - 10am	17 Food Bank of Lincoln 12-1pm	18
19 Worship 10:30am 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	20 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	21	22 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Hong Kong Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	23 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday</i> Preview - 10am	24	25
26 Worship 10:30 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Hunger Offering	27	28	29 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Valentino's Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	30 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday</i> Preview - 10am		

# DESTINATION DIG – SEEK THE TRUTH & FIND JESUS!

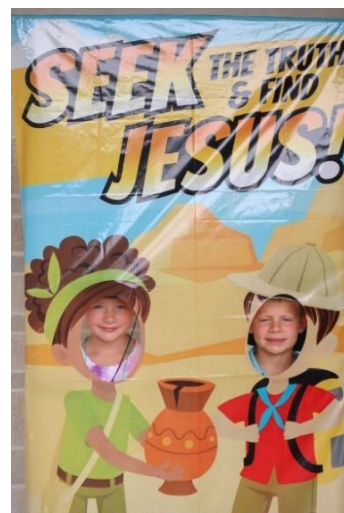


## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021!



Our Budding Archeologists!





**Our Budding Archeologists!**



**Helpers at the dig site**



**Jayne taught the Bible classes at the dig site**





**Digging for ancient treasures!**



**Fun with crafts!**



**The Drier clan obviously knows how to have fun, and it looks like we missed a good party!**



Congratulations, Grandpa Kurt and Grandmother Clarissa  
and the entire Curtis family!

Thank you for sharing this adorable cutie patootie photo of:

Gavyn Dean Curtis  
Weight: 6lbs 9oz's  
Length: 20 1/2 inches  
DOB: 28 July 2021  
Parents: Justyn & Kiana Curtis

Please join us for.....



**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

**9:15                      Sunday School**

**10:30                    Worship Service**

(Krystal Bell Choir and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation)

**11:45                    Fellowship Potluck Meal**

(Please bring a side dish to share)

We are excited to begin another year of Sunday School  
and Worship with you and your family.

Hope to see you there!

**Carla Zaroban/402-873-0102**

**Kris Dierking/402-969-0191**





Please pray for the following church family and friends: Tommy Walters, Keith Dierking, Kathy Nelson, Amy Fields, Eileen Thayer, Rev. Bob Burdett, Kevin Driever, Loran & Mary Donna Patton, Tom and Janet Hemphill, and Howard & Dee Antes. Please email your prayer requests to Jayne James at: [thejamesgang777@gmail.com](mailto:thejamesgang777@gmail.com) or call: 402-873-5092



#### Serving this month:

Organists: Abby Reese  
Greeters: Jan Bolejack & Edith Simmerman  
Acolyte: Tony Reese with our Sunday School Youth  
Power Point: Julie Hopp  
Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields  
Nursery: Kim Reese, Jan Marion, Stephanie Shrader, Doris Martin

Scripture: John James

Camera: Marv Zimmerman

COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



We will have a **Fellowship Potluck Meal** after  
Worship on September 12, **RALLY SUNDAY**.

All are welcome!



Youth Choir will start practicing Sunday 09/19; and we will practice from 9 to 9:15 (before Sunday school starts). Face shields will be available for any child that requires one.

If you have a special announcement and/or picture to share, please send it to the office:  
[secretary@firstpresnc.org](mailto:secretary@firstpresnc.org) and Jane will put it in the next newsletter.



**It's On!** It's been a while since our last church rummage sale and we are in full swing! We have about \$250 in early sales, so don't miss out - come early and shop!

The sale has been scheduled for Thursday, Sep.9, 3pm – 7pm and Friday, Sep. 10, 8am – 4pm.

Our cut-off date for donations is Thursday, September 2, so don't delay cleaning out that closet! Furniture may be brought in now or before 2pm on Thursday, September 9.

We welcome not only your donations but your time! Volunteers are needed for last minute pricing and to help at the sale those two days. Also, would you like to fix lunch for the workers? It would be great to have something handy to grab and eat about 5pm on Thursday and about noon on Friday. Just a simple lunch to keep us fortified! 😊 Please call the office and talk to Jane if you have an hour or so to give. Thanks in advance!



Furniture, clothing, Lladro, Kelloggs, Huskers and even a pirate ship!