



September 2022

# Fox River Life



*Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh*

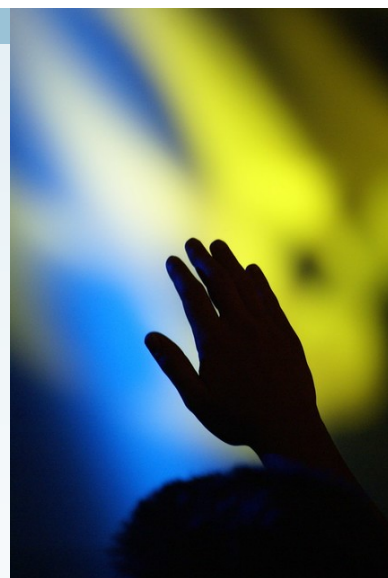
*reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. -Galatians 6:6-10*

The proceeding is an article written by John Piper which I thought would be very appropriate for this month as we celebrate Labor Day this month and it is the month that we return to our Biblical Studies after a brief summer respite. I pray that this article encourages you to keep fighting the fight.

In His Name & For His Glory,  
Pastor Tim

Discouragement comes in many forms, and so our array of weapons must be varied. Before I accepted the call to become pastor of Bethlehem, my father wrote and told me about the many pitfalls of the pastoral ministry. One was the life-quenching discouragement that comes from extended periods of apparent fruitlessness. My father travels from church to church and has dealt with thousands of pastors. He told me about how close so many of them were to throwing in the towel, oppressed by the lifelessness of their people and their own hopelessness.

This is a threat not only to pastors, but to all believers. All of us can become oppressed that our work is of no value. Any one of us



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#### A Living Sacrifice

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

*Romans 12:1-2*

## From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

can be crushed by the feeling that others do not approve of how we do our work. Who has never felt the pang that he has labored in vain and spent his strength for nothing? When discouragement comes in this form, we need a special weapon to fight the fight of faith.

As I was refreshing my spirit last week in a grand old book by Charles Bridges, I found a weapon suited for such a battle. Bridges said, "Our recompense is measured not according to 'our success' but 'our labor' and, as with our blessed Master, vouchsafed even in the failure of our ministration." Then he cited this great text from the prophet Isaiah, who was sent out to preach to people God knew would not repent (Isaiah 6:9): "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God" (Isaiah 49:4).

That verse sank into my heart like a shot of adrenaline. I imagined a large-hearted, gentle, steady old parson serving in a small church in the country. He was worn and weary and at the end of his life. He had been faithful for two decades through every crisis, never succumbing to the temptation to quit. When a young replacement asked him how he had the endurance and strength of soul to keep on in the ministry all those years, he said, "The Lord measures the faithfulness of our labor, not our success. I look always to the Lord and not to man."

As I took this weapon into my hand last week, it shone so brightly I could scarcely contain my joy. I thought: What a vision! What a hope! To come to the end of my life after 30 years of pastoral labors and be able to say (gray-headed and full of joy), "My right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." Oh, that we might be a people strong in the word, never slothful in zeal, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord (Romans 12:11) no matter what!

To God Be the Glory,  
John Piper

*John Piper is founder and teacher of [desiringGod.org](http://desiringGod.org) and chancellor of Bethlehem College & Seminary. For 33 years, he served as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is author of more than 50 books, including *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist* and most recently *What Is Saving Faith?**



*"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness." Psalm 29:2*

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**—Thank you to all who sent out a birthday card to Cindy Kempen in August. This is Cindy's first year away from FRBC since she moved to Pennsylvania. I'm sure she enjoyed all of your warm greetings and happy wishes.



**OPPORTUNITY TO HELP**—The time has come again to fill our Pack 'n' Play with donations for Vida's "Little Dear Boutique." Last Sunday's bulletin included a flyer which listed their "most needed" items and "desired" items.



Most needed items at this time are:

- \* Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- \* Pull-ups (Boys 3T-4T and 4T-5T, Girls 3T-4T)
- \* Baby hygiene products (baby lotion and baby shampoo)
- \* Pacifiers
- \* Baby Board Books
- \* Boys and Girls onesies (18-24 month)
- \* Boys and Girls winter boots

Watch for the flyer again in the coming weeks. We will accept items through the end of October.

**BIBLE STUDY**—Women's Bible studies will start up soon. If you have not previously participated in either of the studies, please consider joining us this year. The first meeting of Saturday's group will be September 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room. No sign-up is necessary. We will resume our study of Hebrews, Chapter 11.

The Thursday afternoon Bible study will resume on September 15. You may sign up for this study on the table in the church lobby. Also, please vote for one of the three books displayed on the table. The one with the most votes will be selected for the Thursday afternoon study.



## Deaconess

# UPDATE



We would like to welcome Nancy Wildenberg to our group. We are looking forward to new events. More information to come.



**Deaconess of the Month**—Carol Smith



## Gifts of Grace

*"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

*4)For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5)so we, though many, are*

*one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6)Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7)if service, in our*

*serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8)the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in*

*generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

**Romans 12:3-8**





#### Marks of the True Christian

*"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.*

*10) Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11) Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.*

*12) Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*

*13) Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show*

*hospitality. 14) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not*

*curse them. 15) Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who*

*weep. 16) Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty,*

*but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.*

*17) Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.*

*18) If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*

*19) Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20) To the contrary, "if your*

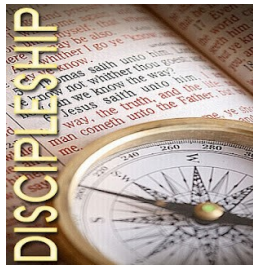
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## "Needed Food Pantry Items for our Shelters"

We received the email below and thought it was important to share with you. If you can help, please follow the instructions in the email.



## Intentional Discipleship Update



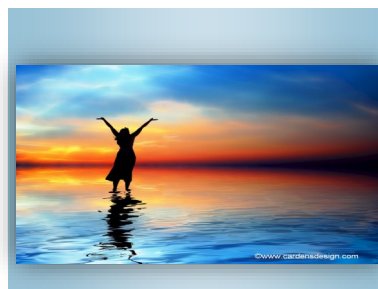
After a short summer respite, the week-end of September 10th, we will get back in the swing of things with our Intentional Discipleship Ministries. On Saturday, the 10th we will be continuing our Men's and Women's Saturday morning Bible study from 8:00-9:30 at the church. The women

are still in Hebrews and the men are in Revelation.

On September 11th we will have Sunday School starting up again following the worship service.

The final offering that we have is the Thursday afternoon Women's Bible Study that takes place from 1:15-2:45 and begins on September 15th. At the writing of this information a book has not been chosen, however one soon will be.

Finally, if you would be willing to serve in the Children's Church and the Nursery, there is a desperate need for volunteers and those who over see this ministry would be grateful for any assistance. Please contact Carol Smith if you are willing to help .



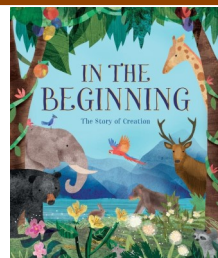
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*enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him  
something to drink; for by  
so doing you will heap  
burning coals on his head."  
21) Do not be overcome by  
evil, but overcome evil with  
good.*

*Romans 12:9-21*



The children in children's church are now studying about the sixth and seventh day of creation. They will soon learn about Adam and Eve and the Fall. The boys in the group are anxious . The boys are anxious to learn about the snake that deceives Eve.



Summer is over and the kids are back in school. They will be hitting the books hard for the next 9 months. It's time to check out a new stack of books and give us your report! Who would like to be on our "Book

Report Team"?

Contact Angela if you're interested.







## Sunday Evening Services Schedule

September 4 — No Evening Service

September 11 —Prayer at 5 pm

September 18—Solo Christos, 5pm

September 25—Prayer at 5pm



# SUNDAY



Financial Update—August , 2022  
 Budget needed weekly: \$ 2,952.00  
 Received: \$ 2,175 per week  
 Contact Mark Wildenberg with questions.



Men's & Women's  
 Bible Study  
 Saturdays at 8am

Women's Bible Study  
 Thursdays at 1:15pm

Women's Prayer  
 Wednesdays at 9:30am



**SEPTEMBER 4**

Christopher Smith

**SEPTEMBER 11**

Ray Rudzinski

**September 18**

Pat Groff

**Sptember25**

Ryan Smith



Please contact **Carol Smith** at  
**(920) 788-9795**

to volunteer in 3 different  
 capacities in our children's  
 ministry. There are also sign-up  
 sheets for the different rooms  
 you can serve in at the front  
 desk.

### **St Joseph's Food Pantry**

Each month we will collect non-perishable food items.  
 Place your food items on the table provided in the foyer.



*Connect*  
 WITH OUR  
**CHURCH FAMILY**

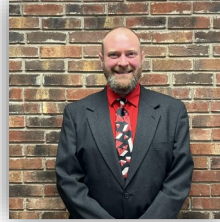
Here at FRBC, we have a prayer chain meant for the sharing of prayer request needs and for sharing praise for the awesome & mighty work God does in our lives. Please feel free to share any praise or request at our new prayer request email address: **prayer@foxriverbaptist.com**

**Care to be part of the prayer chain?** Email or call Becky Godfrey at  
 becl.godfrey@gmail.com — (920) 277-1526

# Missions

“Go Ye into all the World, and preach  
the Gospel to every creature.”  
Mark 16:15

At our first Sunday School Hour of the Fall, we will have Ryan Smith sharing with us concerning his short-term summer missions trip to Estonia. He will be sharing about what he learned, what were the most enjoyable aspects of the trip and ways in which we can pray for the Church and our Missionaries Crick and Mindy Porier in Estonia. Please make plans to come and meet with us on that Sunday and support our brother in this way.



## News from the Missions Board—

Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00. We will be working to complete our Policy document as well as discussing the Mission Spotlight, the missions budget, and other miscellaneous items. Members of the board include Ray and Ellen Rudzinski, Mark and Nancy Wildenburg, Steve Krauss, and Rick Hinz.

## God is Faithful

*“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12) So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! 13) No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”*

*1 Corinthians 10:11-13*



## UPDATE...

The Young at Heart Committee is excited to announce a new fellowship opportunity for our church family. We titled our new ministry “Praise Connection”, which will include singing, sharing, and prayer. Our first Praise Connection will be held at the home of Bob and Lynn

Abitz on Friday, September 26, 6:30-8:00 pm. If you love to sing or just love to listen to singing, this event is for you! We plan to host Praise Connection events a few times throughout the year, so we hope you will join us!

We have posted an information sheet on the Young at Heart bulletin board about the Elder Match Fox Cities program. If you are interested in this service opportunity, please use the posted contact information.

Our ministry at Care Partners in Fox Crossing continues the first Thursday morning of each month. Anyone is welcome to join us. See Lynn Abitz for more information.

Our next committee meeting is September 28, 2:00 pm.

### FRBC Vision Statement

We desire that everyone who enters Fox River Baptist Church grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in authentic, loving, familial relationships to make the name of Christ known in our community and world, all for the glory of God and joy of all.



1—Rob Mlodzik  
1—Rhonda Dohms  
9—Laura Bressler  
15—Lily Hoffman



2—Ron and Anne VanAsten  
25— Dan and Judy Waggoner



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