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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

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Hard to Love

A universal problem that believers face is “How do I love those who are hard to love?” This is a question regarding both Christians and unbelievers we encounter. It is easy to love some people. It is possible to love all people sometimes. But it is exceedingly difficult to love all people all the time. Jesus calls us to this in Matt. 5:43-46, “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?” How do we love people that have an obvious disdain for us? How do we love someone who is living in blatant, continual sin? How do we love someone who is a negative influence on us?

A passage that sheds light on this issue is Jude 22-23, “Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.” We are called to show mercy to those who struggle in their walk with God. This could be applied to those in the church or outside of it. This means being patient and not turning away from them because of their bad choices. It means being willing to help them escape from the dangers of a sinful life. This is often times a messy business but it is the requirement of love. Jude adds a second part, which is a warning. We are to have “fear” when loving those who are hard to love. What kind of fear? It is a healthy understanding of the powerful influence of sin on us when we associate with those who practice it. This requires discernment about when and when not to spend time with them. We must choose what things we should talk about and what is unprofitable. It is such a strong warning that we are told to hate anything tainted by sin. A common phrase for this truth is “Hate the sin, love the sinner.” If we are able to do both, then we can love all people as Jesus intended.

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At CFBC, we exist to:
WORSHIP the Lord
WALK with Believers
WORK in the Church
WITNESS to the World

Weekly at First Baptist

- Sunday:** 9:00am - Time of prayer before Worship Service
 9:30am Worship Service - Communion is the first Sunday of every month.
 11:15am Sunday School for all ages
- Monday:** Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
 Choir at 6:30pm
- Tuesday:** Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
 Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10:00am - Studying "Discovering God In the Psalms"
 Men's Bible Study in Room 106 at 10:00am - Studying Genesis
 Men's Bible Study in the Library at 6:30pm - Studying 1 John
- Wednesday:** Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
 Youth Bible Study at 5:30pm; Youth Group at 6:30pm
 Awana at 6:20pm
 Ladies' Bible Study in Library at 6:30pm - Studying "*Foundations*" (*New Testament*) by Rob and Kandi Gallaty
- Thursday:** Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
 The Elder Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.
- Friday:** Office closed; Pastors' and Staff day off



The Youth continue to meet on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings! The Wednesday night Youth Group consists of game time or fellowship, worship, teaching through the Proverbs, and small group discussion and prayer time. Faithful volunteers are ministering to the youth each week! Please be praying for the spiritual growth of the youth, and for the Lord's wisdom and strength for the leaders!

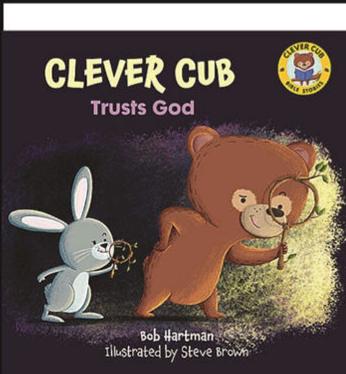


Updates will be shared via the Signal app. Please contact Hannah Short for access, or feel free to reach out to Chris Shook with any questions.



Library Kids' Corner"

Recommended Reading



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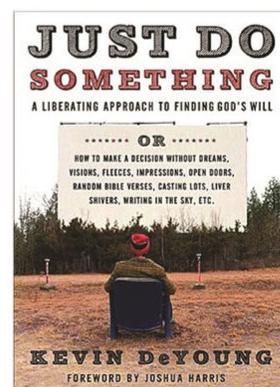
March 2026 Upcoming Events

- March 7 Awana Grand Prix | 10:00am
- March 14 Men's Breakfast | 9:00am
- March 18 No Awana
- March 21 Ladies' Tea | 1:00pm
- March 24 Fellowship potluck | 6:00pm, followed by FIGI seminar | 7:00pm
- March 29 Kids' Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School

Women's Retreat - May 15-17 at Quaker Hill

From the Library

Recommended Reading



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Ministry/Missions Spotlight - Terry and Lorie Lingel



Terry and Lorie Lingel have been members of CFBC since 1982. In 1988, our church commissioned them to answer the Lord's call to serve in Mexico, where they have been working throughout the country for the past 38 years. Their ministry is three-fold.

1. They work with poor children and their families, providing food, medical supplies, and daily necessities that enable the families to stay together so the children don't have to be given away in order to survive. As they deliver supplies personally to families' homes, they have many opportunities to share the Gospel and love of Jesus, and numerous people have come to the Lord as a result.

2. As people come to the Lord, Terry and Lorie help in planting new churches and then support local pastors in discipling and serving their congregations.

3. Terry and other team members also work in prisons and drug/alcohol rehab centers across Mexico where they have government approval to share the Lord. A video ministry has increased the attendance at all of their services and they reach over 400 people each week with the Gospel of Christ.

In addition to meeting with their team and ministering in cities throughout Mexico, Terry is also able to work remotely from his home in Middleton. He says, "It is always so rewarding to be able to keep a family together by providing food for them. And then seeing them come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and having them attend one of our church plants is such a joy! Lorie and I greatly appreciate all of the prayers and generous donations from CFBC which make our ministries possible. Thank you for standing by us over the many years of our service for the Lord and the many more years to come. May God bless each of you greatly."

Terry and Lorie



JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AS WE MEET TO PRAY
FOR OUR CHURCH AND FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE
9:00AM — DOWNSTAIRS IN ROOM 107

**MEN'S
Breakfast**

Saturday, March 14
9:00am

FIGI - Foundations In
Genesis Idaho

Tuesday, March 24

All-Church Fellowship
Potluck at 6:00pm; FIGI Seminar at 7:00pm

Featuring John Rajca, former director of the
Institute for Creation Research Museum

