



- 2 Olivia Schriock
- 4 Karen Jaspers
- 4 Gabby Tweten
- 4 Jennifer Woiwode
- 5 Linda Piehl
- 8 Clara Hanson
- 11 Nick Bruns
- 14 Darlene Diede
- 14 Brooke Fetch
- 15 Sue Steckler
- 16 Kandy Edwards
- 18 Kathy Grinsteiner
- 19 Jo Dee Ronan
- 20 Mitzi Hager
- 23 Colton Gumke
- 23 Ashton Johnson
- 26 Conner Aldinger
- 26 James Owen
- 27 Ronda Oslund
- 28 Kelly Spanier
- 28 LeRoy Lang
- 31 Braden Gahner
- 31 Nolan Love

NOTE: Great Adventure (children, ages 3-Grade 5) and **Youth** (Grades 6-12) will break until **January 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

- 1 Rick & Jacqueline Pfeiffer
- 9 Jacob & Angela Eldridge
- 9 Tim & Cara Prescott
- 17 Kevin & Lisa Wagner
- 20 Amos & Darlene Diede



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 NO S.S. 10:30 am Worship Lord's Supper	2	3	4 NO Great Adventure NO Youth	5	6	7 6:30 am DAWG Pound
8 9:20 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	9	10 6:30 pm Ladies' BSF	11 6:30 pm Great Adventure 6:30 pm Youth 7 pm TBC Prayer	12	13	14 6:30 am DAWG Pound Elders' Retreat January 13-14
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Lighting the Way Together

TO **WORSHIP** GOD, HELP PEOPLE TO **KNOW** JESUS CHRIST PERSONALLY, **GROW** TO BE LIKE HIM, **SHOW** HIS LOVE, AND **GO** WHERE HE LEADS . . . **TOGETHER.**



FROM
THE
LEAD
PASTOR

The move from 2016 to 2017 is a mere change of numbers. With or without us time marches on. As someone said, *What matters is not the days of our life, but the life in our days.* What matters to you?

When asked how we are doing we often use the phrase, *Busy.*

Time seems to be our most precious commodity. The irony is that with all the modern conveniences we enjoy and (allegedly) a limited work day, we seem to *have less time* than ever.

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Various stages of life are busier than others, like trying to balance work and college; work and family; work, family and children's activities; work and caring for others, etc. Been there and still doing that.

I struggle with getting out of the rat race (which makes me . . .). Would you like a change? What is driving us? Why do we continue like we do? Is there another way? How do we begin to think and then act differently?

One of the most powerful witnesses we can have as kingdom citizens is to demonstrate how we steward God's gift to us of time.

Beginning January 1 we will look at various passages in God's word to learn about time from God's perspective. (A time for everything. What is a day? Rest. Using time wisely. Eternity. Past, present and future. Margin.) **Please share questions, suggestions, scripture texts and other**

resources you find to be helpful in addressing this topic.

The title of the series is: *It's About Time.* My intent is to let God's word challenge and encourage us, while also providing simple practices to help us learn a different way, a more joy-filled way, God's way. I welcome your prayers. Please make our Sunday morning gatherings a priority.

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Psalm 139:16

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12



Who is my neighbor?

Over the past couple of months I have enjoyed ending my days by reading from Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House on the Prairie* series. (Not many 29-year-old men would admit to that!) I am fascinated by the sheer determination and willpower it took to settle the Northern Plains during the latter part of the 19th century. Although the early settlers were largely independent – as was the Ingalls' case – there were times when they relied on their neighbors for help, especially for monumental endeavors such as building their homes or raising their barns. As someone that grew up in the rural Northern Plains I saw firsthand the importance of having AND being a good neighbor. Living in town you may consider your neighbors to be those living in the house or apartment right next door, and for those of you that grew up in the country, you know that people don't need to live right next door to be considered your neighbors. For the Ingalls there were times where their closest neighbors lived anywhere from fifteen to thirty miles away by way of horse and covered wagon!

In Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus challenges believers to engage their neighbors when he speaks these words, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbor as yourself." So, I think this begs the question, *Who is my neighbor?* Our neighbors are quite literally anyone with whom we come in contact on any given day.

A couple of weeks ago a young man who works as a pharmacist (part of our Life Group) shared that he has been more intentional about taking time to listen to his patients' stories. I think we were all taken by surprise when he shared some of the painful stories that he hears on a regular basis at the pharmacy. Some topics brought to the pharmacy include stories of lost loved ones, poor health, and financial stress that often keep patients from being able to afford their medication. The pharmacist stated that he not only noticed a positive change in the demeanor of his patients when he took time to listen to them, but also a positive change in his own outlook on work and service.

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How do we **love our neighbor** as ourselves? As believers, how do we love our brothers/sisters in Christ as He loved us? Our "neighbor" (see above) is anyone the Lord brings across our path, one who is in need. Later (Matthew 25) Jesus indicates that we are His sheep if we serve Him by serving His brothers, even the "least of these"--as though we are serving Him. How can we care for the "least of these" as we would care for Jesus? Feeding, giving drink, welcoming, clothing, visiting? What are the needs, and how can we respond? How can we learn to "see" the needs? **Your input/suggestions are requested!** Please contact the church office (952-0822 or office@jamestowntbc.org).

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.



Matthew 25:40

Troy & Beth Ann Kramlich Family

Background: Troy grew up on a farm near Crystal Springs, south of I-94. Beth Ann's growing up years were spent in New Mexico and Arizona while her parents served as missionaries with the Evangelical Church (NM) and with World Gospel Mission (AZ). Born in North Dakota, she and her family returned to Crystal Springs when she was a sophomore in high school. Troy and Beth Ann's families knew each other; they attended the same church in Crystal Springs. They began dating after Beth Ann started college.

Family: Savannah, 19, is currently a freshman at the University of Jamestown. She is majoring in Biology with minors in Chemistry/Character in Leadership. Her goal (since the 6th grade) is to go on to optometry school. Maleeka, an 8th grader, is a busy young lady. Her interests include music, theater, swimming, student council and youth group. Cedric, a 4th grader, has a great interest in weather information, soccer and anything associated with the Titanic. (He has built various replicas of the infamous ship with his Legos.)

Vocation: Beth Ann is employed at the Human Service Center as a program manager: she works with individuals with developmental delays or those at risk for such delays. Troy recently started working as a welder for DuraTech Industries.

Hobbies: The Kramlich family enjoys camping and road trips (to anywhere!). They spend a lot of time attending their children's events: concerts, plays, practices. Fishing is also a fun family activity, but they practice "catch and release"--not knowing how to clean the fish! The girls enjoy "movie nights"; Troy and Maleeka enjoy the Saturday-night races.

Spiritual Background: Living in a Christian home, Beth Ann grew up hearing/knowing about Jesus. She made a commitment to Him when she was six years old (Streeter). Her growth and maturity has been a process; a Teen Missions trip to Holland (high school) was a time of growth and learning to rely on Christ. Troy made a commitment to Christ when he was 11-12 years old during VBS in the Crystal Springs Church. Troy and Beth Ann came to TBC because their kids really enjoyed the children's ministry--especially Awana. They also appreciated the music and the larger number of young families with children.

Did you know?

- Beth Ann is scared to death of self-serve ice cream machines!
- Troy, while dating Beth Ann, went to Valley Fair--riding all the rides (except one), even though he doesn't like amusement parks!



Daring Faith Series
January 8, 2017
Video with Discussion

- *Dare to Believe
- *Dare to Imagine
- *Dare to Wait on God . . .

Contact Blake Reed for details.

Sundays, 9:20 am
Adult Classes

Study in Galatians
(Meeting in the sanctuary)

- *Gospel of Jesus Christ (not of man)
- *Righteousness by Faith
- *Justification . . .
- *Led by Garrett Tyson