



Saturday, March 14

9:30am-3:30pm

Girls 7th-12th grades

\$15 pre-register/\$20 at the door

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Girls' Conference

FBC Ramsey

March Events

- 3/1 Sunday Night Fellowship @6 pm
- 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Change
- 3/11 Business Meeting @7pm
- 3/14 R3 Girls' Conference
- 3/15 Deacon Ordination @2pm
- 3/20 Lighthouse
- 3/23 Sweet Monday
- 3/25 Lord's Supper @ 7pm

FBC Ramsey Newsletter, March 2020

This year we are celebrating our 5th Girls' Conference!

This is an amazing outreach event sponsored by the R3 Women's Ministry designed to reach girls in grades seven thru twelve with the power of the Gospel.

We believe girls need to be encouraged in their every day life to build healthy relationships and grow spiritually. They need to know they are loved by God and valued by their community, and they need safe place to have fun and ask questions about life and truth.

R3 Girls' Conference starts with a coffee bar & breakfast snacks and moves to worship & a message from Keely West, a young lady who was impacted by our very first Girls' Conference back in 2015! Girls will be able to attend two breakout sessions from the eight being offered. These breakout sessions discuss practical issues like friendships, Bible study, prayer and forgiveness, and are led by local women of various ages.

Lunch is always a good time: homemade soup and sandwiches plus a very impressive dessert table followed by group games and fun! But our favorite part of the day is the Q&A session where girls ask life questions anonymously and get answers from real women based in God's Word.

It's our prayer that every girl at the conference takes away truth, encouragement and a desire to live for Christ because they know they are loved. Help us spread the word by inviting the young women in your life to the R3 Girls' Conference!

For more information about R3 and to get registered contact the office or visit our website
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From Pastor Jeff

"For in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed - a righteousness that is by faith from the first to the last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" Psalm 65:4

We are now fully in the midst of our year of being Gospel Centered. Our theme verse highlights that the Gospel is all about the righteousness of God being revealed. We have seen God's righteousness being revealed this year, but when people think of the gospel in the context of church, the issue of growth always is a part of the conversation. The problem with this is that we only look at growth in the context of numbers. Do we have more people in church now than last week, last month or last year? There are a couple of huge problems with this perspective:

First, it shows we're looking at church with the world's view rather than God's. God is not nearly as interested in the numbers as you and I are. He is more concerned with reaching each individual with this great news for their lives than He is with getting their seat in a seat.

Second, God's view of success is very different than our view. Is success a number or are we more connected to God today than yesterday? More obedient? More generous? More willing to be stretched by Him? Those things should count more than numbers.

Third, focusing on numerical growth turns the church towards a business model and away from a family model. We are not people not seeking but rather seeking a closeness to God and each other.

Finally, growth-centeredness cheapens the mission and love of God. We are to seek to make Him known, not seek to get more from Him. It is a shift from getting to giving.

We are not sharing in order to get more people into church because we want to be the biggest church around... Or because we are afraid of what might happen to the church if no one new comes in... Or because we feel it some kind of religious obligation commanded in Scripture. No! We are sharing because we have such an incredible God who created and loves us and made a way for us to know Him! He wants to commune with us and show us who He is and how we can know Him more. The Gospel is about Him!

That is why the church motto is so important for us to remember:

To KNOW Christ and To make HIM known.



From Pastor Andrew



I want to thank you for all the prayers, support, and for welcoming us into the community. I am happy to share two praise reports first our home in Florida is now under contract and scheduled to close in March. More importantly I am overjoyed to announce that my wife April is pregnant with our first child. We have been asking the Lord to bless us with a child for some time now, we are grateful for His timing and provisions in all of this. We are also grateful to raise a child here in Ramsey. Thank you too all who have been praying for our home to sell and please keep April and our baby in your prayers.

Want to go to Russia with us this summer?

Dates are June 23-July 3

Talk to Pastor Jeff about the details! He would love to help you be part of this life-changing experience working together with fellow believers to reach the people of Russia with the Gospel!

Deposit needed by April 5

FBC Ramsey is now accepting applications for the position of church secretary.

Applications may be picked up and dropped off in the box outside Pastor Jeff's office and will be accepted through April 30

For details or questions about the position please see one of the members of the personnel committee: Jim Lay, Gerald Casey, Shane Hadley, Robert Warner, Travis Elliott or email office@fbcramsey.org

Ministry to Men

Our Ministry To Men will be hosting a concealed carry class for women and men on Saturday, April 18 and 25. Classroom work and range time are both required and you should plan on 8 hours both days. The cost for the course is \$100 per person (additional license fees are required and NOT included in the cost of the course). Your registration form, a copy of your driver's license and FOID card and your check (payable to FBC Ramsey) are due by March 29. To reserve your spot, please contact Travis Elliott, David McFarland or Isiah Miller.

Leader Spotlight

Debbie Lay-Sweet Monday

- **What made you start a ministry called "Sweet Monday" for women?**

I prayed about a personal ministry after I retired. One of my good Christian friends and mentor, Linda Cochran, encouraged me and shared information she had used called "Sweet Monday". The focus is getting to know one another and sharing what Christ has done in our lives.

- **What is your favorite thing about living on a farm?**

I love everything about living on a farm: Seeing crops grow, gardening, and enjoying nature all around us. We loved raising our 3 sons on our farm. Farming in Illinois requires a strong faith and trust in the Lord.

- **What are you reading or listening to these days?**

I enjoy reading the Bible and our Sunday School material and watching old western movies and baking shows with our grandchildren.

- **What's your favorite sweet treat?**

My favorite sweet treat is fresh fruit. Definitely been enjoying our strawberries and peaches from the freezer this winter.

Sweet Monday

**March 23- 10am @ Cheryl Staff's
(testimony by Charlotte Beck)**



Spark!

Spark is a monthly opportunity for kids in grades 3-6 to come have fun, worship Christ & have new experiences together! We had 15 kids come to Spark this month. Before the activities Pastor Andrew shared his testimony and a personal story that motivates him to share the gospel. The boys and girls were split up for the evening activities. The boys had a blast launching foam darts around the gym. Meanwhile the girls were diligently crafting some Valentine's gifts for their families with April and Lillie. The boys were not thrilled at first about crafts, but some motivation from Mr. Eddy and the bribe of snacks quickly changed their moods. The boys ended up having a good time making the Valentine's crafts and then got a final chance to play against the girl's nerf gun team in the gym. Feedback from parents in the community was positive: they liked receiving information about Spark in the school take home folders and were happy the church was offering something for younger kids. Thanks to all the youth and adults who helped make this happen! Please pray that Spark opens doors to meet families and the Holy Spirit would draw them to faith in Jesus Christ.



There will be no Spark this month due to Ramsey Grade School Jamboree

Valentine's Brunch



Last month FBC Youth invited the senior adults of the church to a special Valentine's brunch just for them. The youth were happy to give back in this way and are thankful for all the support and love the seniors give to them! Seniors and teens enjoyed getting to know more about one another over plates of pancakes and sausages. The Valentine's Brunch is a picture of a healthy congregation and the results of leaving a legacy of faith. Seeing generations come together in the shared love of Christ, one gratefully serving another, was a beautiful thing!



Annie Armstrong Offering for NAMB

The month of March is designated as the month for prayer and special offering for North American Missions. The money collected goes directly to missions and church planting efforts in Illinois, the United States & Canada.

Offering envelopes can be picked up at the church office or in the seat pockets during services.

To learn more about who Annie Armstrong was, check out the display table in the library!

To learn more about the offering and mission projects, go to www.anniearmstrong.com

We are reading through the Bible together this year!

Join us in the "Blended" Reading Plan on the Bible app or pick up a reading list in the basket in the foyer at church.

If you would like a list sent to you, please call or email the office:
office@fbcramsey.org

March Food Pantry

- Kool-Aid
- Jello & Pudding Mix
- Pudding & jello packs (small containers)
- Cake mix & icing
- Canned milk
- Canned tomatoes & tomato sauce

Sunday Night Fellowship

March 1 @ 6pm

It's Pizza Night! Church provides the pizza and drinks. Everyone else bring salads, finger foods or desserts to share.

Lord's Supper Celebration

Wednesday, March 25 @ 7pm

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper as a church family on Wednesday night this quarter. Our usual midweek activities will be cancelled so that baptized believers of any age can participate in this special time of celebrating Christ's sacrifice for us.

Celebrate March Birthdays!

- Feb 29 Mistie Adermann
- 1 Hayden Seaton
 - 2 Brooke Benhoff
 - 3 Katie Braning
 - 5 Marie Kleiboeker
 - 7 Kendra Lorton
 - 15 Connor Summerlott
 - 15 Sandy Cook
 - 18 Sarah McDonald
 - 25 Mike McDonald
 - 29 Landen Clark

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1 Sunday Night Fellowship @ 6pm	2	3 	4 All Activities 7pm	5 FCA 7:30am @ RHS	6	7
8	9	10	11 Business Meeting 7pm	12	13 	14 R3 Girls' Conference 9:30am-3:30am
15 Deacon Ordination Service @ 2pm	16	17 	18 All Activities 7pm	19 FCA 7:30am @ RHS	20 Lighthouse 6:30-9:30pm	21 Men's Breakfast @7am
22	23 Sweet Monday 10am	24	25 Lord's Supper 7pm	26	27 	28 
29 Deacon's Meeting 5pm	30	31				
Sunday Activities 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 6pm Bible Study			Wednesday Activities 7pm Mission Kids Ignite Bible Study 7:50pm Family Prayer			

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING & PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS THIS MONTH- GO TO WWW.ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

 Indicates building is in use on that date for events outside of church activities.