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Pastor Mark's Minute:

Maybe you were like me when you were young and collected sports cards. I've got hundreds and hundreds of them. Some are more valuable than others. That statement is curious to me. Some are more valuable than others. Because, logically, they should all be of the same value. Right? They are all made from the same card stock with the same kind of ink. So, what sets some apart from all of the others? The picture on the front plays a part in determining what a card is worth. Maybe one player had better statistics, or won more awards, or there were less of that card printed or it's an older card. And of course, how well the card has been treated over time helps in determining its value.

The truth is, the intrinsic value is determined by how much someone is willing to pay. All of that leads me to...how much do you think you are worth?

Let me give you a few thoughts about value: Just like a baseball card or a vehicle or a Mr. Potato Head, we can use the same worldly system for determining our value or self-worth. What's your age? What kind of damage has been done to you? What have you accomplished? Is anyone else interested?

When I'm thinking straight, I prefer to listen to what God has to say about my value. If you struggle like I occasionally do, listen to this, if you believe you are not enough, neither were 2 fish and 5 loaves enough, but when they were given to Jesus, He made them more than enough to feed thousands.

If you believe you are not worth much because of the hard times you've faced or maybe even because of some terrible decisions you've made, listen to this, yes, you have scars to prove you have a past, but guess what, Jesus Christ has scars to prove you have a future! You are enough! You are more than enough!

If you mistakenly believe you are not worth much, listen to this, a steak can cost \$10.00 at a supermarket, \$25.00 at a diner, and \$150.00 at a high-end restaurant. Same steak. The only thing that changed was its location.

The next time you feel worthless or undervalued, ask yourself if you are just in the wrong place, maybe even with the wrong people.

You see, Jesus values you, He declared, "I love you. You are to die for!"

Give your life to Jesus! He makes you more than enough.

And why don't you join us at church, we see great value in you, just as you are.

I love you and can't wait to see you soon...especially on Sunday!

Men's & Ladies Bible Study Groups

Our Bible Study Groups meet each Sunday evening at 6:30pm in the upstairs classrooms. All adults encouraged to join us!

Awana

Our Awana group (ages 5-6th grade) will be meeting on Wednesdays, December 3rd, and 10th, and 17th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. We'll have a three-week break for Christmas and New Years and return on January 14th.

Thank you, Awana Leaders: Mabel, Angie, Gary, Linda, Hannah & Pastor Mark!
And thank you Ryan and Marlea for doing a fantastic job subbing for us!!!

The New Fred Challenge for 2026

The Bible is filled with promises on how God can change your life when you study His Word—*"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."* Joshua 1:8

It's never too late to start regularly reading Scripture, and we have a simple plan that can help you spend time in God's Word every day in the New Year. When you decide to use the simple New Fred's Chronological NT Challenge Bible reading plan, it will help you grow closer to Jesus Christ this year. This Challenge Guide contains suggested readings for every day of the year.

I, _____, pledge to do all I can to read or listen through the New Testament Chronologically in 2026.

Read or listen to the New Testament Chronologically in 2026. Invest time every day in Bible reading or listening and prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand what you are reading. Check off each chapter as you read it. Attached is a reading schedule for you to keep.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Our traditional Christmas Eve Service with communion will be on Wednesday, December 24th @ 9:00pm.

Community Prayer Group

We come together to pray for our kids and our community on Sunday, December 7th @ 5:30pm-6:30pm in the sanctuary @ BWC. There is power in prayer! Join us!!!

Christmas Word Search Puzzle 2025

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 D I U L O N Z N D L H O S A M T S I R H C P L E
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BETHLEHEM	CHRISTMAS	ELIZABETH	FIRSTBORN	SHEPHERDS	SWADDLING	ZACHARIAS
BELIEVED	NAZARETH	PONDERED	PRAISING	BLESSED	GALILEE	MAHNIFY
MANAGER	ANGELS	BEHOLD	CAESAR	JOSEPH	MANGER	MIGHTY
MOTHER	NOROOM	PEOPLE	SAVIOR	DAVID	FIELD	FRUIT
HEROD	JESUS	JUDEA	MERCY	NIGHT	PEACE	SHEEP
SYRIA	TAXED	WOMEN	BABE	FEAR	HOLY	JOHN
LORD	MARY	RICH	SIGN	WOMB	GOD	INN
JOY						

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"Merry Christmas from BWC...because we care...about you!"

Renovate Before '28 - Partial PROJECT LIST

Next on our 'Renovate before '28' schedule are the downstairs bathrooms. We need your help with painting, laying flooring, installing new countertops, etc. Other items to be done are: various painting, new name plates installed on the Memorial Plaque, motion-activated light switches installed in the restrooms and basement. After the downstairs bathrooms are complete, the upstairs lobby is next. We want to paint, purchase new furniture/fixtures, replace drinking fountains, add a new coffee/snack bar, more TV's. Contact our Trustee Chairman, Brian Piersee or Pastor Mark to sign up.

"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, *as each part does its work.*" Ephesians 4:16

Youth Group

Our Youth and Leaders will be off to The **Xtreme Christian Conference** in Branson, MO on December 27th @ 8:00am and return on the 29th @ approximately 11:00pm. Remember them in your prayers for safe travels and for God's Holy Spirit to move in their hearts.

Our Youth Group meets on Wednesday nights @ 6:00pm.

The Youth Group is selling **2026 Christian Wall Calendars** for **\$10.00** each. Each calendar has beautiful scenery for each month and Bible verses to keep you encouraged. You can pick one up in the foyer or see a youth. They make great stocking stuffers and are super gifts for that hard-to-shop for person on your list.



The Giving Tree

Our Missionary Giving Tree is how we are able to encourage our missionaries at the Christmas Season. Here is how it works: The Giving Tree is in the foyer. On it are cards with each missionary's name, the gift idea, and the price. Pick out a card, take the 1st copy with you, put your name on the 2nd copy of that card and leave it on the tree. Then bring your financial gift to the church on or before December 17th and we'll collect them and send them off to each missionary for Christmas. Because shipping is so expensive, we'll collect the money you give, and send it to each missionary and they will do the shopping, wrapping, etc.

Our Missionaries: Isaac, Amy, Ian & Karis **Thompson**; George, Sheree, Daniel, Nathan, Joel & Caleb **Wuertz**; Casey, Kendra, Anna & JD **Culver**; Chelsey **Horkman**; Peter, Brenda, Hannah, Matthew, Catherine & Debbie **Burgos**, Kyle, Melodee, Juliana, Levi & Isabella **Webb**; Jason, Kerensa, Mollyn & Nehemiah **McFrederick**.