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From The Pastor's Desk

Humility is a funny thing. Perhaps I should say it is a fleeting thing. One minute you have a hold of it. You have prayed about it and dissected it to the point that your mind is perfectly clear that what you want is not for yourself, but for the Lord - for His Glory, not yours.

Then you set about your daily life and somewhere along the way, sometime between lunch and supper, your mind sees something you want done, or even something that needs to be done and you get so focused in on it that you forget to ask God if it is important to His Glory. You don't even think about asking God if He cares if it is done, or how it is done, or by whom it is done.

That is the case with me. I see something that I perceive MUST be done and I immediately start in to get it fixed. Being the impatient soul that I am, and anything but humble by nature, my mind establishes a solution and sets about "Fixing."

After all, I had already ask God to guide me throughout the day, and I am sure my heart and motives are pure, so why not? Isn't this the best for everyone? Aren't I doing it so no one else will have to? Won't everyone say wow, that Roger is a true servant and always thinking of others; isn't he always willing to serve; and, isn't he just the smartest person we could ever have chosen to be our Interim Pastor...

Oh, the motive was righteous in the beginning (I think), but now it is not about service and doing for others, but about what this service I'm doing does for me and my image. And at this point, if someone steps in to help, or with a different idea about what needs to be done, or how to do it, I have a built in prejudice against them, because it is not about God anymore, it is about me; and my ego; and self-righteousness is ruling me not the Holy Spirit.

Now, all of a sudden, I look up to God and I say, "Where did I get so off track? How did this become about me?" What happened to humility, grace and service?

Heavenly Father, help me to focus on you and overcome me. As John the Baptizer prayed, "Jesus must increase, but I must decrease."

Father, I realize John was talking about other people's perceptions of him, and his own perception of himself. I am already infinitesimal in comparison with you. Give me the wisdom and discernment to be mindful of my place in Your House.

Amen

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

January 17, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

NFH Greeters: Dave & Nancy Boettger
East Doors: Gene & Darlene Arentsen
Nursery : Jeff & Emily Hundt
Next Week: Gary & Barb Wirtjes
Ushers: Mike & Lori Weisenborn family

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

ADULT PRAYER TIME IN NFH

9:30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

10:30—TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Greeters: Glen & Rosalie French
Nursery : Les & Deb Outhouse
Next Week: Brent & Terri Soll
Ushers: Keith Fiscus, Kent Morgan, Dean Bartelson, and Dave Outhouse

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

As we begin the new year, this is the perfect time to check over your personal contact information and make sure it is up-to-date. Do we have your correct address, phone number (including cell), email address, etc...

FOR THE RECORD

January 10, 2010

Sunday School	99
Previous Sunday	43
Morning Worship -8:00... 108	10:30... 86
Previous Sunday - 8:00... 112	10:30... 110
Morning Worship A Year Ago	237

TITHES & OFFERINGS

January 10, 2010

2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund	\$5,875.25
General Fund Offering	\$3,476.93
Missions	\$255.00

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Allyn & Bev Bartelson
- Bob Burton
- Viola Waddell
- Darlene Blakely
- June Schleimer's Aunt Bonnie
- BYF Ministry
- Our sister churches in Latvia
- Eldora Peterson
- Geraldine Hansen
- Pastoral Search
- Lori Fast (Lucille Paulsen's granddaughter)
- Our troops
- SCCO

SUPER BOWL XLIV

Super Bowl XLIV is on Sunday, February 7, 2010 and you're invited to the game on the big screen in the New Fellowship Hall. Pastor Manning and Jodie (Jodie says she is not coming unless Dallas is playing) will provide the hot-dogs, popcorn and other goodies and it's all free. Mark your calendar now and bring the whole family.

FAITH SOUND

On Sunday, February 7th, Faith Sound will perform in the New Fellowship Hall at 10:30. Our 8:00 service will be in the Sanctuary and the Sunday School schedule for children and adults will be normal.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1-9 Jim & Cindy Heilesen
1-22 Stanley & Joan Martens
1-22 Fred & Susan Nelson
1-30 Verle & Marie Arentesen

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1-2 Mary McCumber	1-15 Matt McDermott
1-2 Michael Cain	1-15 Samuel Andersen
1-2 Taylor Fah	1-16 Janet Swensen
1-4 Bryan Greve	1-17 Luetta Moore
1-4 Matthew Nannings	1-17 Griffin Schleimer
1-5 Leasa Brouillard	1-17 Tony Vis
1-7 Kathleen Sorensen	1-18 Judy Zea
1-8 Susan Sorensen	1-19 Mike Weisenborn
1-8 Bethany Hester	1-20 Lori Svendsen
1-10 Nancy Sorensen	1-24 Cindy Heilesen
1-10 Howard Lansman	1-24 Austin Kolbe
1-12 Jeremy Walker	1-26 Lincoln Clays
1-14 Tara Knudsen	1-27 Ron French
1-15 Karla Berndt	

ANNUAL REPORT DUE

The 2010 Annual Report will be compiled this month. The deadline for reports is January 15. Reports are due from all Diaconate division leaders including Moderator, Church Clerk, as well as BYF and Sunday School leaders and teachers. Reports do not need to be long, just a summary of what has gone on in your area of the ministry in 2009 of interest to the church family. What a neat way to share the excellent ministry going on in this church! Reports can be emailed to the church office at baptist@fbcharlan.org.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

6:00 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study
6:30-8:00 pm - Griefshare
7:00-9:00 pm - Fresh Start

Tuesday

2:00 pm - Serendipity Adult Bible Study in Seeker's classroom

Wednesday

5:30 - 8 pm - BYF

Thursday

6:30 - Contemporary Worship Band in NFH
7:30 - Contemporary Worship Team in NFH

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Are you involved in a ministry at FBC Harlan? It's not so much that we need your help (although) we do, it is that God wants you involved. Don't be an "Arm Chair Christian." Here are some of the ministries in which you might serve:

- Music - Vocal and Instrument
- Technical - Web, Video, Audio, Service Prep
- Children's Education - Sunday School, BYF, Children's Church, VBS
- Adult Education - Sunday School, small groups, special classes and events.
- Visitation - Home, Hospital, Nursing homes
- Hospitality - Kitchen, Greeting
- Library -

THANK YOU

Everyone who brought meals to us after the birth of our baby girl Addie. We appreciate the time your guys spent on us so that we can spend more time with our baby!

Todd, Susan & Addie Berndt

TO ALL OUR FBC FRIENDS

This has been a year of challenge for us (especially my knee). After 2 surgeries and much therapy things are really improving. Thank you for the food, prayers, cards, flowers, and phone calls. With much love,

Dave & Pat Pedersen

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY

I wish to thank you all very much for your kindness extended to me during my recent hospital stay. I so appreciated the cards and food that were sent but most of all your prayers and your caring.

Crystal Pash

The purpose of the First Baptist Church is to bring people to Jesus and to develop them to Christ-like maturity.