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#### From The Pastor's Desk

The pictures from Haiti are bloody and cruel. They are filled with devastation and death, broken bodies and broken buildings. Everywhere you look there is an appeal from this charity, or that; some you've never heard of before, asking for money to help the people.

First of all, you should already know of good, trustworthy, Godly charitable organizations where your money will be put to good and proper use when you donate. There are not too many of us who could not have afforded to give to financially poor people around the world before they were struck by a natural disaster. If this is your first time, I would suggest One Great Hour of Sharing.

So, now that they have been hit with a tragedy, we are responding, we are praying for them, we are sending money; some of us are actually going to Haiti to search for the injured and administer aid and supplies. What is different between today and a week ago? A week ago, why didn't we wake up with a sick feeling in our stomach just thinking about all the people in Haiti, Somalia, China, Africa (fill in the blank) who were suffering without our involvement, without our help, without our prayers?

It is because we don't perceive that a man, woman or child is all that bad off as long as they are not the victim of some unexpected catastrophe. I would suggest to you that the wealthiest man in America who lives his life in luxury from morning to night is in worse shape than the poor soul in Haiti, trapped beneath a collapsed building, if he doesn't know Jesus as his savior.

Oh, I know, you would never disagree with me, not openly anyway, but here's the deal. I just said it and I didn't wake up last week with a sick feeling in my stomach because of the poor people all over the world who don't know Jesus. I dare say not many of us did.

So, pray for the Haitians, send money to help them now, but when this disaster is over and life gets back to normal for you, which will be long, long before it is for those people, try to keep your mind focused on the poorest people in the world – **those who do not know the Lord**. Pray and send your money to missionaries who are giving the bread of life to those poor people in other countries of the world; those in the rest of the United States of America; those in Council Bluffs; and, those in Harlan, IA.

Pastor

#### SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

January 17, 2010

#### 8:00 - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

**NFH Greeters:** Delaney & Austin Knudsen  
**East Doors:** Will Lansman  
**Nursery :** Gary & Barb Wirtjes  
**Next Week:** Jim & Janet Swensen  
**Ushers:** Mike & Lori Weisenborn family

#### 9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

**Nursery:** Gary & Barb Wirtjes  
**Next Week:** Jim & Janet Swensen

#### 9:15 - ADULT PRAYER TIME IN NFH

#### 9:30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

#### 10:30—TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Mary & Tabitha Ahrenholtz  
**Nursery :** Brent and Terri Soll  
**Next Week:** Amanda Outhouse & Nikki Greve  
**Ushers:** Keith Fiscus, Kent Morgan, Dean Bartelson, and Dave Outhouse

#### FEED MY SHEEP

Since many of us forgot about the 3rd Sunday last week, we will have the "Feed My Sheep" barrel out again this week for your contributions of non-perishable food to feed the poor. Don't forget!

#### FOR THE RECORD

January 17, 2010

<b>Sunday School</b>	91
<b>Previous Sunday</b>	99
<b>Morning Worship -8:00... 112</b>	<b>10:30... 108</b>
<b>Previous Sunday - 8:00... 108</b>	<b>10:30... 86</b>
<b>Morning Worship A Year Ago</b>	237

#### TITHES & OFFERINGS

January 17, 2010

<b>2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund</b>	\$5,875.25
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	\$2,953.39
<b>Missions</b>	\$300.00
<b>One Great Hour of Hope - Haiti</b>	\$175.00

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

## 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.

## 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 (Yes, Jodie is coming, even though Dallas is not playing) will provide the **Big Fat Hotdogs, popcorn and other goodies** and it's all **free** for the **whole family**. We'll have chairs, but bring a blanket if you want to spread out on the floor.

## MOVING HELP NEEDED THURSDAY

SCCO is asking for volunteers to help a single mom and her 4 young children move from the transitional mobile home to a 2 bedroom house. Her 2 older children go to BYF and she is in the Women's Bible Study. Call Barb Wirtjes at 579-5128.

## SCCO THANKS YOU

Because of privacy issues SCCO doesn't see who the individuals are making donations to their ministry through FBC and can't give you individual thank-you's, but you know who you are, and certainly God does. **SCCO thanks YOU** for your continued support in 2010.

Additionally, SCCO thanks FBC's Vacation Bible School for adopting them as their designated mission and the wonderful job the kids did in 2009 to raise funds for the ministry.

## RECOGNIZING OUR OWN

Congratulations to church Moderator, Jeff Larson, just appointed Chief District Judge.

Janeen Jensen will present a vocal recital at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Omaha, Sunday January 24th at 3 p.m.

## 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 has been discontinued indefinitely.**

### **Wednesday**

5:30 - 8 pm - BYF

### **Thursday**

12:00 Noon - ABW will meet at the Pizza Ranch

## **CHURCH OFFICERS – 2010**

Years noted indicate term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup> for that year.

INTERIM PASTOR – Rev. Roger Manning

MODERATOR – Jeff Larson - 2010

CHURCH CLERK – Rowly Burton - 2010

TREASURER – Randy Nelson - 2010

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES – Gene & Darlene Arentson - 2010

WOMF Chair – Dallas McDermott - 2010

WORSHIP DIVISION– Shelli Larson – 2011

Special Music - Barb Wirtjes and Helen Warren

Baby/Funeral Flower Coordinator – Lori Weisenborn

ORDINANCE DIVISION – Dave Pedersen – 2010

MEMBERSHIP/FELLOWSHIP DIVISION – Brian & Dorene Smith- 2012

CHRISTIAN GROWTH & AWARENESS – John Gilliland & Terri Soll-2012

Christian Ed & Leadership Division – Arlin Sorensen – 2010

Sunday School Superintendents – Arlin Sorensen

Librarian – Trish Stremler

Youth & Children Division – Howard & Tara Lansman - 2011

Nursery –

Vacation Bible School –

B.Y. F. Coordinators – Jim & Janet Swensen

Assistant Coordinators - Joel & Karla Berndt

Christmas Program –

Camping – Arlin Sorensen & Jim Zea

PROPERTY & FINANCE – Joel Berndt - 2011

Property Division– Corey Sorensen - 2010

Finance Division – Brad Sorensen -2012

Budget – Property and Finance Division

Audit – Randy Nelson, David Outhouse, Phil Perkins, Verl

Arentson, & Keith Fiscus

Memorial – Bonnie Fiscus, Myron Sorensen, Dave Outhouse &

Edie Shetler

Scholarship –

COMMUNITY & WORLD OUTREACH – David & Trish Stremler-2012

Personal Outreach Division –Helen Warren - 2012

Social Concerns Division – Jennifer Perkins – 2010

LIGHT OF THE WORLD Chair – Marjorie Plagman-2012

Special Offerings:

America For Christ

One Great Hour of Sharing

World Mission Offering

Retired Ministers & Missionaries

MISSION DIVISION – James Nelson – 2011

Mission News – Ruth Sorensen

A.B.W./Ruth Circle –

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (not on the Diaconate)

Terry Arentson - 2011

Jim Swensen – 2010

Gary Wirtjes—2012

The Diaconate Board is composed of the 21 persons holding the positions underlined above; that is, the 6 General Offices, the 5 Department Coordinators, and the 11 Division Chairpersons.

## ANNUAL REPORT DUE

The deadline is past for reports for the 2010 Annual Report and there are still some out. PLEASE, this needs to get completed in the next few days. If you need help or more information, please contact Jennifer in the church office ([baptist@fbcharlan.org](mailto:baptist@fbcharlan.org)), or Jeff Larson.

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