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From the Pastor's Desk

The old Garth Brooks country songs says, "Sometimes I thank God for unanswered prayers." The theology might not be the best, there are no unanswered prayer, but the message is an extremely good one - one worth examining.

I got an email from a friend asking me to join a facebook page fighting to get a morning radio show in Beaumont, TX re-instated. The station there took off their beloved morning show and replaced it with one on satellite from Nashville, TN. My initial reaction was, when the station I worked for there in Beaumont did the same thing to me, why didn't they start a website to get me back on the air?

Wait a minute! If my prayers, and the prayers of listener/supporters/friends, for God to step in and end the madness had been answered with His intervention, I would not be a full time pastor today. I would not have the honor, blessing, and joy of studying God's word all week and teaching what I learn every Sunday.

My own personal faith and trust in God's divine wisdom and providence was at a much lower level back then, evidenced by the fact that I did pray that He would "DO" something about these "unfair and irresponsible" actions by others which I could not control.

But something was different by the time the same thing happened at the radio station in Omaha. When they decided to cut back and let the morning show go, my mind never even went to prayer for God's intervention. As a matter of fact, my immediate reaction was, "Thank you God for whatever you are doing here. Thank you for making me a part of this plan."

Now I look back to all the times in my life when things were not going as I planned them, all my efforts to fix them, all my prayers to God to fix them, because they didn't meet my expectations. In every case I can remember I ended up unhappy with the outcome. Now I realize I was unhappy, not because I ended up in the worst place, quite the contrary, I have always landed on my feet, but they didn't end up the way I thought they should be. I wasn't in control.

Today I don't pray for God's help to make anything I want come true. I ask for wisdom to understand what He wants for me; patience to wait until He is ready to lead me to it; and, courage to do what it is He has ordained for me. Then, I thank Him for allowing me to be a part of **His Plan** - "I thank God for un-answered prayers."

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

January 31, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

NFH Greeters: Randy & Pat Pash
East Doors: Tom & Sandy Walker
Nursery : Jim & Janet Swensen
Next Week: Tom & Dana Williams
Ushers: Mike & Lori Weisenborn family

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

Nursery: Jim & Janet Swensen
Next Week: Tom & Dana Williams

9:15 - ADULT PRAYER TIME IN NFH

9:30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

10:30—TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Greeters: Verl & Marie Arentson
Nursery : Amanda Outhouse & Nikki Greve
Next Week: Bob & Bonnie Burton
Ushers: Keith Fiscus, Kent Morgan, Dean Bartelson, and Dave Outhouse

FOR THE RECORD

January 24, 2010

Sunday School		94
Previous Sunday		90
Morning Worship -8:00...	124	10:30... 90
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	112	10:30... 108
Morning Worship A Year Ago		224

TITHES & OFFERINGS

January 24, 2010

2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund	\$5,875.25
General Fund Offering	\$3,860.43
Missions	\$365.00
One Great Hour of Sharing - Haiti	\$1,520.00

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. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper at the 8:00 service. FBC FS members are Sara Pape, Chandra Knudsen, and Ellen Klitgaard.

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 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.

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.



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

Wednesday

- 5:30 - 8 pm - BYF

BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-1 Megan Ausdemore | 2-17 Dave Pedersen |
| 2-1 Shari Miller | 2-20 Les Outhouse |
| 2-1 Pat Pash | 2-20 Cade Smith |
| 2-2 Crystal Pash | 2-21 Arynn Outhouse |
| 2-3 Eli Schmitz | 2-23 Elizabeth Larson |
| 2-8 Colburn Fremel | 2-24 Debbie Morgan |
| 2-8 Ashley Vis | 2-25 Don Christensen |
| 2-9 Arlin Sorensen | 2-25 Holly Morgan |
| 2-9 Vinnie Reeves | 2-25 Abigail Outhouse |
| 2-10 Gene Arentson | 2-26 Drew Armentrout |
| 2-10 Verl Arentson | 2-27 Delbert Edwards |
| 2-11 Howard Beaman Jr. | 2-28 Jeppe Nelson |
| 2-11 Marna Weisenborn | 2-29 Luann Hansen |
| 2-12 Desirae Baratta | |
| 2-12 Emma Herzberg | |
| 2-13 Nicholas Soll | |
| 2-14 James Nelson | |
| 2-16 Dorene Smith | |
| 2-17 Elaine Nelson | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2-3 Jeppe & Danielle Nelson
- 2-14 Doug & Patty Welsh
- 2-20 Jamie & Tara Knudsen

TELEVISION MINISTRY

First Baptist Church services will now be aired on three local cable companies each week. The Sunday service will air:

- FMCTC - Mondays at 1:00 PM
- Mediacom - Mondays at 1:00 PM
- HMU - Sundays at TBD



This will allow our members who are shut-ins to hear God's message every week. And the ministry will serve as an out reach to those who are in search of a church home. Matt Schmitz will be heading up the ministry. If you are interested in learning how to run the camera and video editing equipment please contact him.

SOCIAL COMMITTEES JAN/FEB/MARCH 2010

KITCHEN COORDINATOR: Karyn Gilpatric



Verl & Marie Arentson, Dean & Arleatta Bartelson, Steve Britt, Doc & Janet Early, Cherie Eckhoff, LaVonne Force, Bryan & Janice Greve, Mike & Colleen Hansen, Dr. Don & Laurel Klitgaard, Bonnie Knight, Robert & Rachel Swensen, Dan & Marilyn Martin, Darrel & Sharon Mathiasen, Paul & Joanne Nelson, Randy Nelson, Fred & Susan Nelson, Dave Outhouse, Randy & Pat Pash, Jeff & Courtney Sonderman, Mike & Lori Weisenborn, Marna Weisenborn, Jim & Judy Zea.

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