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From the Pastor's Desk

This is actually from the desk of Pastor H.B. London, Jr, published in his *Shepherd's Covenant Encourager* which I receive every week. It was too good to keep to myself, so I am sharing it with you here.

**RUNNING TO WIN**

*"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it a slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize" (1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NIV).*

I read that passage a few times this past week in the NIV and KJV, and then I let *The Message* also speak to me.

As I ponder these words, and the various interpretations of the scriptures, I have come to a rather simple conclusion. The race I run is not like I am lined up against a whole bunch of other runners. I am in this race all by myself. I don't have to look to the right or left to see who might be passing me. The race is all about me giving it all I've got.

The reward is not a bigger church, a larger salary or even greater recognition. It is not a prize you can hold in your hand or hang on the wall. The prize is that which Paul talks about in his letter to the Philippians — *"to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 3:14). It is God's Son Himself who waits for us at the finish line. He alone holds the winner's reward.

But, even more encouraging to me is the fact that, as I run the race laid out for me, He runs alongside. He is cheering for me and helping me every step of the way. It is your race to win, my colleague. It is my race to win. As Eugene Petersen writes, "Let's not get caught napping."

**SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS**

February 7, 2010

**8:00 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

**In the Sanctuary**

- Greeters:** Chris & Misty Swensen
- Nursery :** Tom & Dana Williams
- Next Week:** Karla Hundt & Bri Vis
- Ushers:** Stanley Martens, Phil Perkins, Jeff Larson, Rob Larson
- Communion:** Verl Arentson, Jim Zea, Darrel Mathiasen, Jim Heilesen

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

- Nursery:** Tom & Dana Williams
- Next Week:** Karla Hundt & Bri Vis

**9:15 - ADULT PRAYER TIME IN Sanctuary**

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

**10:30 - FAITH SOUND**

**In the New Fellowship Hall**

- Greeters:** Mike & Tammy Kolbe
- East Doors:** Jeff, Shelli & Rob Larson
- Ushers:** Mike & Tammy Kolbe
- Nursery:** Bob & Bonnie Burton
- Next Week:** Jim & Jane Jensen

**FOR THE RECORD**

January 31, 2010

<b>Sunday School</b>	94
<b>Previous Sunday</b>	94
<b>Morning Worship -8:00... 120</b>	<b>10:30... 83</b>
<b>Previous Sunday - 8:00... 124</b>	<b>10:30... 90</b>
<b>Morning Worship A Year Ago</b>	168

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

January 31, 2010

<b>2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund</b>	\$5,875.25
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	\$5,263.50,
<b>Missions</b>	\$152.00

**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**

This coming Sunday, it's Faith Sound in the New Fellowship Hall at 10:30. FBC members **Sara Pape, Chandra Knudsen, and Ellen Klitgaard** are in the group.

Our 8:00 service, with the Lord's Supper, will be in the Sanctuary, and the Sunday School schedule will be normal.

**SUPER BOWL XLIV**

**Super Bowl XLIV** is tonight at 6:20, 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 and fixins' as well as popcorn. Others are planning on bringing lemonade and goodies. If you would like to bring something to share, I'm sure no one will object. We'll be ready to start at 5:30.



We'll have chairs, but bring blankets, bean bags, whatever, if you want to spread out on the floor.

**THANK YOU**

Many, many thanks to all the young people and leaders who removed branches and limbs from my yard. I know it was really hard work and I appreciated the fact that you wanted to help and all the effort it took. It can't have been an easy job! Thank you so much!

Marjorie Plagman

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Monday**

- 6:00 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study
- 5:00-6:30 pm - Griefshare
- 7:00-9:00 pm - Fresh Start

**Wednesday**

- 5:30 - 8 pm - BYF

**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.



**WE NEED ALL YOUR CONTACT INFO**

Jennifer is preparing the Annual Report and it is very important that we have everyone's up-to-date contact information.

If your children are Non-Resident Members, would you please send their current addresses along with your information to Jennifer at [fbaptist@fbcharlan.org](mailto:fbaptist@fbcharlan.org).

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