

First Baptist Church

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The Extender

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From the Pastor's Desk

Next Sunday is Valentines Day. It is a man made holiday, or should I say florist and greeting card company made holiday? But, I would submit to you that its success is not due to their desire for profit as much as the fact that it meets a need of ours to genuinely show affection for those we love. To paraphrase Joseph, "What you meant for profit, we meant for love."

I believe marketing does not create a need, it meets a need. Valentines Day was the answer to a universal question, "How can I make a big deal out of someone I love so much?" It's like the guy who invented the mouse trap, didn't have to convince anyone that there were mice and they didn't want them around.

In church, we promote love of God. We didn't invent God, nor our need to love Him. He was already there and we just explain how it works.

We are born with a realization that there is something bigger than we are, that we need something bigger than ourselves to believe in, to trust, from which to learn, and to love. It is the reason we idolize movie stars, ball players, and yes, even parents and teachers.

But those people sometimes fail us. They can't live up to that desire we still have for a hero. That's because they are not perfect. They are just like us, looking for something bigger than themselves.

The true hero; the only perfect one we can learn from, follow and love, and who will never let us down (because He is perfect) is God. The funny thing is, we somehow realize that. All the other idols in our lives eventually fade and lose their spark and we are left still looking for...WHAT?

For GOD! We need Him. We love Him. He is our true Hero; and just look what happen this year. The day we set aside each week to show Him our love just happens to be Valentines Day. **Dear God, will You be my Valentine?**

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

February 14, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

In the New Fellowship Hall

NFH Greeters: Mike & June Schleimer
East Doors: Trish Clay & Pat Pedersen
Nursery : Karla Hundt & Bri Vis
Next Week: Rich and Mary Freml
Ushers: Mike & Tammy Kolbe family

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

Nursery: Karla Hundt & Bri Vis
Next Week: Rich and Mary Freml

9:15 - ADULT PRAYER TIME IN Sanctuary

9:30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

10:30 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

In the Sanctuary

Greeters: Keith & Bonnie Fiscus
Ushers: Stan Martens, Phil Perkins, Dan Martin, Brandon Martin
Nursery: Kelly & Troy Doonan
Next Week: April French & Cherie Eckhoff

FOR THE RECORD

February 7, 2010

Sunday School	89
Previous Sunday	94
Morning Worship -8:00... 130	10:30... 224
Previous Sunday - 8:00... 120	10:30... 83
Morning Worship A Year Ago	205

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February 7, 2010

2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund	\$5,875.25
General Fund Offering	\$4,265.11
Missions	\$573.00

PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Leasa Brouillard reports that her nephew Gabriel, for whom the church prayed when he was born with Down's syndrome, is now three years old. He has undergone several heart surgeries and recently his last hand surgery and is a happy healthy little boy recovering at home.

TELEVISION MINISTRY

First Baptist Church services is now aired on three local cable companies each week. The Sunday service will air then next day at 1:00 p.m. on FMCTC, MEDIACOM AND HMU.



Matt Schmitz is leading the ministry. If you are interested in learning how to run the camera and video editing equipment please contact him.

MEDIA FOR THE SERVICE

If you have any item that needs to go through the media system during the Sunday services, please contact one of the following people by the Wednesday prior to when it needs to run.

Phil Perkins - pjbperk@harlannet.com or 755-5383

Lois McDermott - macscan@harlannet.com or 755-2190

Rachel Swenson - Courage 2 win@yahoo.com

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

6:00 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study

7:00-9:00 pm - Fresh Start

Wednesday

5:30 - 8 pm - BYF

NOTE

Next Sunday, February 14th, Pastor Manning will be on vacation. Rev. Elmer Murdoch will be preaching for both services.

PASTORAL SEARCH

The pastoral search committee has announced the calling of a candidate for First Baptist Church Senior Pastor. Required background checks are currently being conducted before announcing the candidate's name. Please continue to pray for the committee, the candidate and for the church.



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.

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