

First Baptist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

"Who was Adam?" Sounds like a simple question for most anyone out of diapers, wouldn't you think? I thought so. Imagine my surprise when a 5th grader at BYF asked that very question during a class discussion. To be honest that was hardly the end of my amazement. It was just the beginning as several of the other students swinging their arms high in the air, shouting, "Me, me, me," volunteered to set their peer straight. One was chosen, and what followed was disjointed conjecture, misquoted Bible stories from every book from Genesis to Solomon, and some un-attributable facts which might as well have come from Saturday morning cartoons. If several children of that age don't know who Adam is, how many of them don't know who God is, for it is impossible to know our God without knowing Adam and Eve, the serpent, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Even to know God as the creator of all things who lives in Heaven falls far short of recognizing a Holy, Merciful and Gracious Lord, if we don't know the story of what He wanted for us and how totally unworthy we were found to be. If our children don't know the story of Adam and Eve, how can they ever appreciate the sacrifice of the Son of God for their sins, in which we all share and to which we all add.

Tonight, before you let the sun set on your family, make sure they know the nature of man and God. Make sure they realize that a loving Father made a beautiful world for His adored children. He gave it to them to have and to hold, to control and to rule, and they were so jealous of His place they broke the only instruction He gave them. God told Adam, "All this is yours; just don't eat of the fruit of this one tree." Make sure they understand it was not about eating, or being hungry, but about lust, jealousy, greed, power, fleshly desire. Those were the things the first man and woman thought they would gain from fruit of the tree. They wanted to be like God. Make sure your children understand, because that is the root of our sin today. We want to be like God. We want to make our own rules, live our own way, make our own future. But this world, these bodies, these lives we live are not our own. We didn't make them, so we do not have authority over them. God made them and that is why He has the authority. We owe Him a debt because of Adam's sin and we owe Him a debt because of our sin; a debt we do not have the ability to pay. That is why we need the sacrifice of the perfect lamb, Jesus our Christ.

Make sure they get that TODAY. Tomorrow see what else they don't know and work on that as well. This is important my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. It is the most basic thing there is in being a parent. Would you send your children off to school, even one day, without food and water to sustain their bodies, and clothing to protect them from the elements? No, of course not! Why would you send them into this broken and disturbed world without the bread of life and the armor of God?

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

February 21, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

In the New Fellowship Hall

NFH Greeters: Arlin & Nancy Sorensen
East Doors: Dawn Gardner & Judy Heilig
Nursery : Rich and Mary Freml
Next Week: Joel & Karla Berndt
Ushers: Mike Weisenborn family

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

Nursery: Cheri Eckhoff & April French
Next Week: Dan & Heidi Lotenschtein

9:15 - ADULT PRAYER TIME— NFH

9:30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS
Combined Class in NFH

10:30 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

In the Sanctuary

Greeters: Brent & Terri Soll
Ushers: Stan Martens, Phil Perkins, Dan Martin, Brandon Martin
Nursery: April French & Cherie Eckhoff
Next Week: Dan & Heidi Lotenschtein

FOR THE RECORD

February 14, 2010

Sunday School	97
Previous Sunday	89
Morning Worship -8:00...	117
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	130
Morning Worship A Year Ago	278
10:30...	113
10:30...	224

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February 14, 2010

2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund	\$5,875.25
General Fund Offering	\$5,689.71
Missions	\$255.00

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Robert 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

I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital.
Robert Wherrett

Feed My Sheep

Please bring donations for the Food Panty at West Central this Sunday. Collection tubs are at the entrance to each service.

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

6 - 8 pm - BYF

Thursday

10 am - Coffee in McKee room at Elm Crest for Alice Grimsley's 83rd birthday-all are invited

12 noon - ABW Pot-Luck lunch at Ruth Sorensen's

Special Adult Sunday School Class Series

All the Adult Sunday School classes plus any other interested adults will combine for a short-term study on events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. The class will run from this Sunday, February 21 until Easter Sunday on April 4. The class will be taught by Pastor Roger and be held in the New Fellowship Hall.

Schedule for Pastor Dan Hawn visit

Saturday, February 27

10 am meet with Diaconate

5:30 pm Pot Luck to meet with congregation followed by questions and answers (plates, silver, and drinks furnished)

Suggest to bring a main dish plus side dish

Sunday, February 28

No 8:00 service today

9:15 Sunday School regular schedule

10:30 Combined worship service - Sanctuary

Vote on calling Pastor Dan Hawn as Senior Pastor to be held after the church service.

(Because lower lot is covered with snow, carpooling would be a good idea!)

Pastor Hawn's church in Wichita's web page is: www.fbc-wichita.org/. Some of his sermons are on-line there under Resources-Audio.

College Care Packages

It has been a long winter and probably extra long for our College Students. Lets let them know we are thinking about them by once again sending care packages to them. Please drop off your donations of candy, gum, drink mixes, trinkets etc in the Church kitchen by March 7. If you have a student who is an undergraduate or you know of a student who needs extra encouragement please let Joel and Karla Berndt know their address and we will see that they get a package. Because of the wonderful generosity of our Church family, 43 packages were sent out last year. Thank you so much. Contact Joel and Karla with any questions. Jkberndt@fmctc.com or 755-7302

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