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Good Things, Bad World
 by Charles R. Swindoll

Paul certainly proved himself a prophet when he wrote: "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons" (1 Tim. 4:1).

And when he predicted: "But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these" (2 Tim. 3:1-5), he foresaw exactly what would transpire. Sounds like he was describing life in the twenty-first century.

Cynthia and I have a long-time friend who is fighting colon cancer. Following major surgery she is now undergoing extensive chemotherapy. The other day she and another woman went shopping at a mall in Fort Lauderdale. As they got out of the car, our friend was mugged. The attacker slammed her against the car, then brutally flung her to the pavement and began kicking her mercilessly—all in broad daylight. A stranger stepped in to rescue her, and the attacker punched him repeatedly, breaking several of his teeth. The motive? Rape? No. Robbery? No. Carjacking? No. The police said it's a new fad . . . randomly assaulting strangers for the sadistic excitement of bringing blood and causing another human being pain.

Ours is a bad, bad world, but does that mean nothing's good? Does it mean we have run out of things for which to be grateful? No, no, a thousand times, no!

Bob Green, a newspaper columnist, invited his readers to look on the bright side for a change and send him some of the good things about life in America. More than 50,000 things came pouring across his desk. Things like a newborn baby's cry of life, Mr. Rogers, literacy volunteers, Special Olympics, sweet corn in August, town meetings, state fairs, and fresh blackberry cobbler. There are thousands more. Let's deliberately take time to smell the flowers as we call to mind all the good things in a bad, bad world.

(Go out and make your own list today of all the good things you see around you. Get down on your knees tonight and thank the Lord for them, and remember - there are much better things still to come. Pastor Manning)

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS
 March 7, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - NFH

Greeters: Brad & Sue Sorensen
SE Greeters: Brian & Dorene Smith
Nursery: Mike and Tammy Kolbe
Next Week: Arlin & Nancy Sorensen
Ushers: Dan and Melanie Lucas family
Communion: *Tony Vis, *Jerry Larson, Gene Arentson, Joel Berndt

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

Nursery: Mike and Tammy Kolbe
Next Week: Arlin & Nancy Sorensen

9:30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS —NFH

10:30 - TRADITIONAL SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Les & Deb Outhouse
Nursery: Walt Bernard and Amanda French
Next Week: Larry & Paulette Madson
Ushers: Les Outhouse, Verl Arentson, Jim Heilesen, Larry Madson
Communion: *Paul Nelson, *Verl Arentson, Dennis Langbehn, Les Outhouse

FOR THE RECORD

February 28, 2010

Sunday School	113
Previous Sunday	91
Morning Worship	10:30... 251
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	10:30... 113 104
Morning Worship A Year Ago	192

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February 28, 2010

2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund	\$5,875.25
General Fund Offering	\$6,700.00
Missions	\$440.22

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Lucille Paulsen
- 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

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for Dawn Gardner and her family. Dawn's grandfather, 98 year old Clair Huff died in Exira, IA.



BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a Bridal Shower for Anna Nyhof, future bride of James Nelson on March 7, 2010 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the New Fellowship Hall. This will be a come and go shower. All the Church family is welcome.

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 - pjbiperk@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 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study
7-9 pm - Fresh Start

Wednesday

7 am - Prayer Breakfast, Assembly of God
6-8 pm - BYF

Wednesday Lenten Prayer Breakfasts at 7 am

March 3 - Assembly of God-Donna Ewert

March 10 - First United Methodist-Jeff Erlemeier

March 17 - First Baptist-Dennis Gaston (St. Michael's seminarian)

March 24 - Elm Crest McKee Room-Glenn Rankin

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.

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, lead by Pastor Manning. The class will run through Easter Sunday, April 4 in the New Fellowship Hall.

OOOOPS! MISSED ANNIVERSARY

03/03 - Jerry & Bev McCreary

ANNUAL REPORTS

Remember to pick up your annual reports at the entrance to the New Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary next Sunday. Let the office know if any of your information is incorrect.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Please drop off your donations of candy, gum, drink mixes, trinkets etc in the Church kitchen by this coming Sunday. 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.**