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**The Extender**  
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From the Pastor's Desk,

Over the last weekend in Omaha four more young people have lost their lives in senseless shootings. One or more of them may be gang related, or they may not, we don't really know. What we do know is that gang activity among youngsters continues to rise and it takes its toll on all of us; it influences all of us; and we are left with questions that don't seem to have any answers.

And now that these young people's lives have ended, almost before they began, what has changed. Is some gang content that the incursion on their "turf" has been thwarted. Has appropriate vengeance for an obscure geographic invasion been enacted such that relief has come to the injured parties? Are the scales of human justice now, finally, once and for all been balanced, so that both sides can go back to their domains, confident in the assurance that they will now be able to live the rest of their lives in peace and comfort?

Is a life so expendable that it can serve as the payment for a debt so small as encroachment into a foreign territory, or some insulting scribbling on a wall decrying your fellow man's relative position to you?

And who determined these weights and balances? Who sets the redemptive fee for wearing the wrong color bandana at one living, breathing, human being?

When these young people left this world, did they carry with them that "turf" they so longed to defend? When these children entered into the presence of our almighty God, did they go with their heads held high displaying their dignity and honor for which they had so unselfishly sacrificed their lives.

Most of all, I wonder what response they received from the only One who really owns that "turf" for which they died; the only One who deserves not to be "Diss'ed," but to be respected and honored - the Lord God who made all things.

My Lord, I pray your children would know and love you with all their heart, and all their soul, and all their mind, and all their strength; and their neighbor as themselves.

Amen

**SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS**

March 14, 2010

**8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - NFH**

**Greeters:** Matt & Amber Schmitz  
**SE Greeters:** Jeff & Shelli Larson  
**Nursery:** Arlin & Nancy Sorensen  
**Next Week:** Adam & Ann Chipman  
**Ushers:** Dan and Melanie Lucas family

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

**Nursery:** Arlin & Nancy Sorensen  
**Next Week:** Brent Soll

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

**10:30 - TRADITIONAL SERVICE - Sanctuary**

**Greeters:** John Gilliland & Daniel & Christian Soll  
**Nursery:** Larry & Paulette Madson  
**Next Week:** Keith & Bonnie Fiscus  
**Ushers:** Les Outhouse, Verl Arentson, Jim Heilesen, Larry Madson

**ON NO! ANOTHER MISSED BIRTHDAY**

Colton Schleimer will celebrate his birthday on March 13th.

**FOR THE RECORD**

March 7, 2010

<b>Sunday School</b>	102
<b>Previous Sunday</b>	113
<b>Morning Worship - 8:00... 111</b>	<b>10:30... 98</b>
<b>Previous Sunday - 8:00...</b>	<b>10:30... 251</b>
<b>Morning Worship A Year Ago</b>	169

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

March 7, 2010

<b>2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund</b>	\$5,875.25
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	\$4,457.09
<b>Missions</b>	\$130.00
<b>America for Christ</b>	\$515.00

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Lucille Paulsen
- 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

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### **Monday**

- 6 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study
- 7-9 pm - Fresh Start

### **Wednesday**

- 7 am - Prayer Breakfast, 1st United Methodist
- 6-8 pm - BYF

### **Saturday**

- 7 am to 3 pm - Piano Festival

## AMERICA FOR CHRIST

March is the month for the America for Christ Offering. Please prayerfully consider giving to this offering, which supports Christ-centered ministries that are transforming lives across the United States and Puerto Rico—from addressing Children in Poverty initiatives and resettling refugees violently driven from their homelands to providing evangelism training, developing discipleship resources and leading ministry workshops and conferences. Visit [www.nationalministries.org/afc/](http://www.nationalministries.org/afc/) for more information.

## Wednesday Lenten Prayer Breakfasts at 7 am

**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.



## 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 10 days prior to when it needs to run.

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## 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.

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