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From the Pastor's Desk

There's an Easter card going around to pastors this year that pictured a robed clergyman standing behind his pulpit. Lilies abounded and he is framed in a beautiful stained glass window. On the front of the card he says, "Today's Easter sermon is" ... and then you open the card and it reads, "Where, in the name of all that is holy, have you all been since Christmas?"

The truth is that many pastors feel that way, but we wouldn't dare say it. And, we truly do rejoice in those who attend the Easter services. I pray that something that was said, shared or sung will encourage the occasional attendee to make the worship service more a part of his or her weekly schedule.

One of our visitors Sunday morning was perfectly honest with me. As he was waiting for the ladies to start serving the brunch, I asked him why he came and he said he had been at the Lutheran church and they had pancakes. He said he didn't like pancakes, so he came over to First Baptist.

Now that would be extremely funny if it weren't so sad. Sad because, as talented as the ladies in our church are at an oven, the nourishment they served up can't compare to the "Bread of life" God served up in the sanctuary.

I'm not naive. I know many came to church Sunday because they had a new dress or bonnet; all their friends go on Easter; or, they promised their spouse and kids they would always go on Christmas and Easter. I pray for them, that they would find a true relationship with Our Lord that would give them the desire to worship Him on a regular basis, to spend time with other believers and in His Word.

But the ones I pray extra hard for are the ones who think coming twice a year; or coming every week, but for the wrong reason are doing all they are required to do.

Listen, my friends, "Holy Days of Obligation" are not mentioned anywhere in the Bible. Oh, but there is such a thing as holy days of obligation, even for Baptists. They are written in you heart. The Holy Spirit writes them in there when He first moves in, right after you say, Lord I believe you are the Son of God, that you died for my sins, that you arose from the dead, and I ask you to come into my heart and live there forever. Amen

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

April 11, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Rich & Mary Freml
 Dan & Melanie Lucas
Nursery: Ken & Edie Shetler
Next Week: Tony & Rita Vis
Ushers: Gaige & Heather Knudson Family

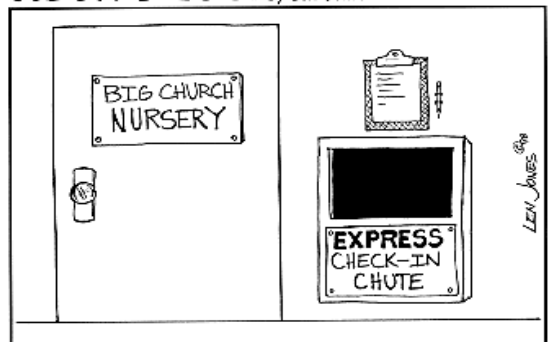
9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery: Ken & Edie Shetler
Next Week: Bryan & Janice Greve

10:30 - TRADITIONAL SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Jim & Judy Zea
Nursery: Jami & Haley Andersen
Next Week: Bryan & Janice Greve
Ushers: Bob Burton, Fred Nelson, Rowly Burton, James Nelson

ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



FOR THE RECORD

April 4, 2010

Sunday School	N/A
Previous Sunday	101
Morning Worship - 8:00...	105
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	96
Morning Worship A Year Ago	134

TITHES & OFFERINGS

April 4, 2010

2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund	\$5,875.25
General Fund Offering	\$5,834.98
Missions	\$30.00
America For Christ	\$500.00

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
- Pastor Dan Hawm & Family
- Ruby Martin
- Reno Stofferson
- SCCO

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

6 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study

5 pm - GriefShare

7-9 pm - Fresh Start

Wednesday

6-8 pm - BYF

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

The 4 adult Sunday school classes go back to their regular format on this Sunday. The Upper Room class is taught by Marjorie Plagman and they are studying Ephesians. The Seeker class is taught by Dave Pedersen and they are studying material from the Sunday school quarterly. Adam Chipman is teaching the 3rd adult Sunday school class and they are studying the Minor Prophets. John Gilliland is teaching the 4th adult Sunday school and they are in Philippians one of Paul's Epistles. Feel free to come and join any class that sounds interesting.

BELIEVERS 101

Beginning this Sunday, Pastor Manning will lead a special Sunday school class for children 10 and under who have felt called to give their lives to Jesus Christ and to be baptized. To attend the class parents must contact Pastor before April 1st to determine the appropriateness of the class for their child.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Cox is celebrating her 80th birthday on April 9. Her address is Box 351, Harlan.

FROM PASTOR DAN

Dear brothers & sisters,

Sally & I hope you had a wonderful Resurrection Sunday! We think of you and pray for you everyday.

Our house has been on the market for 2 weeks. So far, we've had no offers, but our realtor says the market should heat up the next 10-14 days as the federal subsidy is set to expire. Please pray for a timely sale. At church, I've been working closely with our deacons to prepare for the transition. We've already been in contact with a possible interim pastor, and he appears every bit as competent as Pastor Manning. What a blessing these men of God are to the church.

Mandy & Kyle want to thank you for the box of goodies you sent recently. We all had a sample.

God bless you all and see you soon.

Pastor Dan

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the care package. It was a great treat to have right before mid terms. I greatly appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Thanks again! Sincerely, Elizabeth Larson

Thank you for the care package, it was a nice surprise! I enjoyed all of the yummy goodies. Thank you for thinking of me!
Love, Abby Svendsen

PROVERBS 22:1-2

APRIL/MAY/JUNE SOCIAL COMMITTEE **KITCHEN COORDINATOR: Karyn Gilpatric**

Eric & Jami Andersen, Terry & Connie Arentson, Howard & Mary Beaman, Bob & Bonnie Burton, Adam & Anne Chipman, Troy & Kelly Doonan, Ron & Jenny French, Alex French, Jim & Cindy Heilesen, Ted & Judy Heilig, Jeff & Karla Hundt, Gaige & Heather Knudson, Jeff & Sandy Lansman, Mike & Deb Martin, Mike & June Schleimer, Brad & Sue Sorensen, Myron & Bonnie Sorensen, Chris & Misty Swensen, Tom & Sandy Walker, Gary & Barb Wirtjes, Jason & Jennifer Wickizer.

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.

Phil Perkins - pjbiperk@harlannet.com or 755-5383
Lois McDermott - macscan@harlannet.com or 755-2190
Rachel Swenson - Courage_2_win@yahoo.com

TELEVISION MINISTRY

First Baptist Church services is now on three local cable companies every week.

HMU - Channel 23, Mon. @ 1pm and Wed. @ 3pm.

FMCTC - Channel 48, Mon. @ 1pm.

Mediacom - Channel 18, Mon. @ 1pm.

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