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From The Pastor's Desk

Do you ever try to hurry God up? Of course you do, we all do. Patience seems to be one of the virtues the Spirit is slow to give, at least it is to me. It seems I am constantly praying for patience - wisdom and patience.

Recently, when Pastor Hawn was called to be the new Pastor at First Baptist Church of Harlan, and I knew that my time here would soon end, Jodie responded - "We need to get the house on the market and get it sold fast." I wasn't inclined to move quite so fast. I wish I could say it was because I felt the Holy Spirit moving me to pray about it, wait on God to give me some direction, but it was mostly because I am lazy and didn't want to deal with all the hassle.

For the last year, as I have served as interim at FBC, Jodie and I have been in prayer for God's will to be done and trusting Him for guidance for the future. We believed that God had called us to Harlan for a purpose, maybe many purposes, (we still do) but as soon as we saw that God was ending His plan for us here, we jumped right in to give Him a hand in figuring out what we were going to do next.

That was so wrong and it didn't take much time in conversation with Him to figure it out. What happened to that patience I have always prayed for? What happened to all that trust in the Lord? We were ready to make a major decision like selling the house and moving back to Dallas within minutes of hearing about Pastor Hawn's call.

Now it's not that God needs time to come up with my next assignment. Since He doesn't exist in time, obviously He already knows where I'm going next. Wow, that must mean that He wants **ME** to have some time to contemplate Him and His purpose for me. What an interesting concept - WAIT ON AND TRUST IN THE LORD. HE WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS.

It wasn't two days after we decided to do that, wait on and trust in the Lord, that the pastor at Miracle Hills church in Omaha was called to a new ministry in Pennsylvania. I am already on staff at Miracle Hills as Associate Pastor and they called and asked me if I would be willing to fill in while they looked for a new pastor. Oh, and by the way, they said, you would still be able to apply.

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

Sunday, April 18, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Corey & Michelle Sorensen, Jeff & Shelli Larson
Nursery: Howard & Tara Lansman
Next Week: Jeff & Shelli Larson
Ushers: Gaige & Heather Knudson Family

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery: Bryan & Janice Greve
Next Week: Matt & Amber Schmitz

10:30 - TRADITIONAL SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Jim & Jane Jensen
Nursery: Bryan & Janice Greve
Next Week: Matt & Amber Schmitz
Ushers: Bob Burton, Fred Nelson, Rowly Burton, James Nelson



FOR THE RECORD

April 11, 2010

Sunday School	101
Previous Sunday	N/A
Morning Worship - 8:00...	100
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	105
Morning Worship A Year Ago	298

TITHES & OFFERINGS

April 11, 2010

2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$5,875.25
Weekly Needs Giving	\$5,492.24
Missions	\$155.00
America For Christ	\$50.00
One Great Hour-Haiti	\$50.00

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
- Our troops
- 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

Thursday

- 2 pm - ABW at church, Karyn Gilpatric hostess

OFFICE HELP NEEDED!!!

We need to hire part-time, temporary help in the church office. If you know Microsoft Word and Outlook, would like to pick up some extra money over the next couple of months, and want really flexible hours working for a GREAT BOSS (That would be God), see or call Pastor Manning right away. (402) 510-3019.

VBS SCHEDULED

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held August 2 - 6, from 5:55 to 8:40 p.m. The web address for our VBS Pro online registration is: <http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fbcharlan>. For more information contact Rita Vis.

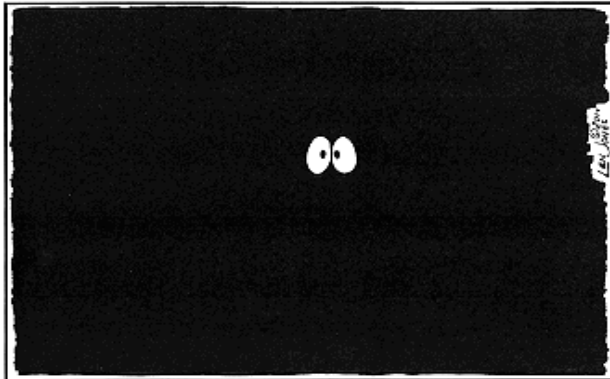
THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for all the good food and help to make it a successful Easter brunch. Karyn Gilpatric

Thank you so much for the gift package full of food - it was very enjoyable. Reid Hundt

Thank you so much for the care package of goodies and sweets...never a bad thing to have around before a weekend in the dorm room. They disappeared very quickly! It's always good to get mail of any kind, and I appreciate your kindness, thoughts, and prayers. Austin Kolbe

ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"The church board would like to report that we are still just a bit short of our fund raising goal for new sanctuary lighting."

THANK YOU

Thank you to the young people from BYF that did such an awesome job of raking and picking up sticks in my yard! Also, thank you to the 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School class for the uplifting card that you sent to me. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. God bless you all! Sincerely, Darlene Blakely

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 - pjbjperk@harlannet.com or 755-5383
- Lois McDermott - macscan@harlannet.com or 755-2190

SKATE DAZE

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade SUNDAY SCHOOL students. SKATE DAZE, Sunday, April 18th. Leaving the church at 11:30. will be back at 6:00. Need to bring money for lunch and any arcade games. All the skates and skating is paid for. ARE YOU ATTENDING??? We are trying to line up drivers but at this point have not had many kids let us know if they plan to attend. **PLEASE let us know by April 15th.**



VIDEO MINISTRY

The Video Ministry needs volunteers to run the Power-Point during both services and to video tape the second service and prepare it for airing on the three local cable TV companies. If you are interested please contact Matt Schmitz as soon as possible.

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.

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