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

Yesterday, was not my Sunday at the Douglas County Jail, but a report is sent out every week to all those who serve in the ministry.

Every week, when the email arrives, my eyes rush down the report, only taking cursory notice of who served on the team this week, before finding the object of my search and stopping.

The report tells us what time the service started, if there were any delays getting in, if there were any distractions, how many men in Mod 16 came to worship that day, and there is a box that says, "Was an invitation given?" To be honest with you, it just struck me that we don't need that box there, nor the adjoining one for the response. The response is always, as it should be, YES.

But that is not the box I stop on anyway. It is the next one - the one that says, "Did any inmates accept Christ?" Sadly, the corresponding answer box rarely ever has anything in it other than, "Not that we know of," or words to that effect. Yesterday was different! Yesterday, the box held the words my eyes longed to see.

**"Brandon said that he prayed to accept Christ and asked prayer for strength to follow Christ."**

Another soul has been saved from eternal separation from God. Another man has understood that God loved him; while he was still in his sin; while he was still broken and less than perfect. God loved him two thousand years ago, enough to send His Son to die on a cross to pay the debt he had incurred thousands of miles and hundreds of generations later.

Brandon was forgiven, not for what he did, but because of what Jesus Christ did for him. Brandon has now entered into a special relationship among God the Father, Jesus the Son, and himself. Oh, yes, the Holy Spirit is in that relationship too. Of course He is, because now that Brandon has accepted the redemption won for him on Calvary by Jesus, the Holy Spirit has come to dwell **inside** Brandon.

**SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS**

Sunday, April 25, 2010

**8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary**

**Greeters:** Austin Knudsen, Will Lansman,  
Cade Smith  
**Nursery:** Jeff & Shelli Larson  
**Next Week:** Jeff & Emily Hundt  
**Ushers:** Gaige & Heather Knudson Family

**9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Believers 101** (In Pastor's Office)  
**Nursery** Matt & Amber Schmitz  
**Next Week:** Jeff & Emily Hundt

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

**Greeters:** Doug & Patty Welsh  
**Nursery:** Matt & Amber Schmitz  
**Next Week:** Les & Deb Outhouse  
**Ushers:** Bob Burton, Fred Nelson,  
Rowly Burton, James Nelson

**Remember the prisoners, as  
though in prison with them...**  
Hebrews 13:3

**FOR THE RECORD**

April 18, 2010

<b>Sunday School</b>	84
<b>Previous Sunday</b>	101
<b>Morning Worship - 8:00...</b>	107
<b>Previous Sunday - 8:00...</b>	100
<b>Morning Worship A Year Ago</b>	217

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

April 18, 2010

<b>2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs</b>	\$5,875.25
<b>Weekly Needs Giving</b>	\$3,685.07
<b>Missions</b>	\$175.00

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Wilbur Wetzel Family
- Lucille Paulsen
- Allyn & Bev Bartelson
- Reno Stofferson
- June Schleimer's Aunt Bonnie
- BYF Ministry
- Our sister churches in Latvia
- Leanna Jensen
- Viola Waddell
- Darlene Blakely
- Geraldine Hansen
- Pastor Dan Hawn & Family
- Our troops
- 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**

- 7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

- Leanna Jensen - health concerns.
- Marcie Wetzel - peace and comfort after the passing of her husband Wilbur.
- Carol & her children (Val Langbehn's friend) - wisdom, peace & safety in the midst of a divorce.

### 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.

### BYF KID'S MINISTRY NEWS!!!!

**BYF MOMENT:** Sunday, April 25th the Pre-School through 2nd Grade BYF will be sharing with you some songs they have learned this year during the Worship services. They will be singing for both services. 8:45 am for the first service and about 10:40 am for the second service.



### LAST NIGHT OF BYF: CARNIVAL NIGHT!

Wednesday, April 28th. Please note time change: 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM. Hot dogs, drink and chips will be provided. The 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grade will have a short opening in the New Fellowship Hall at 6:00

### NEEDED FOR BYF CARNIVAL NIGHT

Small cakes are needed for the BYF Carnival Night Cake Walk for children to win. Suggest they be 6" or 8" single layer cakes in pans or on plates that don't need to be returned. Plates of 6 cupcakes would be good, too.

Please bring your cakes to the New Fellowship Hall Tuesday, April 27 or Wednesday, April 28 before 6:00.

Thank you!

Janet Swensen and Misty Swensen

### OFFICE HELP FOUND!!!

Thank you to Jennifer Perkins for rearranging her busy schedule since October to keep the church office running; getting the Extender and Bulletin out.

June Schleimer has volunteered to fill in when needed until Pastor Dan arrives and can find a permanent Church Secretary. She will be starting sometime this week.

### 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.

### 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 - [pjbperk@harlanet.com](mailto:pjbperk@harlanet.com) or 755-5383

Lois McDermott - [macscan@harlanet.com](mailto:macscan@harlanet.com) or 755-2190

Rachel Swenson - [Courage\\_2\\_win@yahoo.com](mailto:Courage_2_win@yahoo.com)

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