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From The Pastor's Desk

Have you noticed how our country is changing? Of course you have. Now the Pentagon is cancelling National Day of Prayer celebrations, because there are too many members of the Armed Forces who are not Christians. What happened to serving for "God and Country" and "One nation founded UNDER GOD"?

I guess that is just the problem. The military was established by the government to protect the rights of the people it serves, one of those rights being the right to worship the God under whom the United States of America was founded. Because we believe in freedom and don't want to persecute others for their beliefs, our country has always allowed others to come enjoy our freedom and protection.

Well, now there are so many people here who are not believers in the one true God (under whom this country was founded) that the government (which is supposed to be protecting our rights) has forgotten by what authority they were established in the first place, and whose rights they were to be protecting.

Yes, "We the people" did establish and ordain the constitution, but we did it under the authority, guidance and watchful eye of God; very clearly the God of the Bible, whose Son came, died, was buried, and arose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures for forgiveness of sins. Oh, our government can't say that publicly anymore, but if you study the letters, diaries, and public documents from the founding fathers, it is extremely apparent they never intended that this country would deny the name of Jesus Christ, or restrict His worship, or, for that matter, give preferential treatment to other gods.

Forgive me Lord if I am being un-Christ-like, or too harsh, but I say to all those who do not believe in God, but now find themselves living in this country (founded under God) or serving in its military sworn to protect this country (founded under God), you owe your freedom to His teachings, His laws, His creation and His divine plan. We love you and want to share our prosperity with you and we do not require that you believe the way we do, but if you can't tolerate our beliefs, you need to go somewhere else. Contrary to what the "Politically Correct" would have you believe, while you have certain freedoms here, this is OUR COUNTRY!

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

Sunday, May 2, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Tony & Rita Vis; Mike & Deb Martin
Nursery: Jeff & Emily Hundt
Next Week: Terri & Christian Soll
Ushers: Tony & Rita Vis Family
Communion: Randy Pash, Gary Wirtjes, Tom Walker, Rich Fremel

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Believers 101 (In Pastor's Office)
Nursery Jeff & Emily Hundt
Next Week: Barb & Gary Wirtjes

10:30 - TRADITIONAL SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Olie & Crystal Pash
Nursery: Les & Deb Outhouse
Next Week: Barb & Gary Wirtjes
Ushers: Walt Bernard, John Gilliland, Brent Soll, Doug Welsh
Communion: Olie Pash, Glenn French, Jim Zea, Dean Bartelson

FOR THE RECORD

April 25, 2010

Sunday School	106
Previous Sunday	84
Morning Worship - 8:00...	126
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	107
Morning Worship A Year Ago	241

TITHES & OFFERINGS

April 25, 2010

2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$5,875.25
Weekly Needs Giving	\$8,191.83
Missions	\$491.00
One Great Hour—Haiti	\$200.00
Memorials	\$2,000.00

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Wilbur Wetzel Family
- Lucille Paulsen
- Allyn & Bev Bartelson
- Reno Stofferson
- Our sister churches in Latvia
- BYF Ministry
- Leanna Jensen
- Viola Waddell
- Darlene Blakely
- Geraldine Hansen
- Pastor Dan Hawn & Family
- Our troops
- SCCO

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5-1 Nancy Boettger
- 5-3 Myron Sorensen
- 5-4 Alayna French
- 5-6 Vera Stewart
- 5-7 Camilla Ahrenholtz
- 5-7 Benjamin Lucas
- 5-8 Dan Lucas
- 5-9 Bonnie Sorensen
- 5-10 Gloria Soll
- 5-10 Corey Sorensen
- 5-12 Micah Hales
- 5-13 Jeff Lansman
- 5-13 Alissa Andersen
- 5-13 David Yoder
- 5-17 Gene Baughman
- 5-17 Jerry Larson
- 5-17 Sharon Mathiasen
- 5-17 Cati Davis
- 5-19 Robert Wherrett
- 5-20 Darwin Andersen
- 5-24 Kristofer Lansman
- 5-24 Robert Burton
- 5-25 Reid Hundt
- 5-26 Daniel Smith
- 5-27 Dr. Don Klitgaard
- 5-29 Olie Pash
- 5-31 Isaak Britt
- 5-31 Kade Brouillard

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

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@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

5 pm - GriefShare

7-9 pm - Fresh Start

Wednesday

6-7:45 pm - BYF Carnival (Last Night)

Thursday

7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

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.

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5-4 Mike & June Schleimer

5-7 Dan & Heidi Lotenschtein

5-8 Stanley & Geraldine Hansen

5-10 Corey & Michelle Sorensen

5-16 Don & Jean Christensen

5-28 Mike & Marcy Cain

5-31 Jon & Luann Hansen

Open House at the Church Parsonage— 2008 19th Street, Harlan IA

Sunday May 2nd from 9:30 - 12:30

Please plan to attend and see all the wonderful improvements that have been made to the parsonage and yard. Lots of willing workers have made this possible and ALL the \$\$\$\$ support from the FBC family. Members of the Property committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

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.**