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From The Pastor's Desk

I just realized today that Fathers' Day is less than a month away. I wonder if you are planning something special for your Father.

My Father and I were never very close. I have to tell you that I really don't know if he was a bad father or not. I know one thing for sure; I was not a good son, and therefore don't have the ability to remember clearly the true conditions of our relationship. I know I didn't give him the respect he was due. My memory is that I didn't think he earned my respect, so I thought I was justified in not giving it to him.

The problem is, that is not what the Bible says. God commanded us to honor our Father and Mother. He didn't say anything about, "Honor your Father and Mother - *if they earn it.*" He didn't give us the authority to judge their deservedness. That is why it's called a command. There is no discussion, just do it. God said so.

Now, how I wish he was still around. We never talked, and I have so many things I want to ask him. I want to know what it was like growing up in New York City in the twenties and thirties. I want to know if he was scared when he was in the army like I was. I want to know if he believed in Jesus.

No, I don't even know if my Father knew our Heavenly Father. I have no assurance that I will ever see him again, because we never talked about it.

There's a message there for both Fathers and children. Dads, it is your responsibility, if you are a follower of Jesus Christ, to teach your children. They should know where you stand on that topic, if no other. And, children, if you somehow come out of a non-believing family as a Christian, it is your responsibility to ask your parents and teach them if they don't know.

As I watched our seniors in church last Sunday; as we asked God to bless the children He had entrusted to their parents for the last 18 years; I was filled with emotion because I was, all at once, proud of them, proud of their Mothers and Fathers, and envious because I don't have those special memories.

I pray to God in Heaven for Fathers who know Him. I pray for Fathers who teach their children about Him. I pray for children who will love, honor and encourage their Fathers as they try to do the right thing as modeled by the Father of us all. Amen

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

Sunday, May 30, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary

NO 8:00 AM Service—Combined at 10:30

Nursery

Next Week: Rich & Mary Freml

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery Karla Hundt & Bri Vis

Next Week: Cherie Eckhoff & April French

10:30 - COMBINED SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Dennis & Val Langbehn

Nursery: Jim & Jane Jensen

Next Week: Cherie Eckhoff & April French

Ushers: Walt Bernard, John Gilliland, Brent Soll, Doug Welsh

A special day of worship on May 30

The church is invited to attend a COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30 a.m. on May 30 where Pastor Roger will preach his final service at FBC. There will be no 8AM worship service on this day. Sunday School will begin at its regular time, 9:15.

FOR THE RECORD

May 23, 2010

Sunday School 96

Previous Sunday 84

Morning Worship - 8:00... 104 10:30... 89

Previous Sunday - 8:00... 124 10:30... 94

Morning Worship A Year Ago 247

TITHES & OFFERINGS

May 23, 2010

2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs \$5,875.25

Weekly Needs Giving 3,593.10

Missions \$75.00

Memorials \$0.00

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Wilbur Wetzel Family
- SCCO
- 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

BAKE SALE

Sunday June 6th 2010

All proceeds go to the First Baptist Church Parade Float promoting FBC ~ VBS ~ BYF

GOODIES WANTED

Cakes ~ Cookies ~ Brownies ~ Bars ~ Pies ~ Muffins ~ Bread
Or whatever Goodies you like to make

Please drop them off in the NFH Kitchen
Saturday June 5th
or
Sunday June 6th
(Before 1st Service if possible)

Thank you so much for your support.
And see you at the Parade!

God Bless

OPEN HOUSE FOR 90TH BIRTHDAY

Eleanor Allen will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house on Sunday, May 30, from 2-4 p.m. in the McKee Room at the Baptist Memorial Home. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Her children are Steve and Jane Allen, Basking Ridge, NJ; Joe and Karen Allen, Austin, TX; Jeff and Linda Allen, Rogers, AR; and Sam and Jill Allen, Clayton, NC. She has 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her husband is the late Ted Allen. She requests no gifts.

VIDEO 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.

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday

6pm - Farewell Picnic (Pioneer Park)

Thursday

7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Monday (Memorial Day)

6 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study

5 pm - GriefShare

VBS SCHEDULED

All hands on deck for a spectacular High Seas Expedition August 2-6! Whether ye be a land lubber or able bodied seaman, we want YOU! We will be setting sail from FBC Port nightly at 5:55PM, and docking at 8:40PM. There will be a chance to win a treasure of a family four pack to Papio Fun Park for all sailors enlisting prior to June 27th. BONUS! each family member may sign up, so the more the people in the family who register, the better chance you have to win the grand prize!

There are only 5 Midshipman (station leader) positions still available, so if you desire to be a worthy seaman, an "Aye, aye Captain" is what we'd like to hear! We still have room for Crew Leaders, as we need 1 for every 5 sailors, so sign up today! Experience the power of God's Word THIS SUMMER! Contact Rita Vis with any questions!

The web address for our VBS Pro online registration is: <http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fbcharlan>. VBS is for ages 3 on up. Nursery will be available for younger children with parents working at VBS.

RELAY FOR LIFE

If you wish to order a Luminaria in honor or in memory of someone you may pick up one of the special envelopes at either of the lobbies.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE INVITATIONS TO THE CHURCH



May 30 - 2-4 pm, Brandon Vis, in the Church New Fellowship Hall

BID FAREWELL TO PASTOR ROGER AND JODIE

Farewell Potluck Picnic

The church family is invited to celebrate Pastor Roger & Jodie's service to FBC at a potluck picnic on Wednesday, May 26. It will be held at the Pioneer Park in Harlan, at the shelter located on Pine Street (located north of the Historical Museum). The event will begin at 6PM. Please bring a main dish, one side dish, and your own table service. Drinks and cups will be provided. If you'd like, bring a lawn chair or blanket; some lawn chairs will be provided. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the church fellowship hall. We hope everyone can join us as we say 'thank you' to these precious people.

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