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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers & sisters,

Sally & I are looking forward to our move to Harlan and the opportunity to serve with and among you. Actually, "looking forward" is too mild; we're thrilled! Our official start date is June 15, so that makes Sunday, June 20 (Father's Day) the date we'll first see most of you.

We are most grateful to God for this opportunity. As I shared with the Search Committee, we'd been praying about the possibility of re-locating for about two years. One of our desires was to be closer to family. We even prayed specifically about First Baptist-Harlan when we learned there was a vacancy.

But then, in early November, 2009, we stopped praying. We felt that, since nothing seemed to be opening up, God must want us to stay in Wichita and we told the Lord we were content doing so. Then came the death of our son, but along with that (in fact, on the very day of the funeral), we received an email from John Gilliland. Over the next couple of months, we came to regard the call to Harlan as God's gift to us in the midst of tragedy. So we come to you, not only excited, but grateful to God for His amazing goodness.

During the initial weeks, I want to give primary attention to getting to know you and the church. I have a lot to learn with respect to the church's culture, traditions, history and way of doing things. I'll likely have several appointments each day, with different individuals, couples, families and groups. You'll find that I ask a lot of questions. I'll also meet with people in the community in order to get a sense of how First Baptist is perceived and what needs & opportunities exist outside the church walls.

During our visit in February, I was asked several times, "What is my vision for the church or this-or-that ministry?" At this point, I don't have a vision for First Baptist-Harlan (we'll talk about what "vision" means soon after I arrive) and I believe it would be unwise and presumptuous to try to articulate one. What we need and want is God's vision for the church and that is what we (together) will seek to discern.

One last thing: thank you so much for all the work that has been done on the parsonage. We appreciate the large investment of time, money and effort you made in this. What a wonderful gift to us. See you all soon.

With love,
 Pastor Dan & Sally

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

Sunday, June 6, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Mike & Lori Weisenborn; Dave & Nancy Boettger

Nursery: Rich & Mary Fremel

Next Week: Joel & Karla Berndt

Ushers: Adam & Anne Chipman; Mike & Deb Martin

Communion: Dan Lucas, Howard Lansman, Don Klitgaard, Chris Swensen

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery Cherie Eckhoff & April French

Next Week: Dan & Heidi Lotenschtein

10:30 - COMBINED SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Verl & Marie Arentson

Nursery: Cherie Eckhoff & April French

Next Week: Dan & Heidi Lotenschtein

Ushers: Jim Jensen, Norm Mathiasen, Glenn French, Paul Nelson

Communion: Walt Bernard, Rowly Burton, Stan Martens, John Gilliland

This Sunday, June 6, we will be hearing from Jeff Kaiser, "His Harvest Ministries"

FOR THE RECORD

May 30, 2010

Sunday School 85

Previous Sunday 96

Morning Worship - 8:00... 0 **10:30...** 190

Previous Sunday - 8:00... 104 **10:30...** 89

Morning Worship A Year Ago 200

TITHES & OFFERINGS

May 30, 2010

2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs \$5,875.25

Weekly Needs Giving \$5,067.36

Missions \$155.00

Memorials \$0.00

PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

VBS SCHEDULED

All hands on deck for a spectacular High Seas Expedition August 2-6! 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 Papiro Fun Park for all sailors enlisting prior to June 27th.

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.

8AM Worship Service to be moved to the Sanctuary

It was approved at this month's Diaconate meeting, to move the 8AM Worship Service to the church sanctuary. After a two month trial period, it was decided that overall, it was the best option for the church. It was felt that the worship service was enhanced by moving the service to the sanctuary. The Diaconate also considered the logistics of setting up and tearing down the Fellowship Hall for worship service, and the cost of maintaining and improving both sound systems. One thing we want to work at is improving the fellowship opportunities among all members of both worship services. We are emphasizing the fellowship/coffee time from 9-9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall as a way for all members to gather and visit...we encourage you to give this a try if you haven't already!

ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING

June is the month we bring our One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings to help people who are hurting throughout the world. Our offering helps bring shelter, food, water, and medical supplies to disaster survivors. Haiti was one of the recent places where our gifts made a difference. Our goal this year is \$2,000.

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 - 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

Thursday

7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Monday

6 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study

5 pm - GriefShare

7 pm - Fresh Start

BAKE SALE*
THIS 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 for your support, see you at the Parade!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6-1 M. Jean Christensen
6-2 Connie Arentson
6-2 Daniel Soll
6-4 Nicholas Andersen
6-5 Karla Hundt
6-5 Martin Olson
6-6 Michael Hansen
6-6 Will Lansman
6-6 Christian Soll
6-6 Alex Outhouse
6-6 Kelly Doonan
6-7 Jeremy Nelson
6-11 Heidi Lotenschein
6-11 Eleanor Allen
6-12 Eric Andersen
6-13 Bernadine Gaer
6-15 Jennifer Weisenborn
6-16 Tabitha Melby
6-17 Marcy Cain
6-18 Tom Walker
6-18 Christine Bartelson
6-19 Ellen Linden
6-19 Joanne Mathiasen
6-19 Jim Gillespie
6-24 Bonnie Knight
6-25 Matt Schmitz
6-26 Erin Freml
6-26 Judy Armentrout
6-28 Joy Perkins
6-30 Melissa Scholten
6-30 Jake Priester

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6-2 Delbert & Loa Dell Edwards
6-3 Jim & Janet Swensen
6-11 Rowly & Deb Burton
6-12 Brett & Sally Nanninga
6-13 Charles & Janet Early
6-14 Lyle & Marcia Walker Jr.
6-14 Jeff & Courtney Sonderman
6-19 Richard & Mary Freml
6-21 Jim & Vickie Gillespie
6-21 Gaige & Heather Knudson
6-23 Daniel & Marilyn Martin
6-27 David & Trish Stremler

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