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From The Pastor's Desk

Encouraging One Another

Years ago, Pepper Rodgers was having a terrible season as head football coach at UCLA. He was getting a lot of criticism from the press and alumni, and even his wife, a die-hard Bruins fan, was getting impatient. Reflecting on that difficult time in his life, Pepper said, *"My dog was my only friend. When I told my wife that a man needs at least TWO friends, she offered to buy me another dog."*

The most frequently mentioned "One Another" in the Bible is *"encourage one another"* (e.g., I Th 5:11; Heb 3:13). Perhaps it is the most needed; the one ministry we all require on a consistent, regular basis. I am so thankful for those who encourage me. Recently, one of the leaders at First Baptist-Harlan put his arm around me and said, *"I'm so glad you've come here. I know you're going to be a great pastor."* That was wonderful encouragement!

Here are five occasions when encouragement is particularly valuable:

1. Encourage people when they're discouraged.
2. Encourage people when they have become "weary in doing good."
3. Encourage people when they seem to be unfocused, confused or unmotivated.
4. Encourage people to dream and to take bold initiatives.
5. Encourage people in their pursuit of godly character.

The key is being sensitive to the Spirit and recognizing when somebody is experiencing one or more of these times. A brief note, a prayer, a kind word, or even a pat on the back can have a powerful impact.

"Let us encourage one another – and all the more as we see the Day approaching" (Heb 10:25).

In appreciation of you,

Pastor Dan

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

Sunday, June 13, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Tom & Sandy Walker
Troy & Kelly Doonan
Nursery: Joel & Karla Berndt
Next Week: Ken & Edie Shetler
Ushers: Adam & Anne Chipman; Mike & Deb Martin

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery Dan & Heidi Lotenschtein
Next Week: Ken & Edie Shetler

10:30 - COMBINED SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Marjorie Plagman & Robert Wherrett
Nursery: Dan & Heidi Lotenschtein
Next Week: Walt Bernard & Amanda French
Ushers: Jim Jensen, Norm Mathiasen, Glenn French, Paul Nelson

This Sunday, June 13, we will be hearing from
"Shelby County Community Outreach"

FOR THE RECORD

June 6, 2010

Sunday School	76
Previous Sunday	85
Morning Worship - 8:00...	101
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	0
Morning Worship A Year Ago	166
10:30...	79
10:30...	190

TITHES & OFFERINGS

June 6, 2010

2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$5,875.25
Weekly Needs Giving	\$8,891.19
Missions	\$260.00
Memorials	\$50.00
One Great Hour of Sharing (June)	\$70.00

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 Papio 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.

PLEASE JOIN US...

To celebrate Laurie as she answers God's call to go to East Asia!

Friday, July 9th 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church, Harlan, Iowa

Hosted by Nancy and Megan Sorensen

R.S.V.P. megansorensen@gmail.com

About one year ago God began making me aware how many children need a home where they will receive consistent love and care. As often happens, when I finally said something to Deb, I learned that she was way ahead of me and had been thinking about this for some time.

Last fall we started attending informational meetings about foster care and adoption. In February we began the required ten weeks of training. Now, after successfully completing the criminal background checks, numerous forms, required foster parent training, mandatory first aid and CPR training, and four home visits we've received our official license as a foster home.

We will certainly appreciate the prayers, understanding and support of our church family as we begin this new adventure. And please be aware ahead of time, that for confidentiality reasons, we'll be unable to discuss details about these children with you.

Rowly and Deb Burton

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

Thursday

7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Monday

6 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study

5 pm - GriefShare

7 pm - Fresh Start

ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING

Last year the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering made a difference in disaster areas in 12 countries and 13 American states (including Iowa). They also provided funds for development projects for chronic needs in 24 countries and 8 American states. They need your help to continue this valuable assistance! Help us meet our goal of \$2,000. (Received so far: \$70.00)

Hello all,

We wanted to let you know of a couple of opportunities to be trained as Marriage Mentors or to refresh your own marriage and your mentor skills. Some of you are trained but know of people in your area who were unable to attend the training when we were there. Others of you just might need a time away and we have an opportunity for you.

Mentor Couple Retreat & Statewide Mentor Couple Training

July 9-11, 2010

Hidden Acres Christian Center

3837 Union Ave, Dayton, IA

Marriage Matters will be hosting a Mentor Couple training on Saturday July 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hidden Acres Christian Center. The training is free to all couples who want to attend and includes lunch, but NO child care. (This is a \$200 value)

Marriage Matters will also be hosting Mentor Couple retreat the same weekend at a cost of \$150 per couple. This cost includes 2 nights stay, desert bar Friday evening, breakfast both Saturday and Sunday as well dinner on Saturday night. This cost also includes a choice of 3 one hour sessions Saturday evening immediately following dinner. (Please note this is a summer camp type facility. Each couple will have their own rooms, but will share bathrooms with other couples). Any couple attending the retreat is also invited to attend the Mentor Couple training at no cost!

The retreat weekend will begin Friday evening with check in between 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm followed by an evening gathering from 8:00 to 10:00 pm with a dessert bar. The weekend will end after the Sunday morning service/breakfast.

We will also be hosting a free training in Okoboji, Iowa Friday night July 30 and Saturday, July 31. We plan to be done by 3:00 at the latest. Details of exactly where and when are yet to follow. If you know you are interested in this one you might want to make reservations for housing soon. Okoboji tends to fill up in the summer. I know that Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp 712-336-3307 rents their rooms and has some cabins as well for a reasonable fee.

We are making you aware of these opportunities as Marriage Matters will no longer be funded by a federal grant after September 30. That means that we will not be able to offer the training for free after that date.

If you have questions please let us know. Registration is required and there are only a limited number of rooms for the weekend at Hidden Acres so first come, first served!

Blessings,

Jody and Mark Stevenson

THANK YOU!

First Baptist Church Family, Thank you very much for the Bible, Senior breakfast and all the support during this exciting time. It is always great to have such an awesome church family. ~Rob Larson

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