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From The Pastor's Desk

Power Outages

Last night, our power went out again. The first time, it was merely annoying, as it caused me to miss the end of Game 7 of the NBA Finals. ("Poor baby," Sally said.)

Last night was more serious. Power was out for over 3 hours and we were unable to bail water fast enough to prevent the sump pump from overflowing. Fortunately, it stopped raining and power was restored before the situation got too out of hand.

While sitting in the dark, I was able to contemplate our dependence on electricity. Imagine the power being out for an extended period – days, if not weeks. It would be awful and life as we know it would come to a standstill.

We can experience a power outage in our spiritual lives as well. That occurs when we fail to "remain" (or abide) in Christ. In John 15:5, Jesus said, *"I am the vine [power source]; you are the branches [electrical cord and power tool]. If a man remains in me [stays plugged in] and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

At times we try to accomplish spiritual tasks without being plugged into Christ. That is like me trying to use my wet-vac with the power still out. What did Jesus say about that? He said, *"Apart from me you can do nothing."*

As a practical matter, how does one "remain" in Christ (or stay plugged in)? Answer: by practicing the ancient disciplines. Richard Foster, in his classic book *The Celebration of Discipline*, divides the ancient disciplines into three categories: (1) the inward disciplines – prayer and study; (2) the outward disciplines – solitude and service; and (3) the corporate disciplines – worship and guidance (Bible teaching). Which of these have you incorporated into your life?

One last thing: When our power went out, my alarm clock started beeping. In other words, I was warned immediately that something was amiss. In the case of our spiritual lives, there typically is no such warning and we can go a long time under the mistaken impression that everything is just fine. Ideally, you have a friend or spouse who regularly inquires about your walk with Christ. And hopefully, you do the same for others.

In appreciation of you,

Pastor Dan

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

Sunday, June 27, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Christian Soll & Daniel Soll
 Will Lansman
Nursery: Arlin & Nancy Sorensen
Next Week: None - combined service
Ushers: Adam & Anne Chipman
 Mike & Deb Martin

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery Arlin & Nancy Sorensen
Next Week: Dan & Melanie Lucas

10:30 - COMBINED SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Jim & Judy Zea
Nursery: Paulette Madsen & Pearl Madsen
Next Week: Keith & Bonnie Fiscus
Ushers: Jim Jensen, Norm Mathiasen, Glenn French, Paul Nelson

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday: July 4, 2010
 ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30am
 Sunday School for Children at 9:15am
 Sunday School for Adults at 9:30am

FOR THE RECORD

June 20, 2010

Sunday School	78
Previous Sunday	67
Morning Worship - 8:00...	107
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	66
Morning Worship A Year Ago	178

TITHES & OFFERINGS

June 20, 2010

2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$5,875.25
Weekly Needs Giving	\$9,998.70
Missions	\$100.00
Memorials	\$4,766.66
One Great Hour of Sharing (June)	\$945.00

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.

Social Committee

JULY/AUGUST/SEPT 2010

KITCHEN COORDINATOR: Karyn Gilpatric

Mary Ahrenholtz, Dave & Nancy Boettger, Rowly & Deb Burton, Don & Jeannie Christensen, Rich & Mary Freml, Glenn & Rosalie French, Dawn Gardner, Jim & Vickie Gillespie, Jim & Jane Jensen, Tara & Howard Lansman, Dan & Melanie Lucas, Norm & Jo Mathiasen, Dallas & Lois McDermott, Vic & Shari Miller, Luetta Moore, Kent & Deb Morgan, Phil & Jennifer Perkins, Lois Reeves, Matt & Amber Schmitz, Ken & Edie Shelter, Brian & Dorene Smith, Brent & Terri Soll, Dale & Ruth Sorensen, Vera Stewart, Dave & Trish Stremmer, Tony & Rita Vis.

Shelby County Food Pantry is in great need of food. The shelves are bare. They can use box foods, pasta's of all kinds, soup, paper products, canned goods, etc. Please bring your donation to church or direct to the Food Pantry. Thank you.



Christmas in June... Anyone interested in being the chair for the Sunday School Christmas Program please contact John Gilliland!

GriefShare will be on summer break until September - look for an announcement this fall for start date.

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Thursday

(all day) - Mission Week Meal Hosts

7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Saturday

2-4pm - Jim & Jane Jensen 50th Anniversary

Monday

6 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study

7 pm - Fresh Start

ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is a tangible way American Baptists provide for the human needs of the world. It does this in 3 ways: Emergency Relief for needs resulting from disasters; Development Projects to meet chronic human needs; and Refugee Ministries in U.S. and local communities. These victims need your help! Will you help them? Our goal is \$2,000.

Received so far: \$1265.00

Updated contact information...

Pastor Roger & Jodie Manning

17267 Madison Street

Omaha, NE 68135

Pastor Dan Hawn

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New Office Manager

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Cyrila Roberts as the church's new office manager. Cyrila is pronounced "Sir-la."

Cyrila is a strong believer in Christ, with considerable experience as a secretary and administrative assistant. We were impressed, not only with her deep faith and professional experience, but also her warm & friendly personality. Judy Rasmussen will be overseeing Cyrila's training.

Much thanks to those who have been filling in the past year. You have been a great blessing.

Jeff Larson

Joel Berndt

Pastor Dan

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 - pjbjperk@harlannet.com or 755-5383

Lois McDermott - macscan@harlannet.com or 755-2190

Rachel Swenson - Courage_2_win@yahoo.com

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