

First Baptist Church

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**From The Pastor's Desk**

***Keep Going! Don't Quit!***

This is what Sally & I heard a lot last Thursday evening at Jenny Weisenborn's swim meet in Avoca. At times, the younger swimmers especially (not Jenny), would get tired and begin to slow down. Immediately, their parents or teammates or coach would admonish them with "keep going, don't quit." It had a noticeable effect.

Perseverance is a major theme in the Bible. It is commanded (II Tim 3:14), a proof of discipleship (Jn 8:31), a condition of fruitfulness (Jn 15:4), and necessary for eternal life (Mt 24:13).

What are some of the situations or circumstances that call forth the need for perseverance? With the swimmers, it might have been the length of the pool, the wake created by the other swimmers, or the big burrito that some of them had for supper.

In our spiritual lives, there are three major tests of our perseverance. One is the test of false teaching. This occurs when we hear or are exposed to something that contradicts Biblical truth. Last week, for example, a gentleman I had just met insisted that Christianity is but one way to God. His argument actually sounded attractive and reasonable, so I had to persevere in the knowledge that "no one comes to the Father except through [Christ]."

Another test of our perseverance is persecution. As Americans, we've been largely protected from this, but that may be changing. For example, it probably won't be too long before a Christian can be charged with a "hate crime" for going against the prevailing view on certain issues.

Finally, and perhaps most commonly, our perseverance is tested by weariness in doing good or serving others. Ministry can be exhausting, whether physically, mentally or emotionally (or some combination thereof). The desire to quit or simply go through the motions can be strong. At that point, we have a choice to make.

How is YOUR perseverance being tested? Several years ago, I wanted to quit something and one of the leaders in my church, a man in his 70's, encouraged me by saying, "You know, I can't think of a single time in my 7 decades of life when persevering didn't turn out to be a great blessing."

And so, brother or sister . . . Keep going! Don't quit!

Pastor Dan

**SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS**

Sunday, July 18, 2010

**8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary**

**Greeters:** Brad & Sue Sorensen, Jeff & Shelli Larson

**Nursery:** Howard & Trey Lansman

**Ushers:** \*Chris & Misty Swensen Family

**9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Nursery:** Tara & Seth Lansman

**Next Sunday Nursery:**

**10:30 - TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

**Greeters:** Jim & Cindy Heilesen

**Nursery:** Terri Soll

**Next Sunday Nursery:** Jami & Haley Andersen

**Ushers:** \*Bryan Greve, Myron Sorensen, Don Christensen, Kent Morgan

**FOR THE RECORD**

July 11, 2010

<b>Sunday School</b>		N/A
<b>Previous Sunday</b>		68
<b>Morning Worship - 8:00...</b>	N/A	<b>10:30...</b> 126
<b>Previous Sunday - 8:00...</b>		<b>10:30...</b> 164
<b>Morning Worship A Year Ago</b>		111

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

July 11, 2010

<b>2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs</b>	\$5,875.25
<b>Weekly Needs Giving</b>	\$4,229.43
<b>Missions</b>	\$160.00
<b>Memorials</b>	\$30.00
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	\$10.00

## **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.

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>.

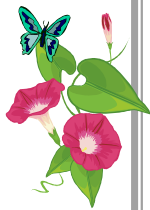
VBS is for ages 3 on up. Nursery will be available for younger children with parents working at VBS.

'Thank you' to the church communities of Shelby County and beyond. I have completed 7 of 18 weekly chemo treatments. After those 18, I will receive chemo once, every 21 days for nine more months. Overall, I'm doing quite well. A bump in the road here and there, but more good days than bad days and the bad days are tolerable. I have quickly learned to accept offers of help for driving to chemo, cleaning and meal preparation. Those acts of kindness allow me channel energy toward my physical and emotional healing.

Since my diagnosis of ovarian cancer 12 weeks ago, I have been humbled by your continued prayers, notes, cards and phone calls. My family and myself sincerely appreciate your support of us, as well as of my father (Leland Schmitz) and mother since my father's illness. Please know that your prayers and support lift my spirit each day. We will keep you in our prayers too!

Nadine & Steve Kenkel

Jenna & Todd Hucka, Tony Kenkel



## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Wednesday, July 14**

5:45 pm - VBS meeting

### **Thursday, July 15**

7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, July 18**

2 pm 'til 4 pm - Ice cream social (New Fellowship Hall)

### **Monday, July 19**

6 am - Promise Keepers Bible Study

7-9 pm - Fresh Start \*No meeting July 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>\*

8 pm - Diaconate meeting

## ***Everyone's invited!!***

Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Ice Cream Social Open House** Sunday afternoon

from 2pm 'til 4pm in the New Fellowship Hall  
to welcome Pastor Dan and Sally

Ice Cream, Cookies & Drinks will be served

Come get acquainted with them and help them put faces  
to our names

Come and go as you please

No gifts, please,  
your presence is present enough



### **⇒ YOU ARE NEEDED ⇐**

FBC is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels for the month of August. We need 4 people - 2 for each route Monday through Friday, 11 am-Noon.

Contact Dave & Trish Stremmer @ 755-2574 July 27<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup> to put your name on the delivery schedule, or call the church office manager @ 755-2711.

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

## **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](mailto:pjbiperk@harlannet.com) or 755-5383

Lois McDermott - [macscan@harlannet.com](mailto:macscan@harlannet.com) or 755-2190

## **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.

## **ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING**

Thanks to all for your great response in using the One Great Hour of Sharing offering as an opportunity to help relieve the suffering of people around the world - some even in Iowa! The total received was \$1,997.00. In addition, \$2,033 was given earlier this year for the earthquake victims in Haiti, and this money was also routed through the One Great Hour of Sharing. Thanks for caring!

## **✠ Sunday School Teachers Needed ✠**

Anyone interested in teaching Sunday School starting in September, please contact John Gilliland. We have different options available; team teach, alternating months, or rotating every few weeks.

We also need a Sunday School Superintendent.

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