

**First Baptist Church**

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**The Extender**

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From The Pastor's Desk

**On the Role of Government**

As the mid-term election season gets underway, one of the big topics of discussion is the role of government in our lives. Some advocate a bigger role for government, especially the federal government, while others believe the size and scope of government is already too big and needs to be reined in.

From 1980 to 1998, I worked for a large health insurance company and saw both positive and negative aspects of government. On the positive side, government set the rules and held us accountable. We knew that if we mistreated our customers, we could be fined or otherwise punished. On the negative side, the rules were often onerous, ill-conceived and designed to favor some "players" over others. Without question, government made insurance more expensive (significantly so) and the higher cost resulted in fewer people being insured.

Some of you are familiar with The Truth Project, a 12-part curriculum from Focus on the Family. I found the lesson on government particularly insightful, especially this statement: *"The state has the capacity to exert a tremendous power for good in the affairs of mankind as long as it operates within its proper boundaries; but it also has the potential to become the most horrendously pathological and abusive of all the social spheres if not kept in check."*

Government was created by God for ethical purposes: to promote good behavior and punish evil (see Romans 13). Unfortunately, government has the tendency to go beyond its God-ordained purpose and begin to dominate the other spheres of life, including those of family, church, labor and community. In short, the government will assume roles and responsibilities God has not assigned to it. When this happens, history tells us that tyranny, oppression and violence are sure to follow.

Whether you're a Republican, Democrat or Independent, it is important to elect candidates this November who understand and respect the role of government, and who will exercise restraint in the use of its power.

In appreciation of you,

Pastor Dan

**SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS**

Sunday, August 15, 2010

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

**Greeters:** Gene & Darlene Arentson,  
Matt & Amber Schmitz

**Nursery:** Jeff & Emily Hundt

Next Sunday Nursery: Terri & Daniel Soll

**Ushers:** Terry Arentson, Joe Arentson,  
Tom Walker, Mike Martin

**9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Nursery** Jeff & Emily Hundt

Next Sunday Nursery: Barb & Gary Wirtjes

**10:30 - TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

**Greeters:** Fred & Susan Nelson

**Nursery:** Les & Deb Outhouse

Next Sunday Nursery: Barb & Gary Wirtjes

**Ushers:** Darrell Mathiasen, Olie Pash,  
Dennis Langbehn

**FOR THE RECORD**

August 8, 2010

<b>Sunday School</b>		110
<b>Previous Sunday</b>		91
<b>Morning Worship - 8:00...</b>	104	<b>10:30...</b> 116
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<b>Morning Worship A Year Ago</b>		77

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

August 8, 2010

<b>2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs</b>	\$5,875.25
<b>Weekly Needs Giving</b>	6,388.41
<b>Missions</b>	240.00
<b>Paul &amp; Melissa Scholten</b>	2,000.00
<b>Shelby County Community Outreach</b>	1,050.00

## You Are Invited

**What:** Baby Shower  
**Who:** Megan Culver  
**When:** Saturday, August 14th  
9:30am-11:30am  
**Where:** FBC New Fellowship Hall

Come and go baby shower for Megan and baby boy. They are registered at:

Target  
Babies R Us  
Gymboree  
Sweet Dreams Boutique

Contact Luann Hansen for more info 579-9554



## Coming soon...BYF!

Registration and kick off is Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Ice cream and cookies will be served.

This ministry is for kids ages 4 through Senior High.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Senior High will begin at 6:00pm with a meal.

More info to follow!

### 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.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, August 11

5-8 pm - School Supplies Pick Up-NFH

#### Thursday, August 12

7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

#### Saturday, August 14

9:30-11:30 am - Megan Culver Baby Shower-NFH  
1-3 pm - School Supplies Pick Up-NFH

#### Monday, August 16

6 am - Promise Keepers  
7-9 pm - Fresh Start  
8 pm - Diaconate Meeting



As many of us know, there is a problem with our group emails for the Extender and all-church info mass mailings. Phil Perkins is working on a solution and needs our help. He will be sending out emails from the church email address and from Pastor Dan. If you do not receive both emails by Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, please contact Phil @ 579-1339 or the church office 755-2711 to confirm or correct your email address.



We have a great opportunity to serve the children of Shelby County! Dawn Gardner and Rita Vis are heading up the VBS mission project to provide school supplies and backpacks for families.

Volunteers are needed to help each child select their new supplies in anticipation of school starting next week.

There are two opportunities to assist Dawn and Rita in the New Fellowship Hall:

Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 8pm

Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1pm to 3pm

### Come share the excitement!

Call: Dawn @ 605-376-7692 or  
Rita @ 712-579-9030 to join the fun.

### ⇨SERVICE OPPORTUNITY⇩

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

Contact Dave & Trish Stremmer @ 755-2574 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.

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