

First Baptist Church

1325 Chatburn Ave.
Harlan, IA 51537

The Extender

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From The Pastor's Desk

More About Postmodernity

Last Sunday, in my message on "birth pains," I referred to our culture as "postmodern." Some were wondering what I was talking about. (Hey, I get that all the time.)

Those who study the culture believe that, in the mid-1960's (approximately), Western civilization entered into a new era, called the Postmodern era. This is the third era since the time of Christ. Christ lived during the Greco-Roman era. This was replaced by the Middle Ages, then the Enlightenment and now the Postmodern era.

Postmodernity involves a radical departure from the values and thinking that dominated during the 500-year Enlightenment period. Four major changes or shifts have been noted. First is a shift from objective truth to subjective truth. For every situation, there are now multiple "truths" and each of these truths are equally valid, even though they may be contradictory.

Postmodernity also represents a shift from word to image. The printed or spoken word is no longer dominate; in today's culture, we learn and communicate through visuals, pictures and images. As one famous athlete observed, "Image is everything."

A third shift is a shift from rugged individualism to tribalism. Your "tribe" is the group with whom you identify and to whom you pledge your loyalty. As a result of this shift, America has become more fragmented. Instead of one America, we now have Red states and Blue states, Rich America and Poor America, Gays and Straights, Catholics and Evangelicals, and so on.

A fourth shift is a shift from optimism to pessimism. This goes back to the failure of the Enlightenment. At one time, it was commonly believed that society was heading toward utopia. Then came WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, the atomic bomb, persistent poverty, etc. Most people now think things are going to get worse and despair and cynicism are rampant.

Each of these changes or shifts has profound implications for the Church. Throughout its 2,000-year history, the Church has always had to make choices about how it will relate to the surrounding culture and how it will respond to social change. In next weeks' Extender, I will list the four basic approaches we can take. Meanwhile, pray for our culture and think about how each of the four shifts I mentioned may actually create some opportunities for us to minister and reach out to people.

In appreciation of you,

Pastor Dan

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SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

Sunday, August 22, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Nicholas Andersen, Elliott Britt, Ben Lucas

Nursery: Terri & Daniel Soll

Next Sunday Nursery: Dan & Melanie Lucas

Ushers: Jeff Hundt, Jeff Larson, Tom Walker, Mike Martin

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery Barb & Gary Wirtjes

Next Sunday Nursery: Dan & Melanie Lucas

10:30 - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Greeters: Larry & Paulette Madson

Nursery: Barb & Gary Wirtjes

Next Sunday Nursery: Amanda Outhouse & Nikki Greve

Ushers: *Jim Zea, Darrel Mathiasen, Olie Pash, Dennis Langbehn

FOR THE RECORD

August 15, 2010

Sunday School		78
Previous Sunday		110
Morning Worship - 8:00...	94	10:30... 115
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	97	10:30... 114
Morning Worship A Year Ago		NA

TITHES & OFFERINGS

August 15, 2010

2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$5,875.25
Weekly Needs Giving	3,469.41
Missions	70.00
Dagoberto Zelaya	20.00
Murrow Children's Home	20.00
Chuck & Ruth Fox - Thailand	20.00

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 29th @ 9:30, all adult, young adult and children's Sunday School classes will meet in the New Fellowship Hall. We will recognize our teachers, new teachers and advancing students.

Refreshments will be served.



Coming soon....BYF!

Registration and kick off is Wednesday, September 1st 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 8th 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 - pibjperk@harlannet.com or 755-5383

Lois McDermott - 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 18

School begins

Thursday, August 19

7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Monday, August 23

6 am - Promise Keepers

7-9 pm - Fresh Start

Marcus Upton Benefit Bake Sale

Wednesday, August 25th, 10am-4 pm

Elm Crest Retirement Community is hosting a benefit bake sale for the Marcus and Krissy Upton family. Marcus was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident and is the son-in-law of Dean and Arleatta Bartelson. He remains hospitalized in Des Moines.



As many of us know, there are problems with our group emails for the Extender and mass mailings. Phil Perkins is working on a solution and needs our help. He has sent out emails from the church email address and from Pastor Dan. If you have not received both emails, please contact Phil @ 579-1339 or the church office to confirm or correct your email address.

Also, please check your email inbox and clear all unnecessary messages to make sure there is enough space to receive the Extender. This document is very large and your mailbox will not download it if there isn't enough space.



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.