

First Baptist Church

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From The Pastor's Desk

What Kind of Church?

In last week's article, I wrote that, starting in the mid-1960s, Western civilization entered into a new era called "the Postmodern era." I defined Postmodernity as a radical departure from the values and thinking that dominated during the 500-year Enlightenment period and provided four examples. At the conclusion of the article, I suggested that the shift from Enlightenment to Postmodern thinking has profound implications for the Church.

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. There seems to be five main options or possibilities.

One option is **Unchanging Tradition**. In this case, the Church basically tries to ignore the culture and lives (functions) according to tradition. The problem with this approach is that the Church becomes marginalized and has very little influence.

A second option, at the other extreme, is **Accommodation**. Here, the Church is marked by compromise and there is little distinction between those who follow Christ (supposedly) and those who do not. Again, the Church has little influence and more-or-less functions as a country club for its members.

A third option is to adopt a **Fortress Mentality**. Instead of trying to ignore the culture ("unchanging tradition"), the Church essentially boycotts the culture by establishing a separate, parallel culture of its own. The primary motivation is to protect itself from moral corruption, hence the establishment of Christian schools, Christians entertainment outlets, Christian businesses, a Christian political party, etc.

A fourth option is called **Prophetic Voice**. This is a nice way of saying that the Church goes to war against the culture and fights it with every weapon at its disposal. The attempt is to save the culture and the church within it.

A fifth option is called the **Missional Church** option. Instead of seeing the culture as a battlefield, it sees it as a mission field. The Missional Church has a twofold strategy: First, it seeks to have influence with those *outside* the Church through service, friendship and dialogue. And then, *within* the Church, there is a prophetic voice, where God's people are being called to embody the gospel and neither retreat nor lash out.

Question: What kind of response to the culture ought to prevail at First Baptist - Harlan?

In appreciation of you,

Pastor Dan

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

Sunday, August 29, 2010

8:00 - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - Sanctuary

Greeters: Ellen Linden & Donna Miller
Jon & Luann Hansen

Nursery: Dan & Melanie Lucas

Next Sunday Nursery: Tom & Sandy Walker

Ushers: Dave Boettger, Tom Walker,
Jeff Hundt, Jeff Larson

9:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery: Dan & Melanie Lucas

Next Sunday Nursery: Brent Soll

10:30 - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Greeters: Doug & Patty Welsh

Nursery: Amanda Outhouse & Nikki Greve

Next Sunday Nursery: Bob & Bonnie Burton

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

FOR THE RECORD

August 22, 2010

Sunday School		110
Previous Sunday		78
Morning Worship - 8:00...	127	10:30... 140
Previous Sunday - 8:00...	94	10:30... 115
Morning Worship A Year Ago		101

TITHES & OFFERINGS

August 22, 2010

2010 Budgeted Weekly Needs \$5,875.25

Full report next week

Promotion Sunday

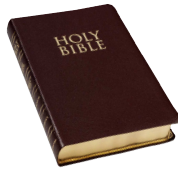
Sunday, August 29th, following the 8:00am church service, all adult, young adult and children's Sunday School classes will meet in the New Fellowship Hall.

Bibles will be awarded to our
2nd graders & 4 year olds

Isaac Britt	Lincoln Clays
Jack Klitgaard	Violet Lotenschtein
Josie Knudson	Christopher Reyes
Jackson Lotenschtein	Jeb Sonderman
Griffin Schleimer	Molly Swensen

We will also recognize Sunday School and BYF staff for 2010-2011.

Refreshments will be served.
(Please contact Karla Hundt @ ikhundt@fmctc.com if your child has been inadvertently omitted.)



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 25

10am-4pm - Marcus Upton Benefit Bake Sale
6:30pm - BYF teachers and staff meeting (NFH)

Thursday, August 26

7 pm - Contemporary Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Monday, August 30

6 am - Promise Keepers

7-9 pm - Fresh Start

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!

Marcus Upton Benefit Bake Sale

Wednesday, August 25th, 10am-4 pm
Elm Crest Community Room

Elm Crest Retirement Community is hosting a benefit bake sale for the Marcus and Crissy Upton family. Marcus was seriously injured in a motorcycle/deer accident and is the son-in-law of Dean and Arleatta Bartelson.

You can be a baker, or a buyer, or both! Please bring your baked goods to the Elm Crest Community Room (southeast door) on Wednesday, or to the church NFH kitchen by 9:30am on Wednesday. Thank you for your generous response to helping this young family with their medical expenses.

Contact Susan Nelson, Bonnie Fiscus or Joanne Nelson for more information.

Grief Share

Starts Sept 13, 2010

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.



⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Prov. 3:5-6

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.