

First Baptist Church  
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**The Extender**  
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**October 12, 2009**

Sunday, I left you and went to preach at the Douglas County Jail. Afterwards, one of the inmates came to me for help. He recently gave his life to the Lord and is now a very humble, repentant and dedicated follower of Jesus Christ. This poor young man was suffering so, not because he was behind bars, but because he had written letters to his family asking for forgiveness and they had not responded.

He told me his sister and her Baptist pastor husband had not called, visited, nor written since he had asked for their forgiveness for the things he had done that landed him in jail (apparently not even things done directly to them).

Are you carrying around a "Forgiveness" that you have not delivered? Jesus told us in Matthew 6: 14 & 15, "For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> "But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."

If God who is perfect can forgive his own creations for their sins against Him, how can we not forgive each other? And how do we know when to stop forgiving someone for something they have done before? Look at the response Jesus gave Peter when he asked this very question....

"Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. (Matthew 18:21-22)

If you have done something against someone else, or they against you, it is time to make amends. Leave your offering at the altar and go and make it right with them, then come back to the Lord.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.... <sup>12</sup> 'And *forgive us our debts*, as *we also have forgiven our debtors*. (Matthew 6:9 & 12)

**SERVICE TIMES & WORSHIP HELPERS**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in NFH**

**Greeters:** Karla and Jeff Hundt; East

**Doors:** Dawn Gardner

**Nursery Attendants:** Tony and Rita Vis

**Next Week: Shelli and Rob Larson**

**Ushers:** Dan Lucas' Family

**9:15 a.m. Sunday School For Youth**

**Prayer Time** for the Adults in NFH

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults**

**10:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary**

**Greeters:** Brent and Terri Soll

**Nursery Attendants:** Dan and Heidi

Lotenschtein

**Next Week: David and Bethany Hester**

**Ushers:** \*Bob Burton, \*Glenn French, Eric Andersen, and Dan Martin

**FOR THE RECORD**

**October 11, 2009**

Sunday School.....	112
Previous Sunday.....	107
Morning Worship - 8:00 a.m....	121
10:30 a.m....	100
Previous Sunday - 8:00 a.m....	98
10:30 a.m....	110
Morning Worship A Year Ago.....	220
BYF Wednesday September 16.....	159

**TITHES & OFFERINGS October 11, 2009**

<b>2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund</b>	\$5,879.25
<b>10-11-09 General Fund Offering</b>	\$4,432.64
<b>Missions</b>	\$ 325.00

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### **Monday, October 12**

6:00 am Promise Keepers Bible Study  
6:30-8:00 pm Grief Share in the Library  
7:00- 9:00 pm Fresh Start - Sr.High Rm.

### **Tuesday, October 13**

2:00 pm Town Hall Discussions- Seekers  
Rm. "The Price of Forgiveness"

### **Wednesday, October 14**

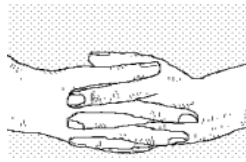
6:00 pm Meal for Sr. High  
6:40-8:00 pm Preschool-Sr. High BYF

### **Thursday, October 15**

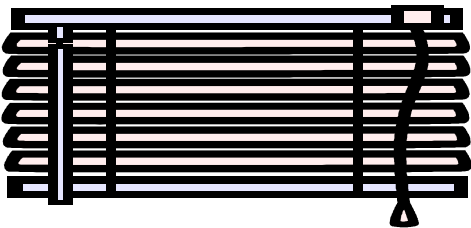
2:00 pm ABW meeting

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

Phil Perkins  
Viola Waddell  
Family of Ernie Plagman  
June Schleimer's Aunt Bonnie  
Dan & Sandy Nelsen (friends of Dan & Tina Olson)  
Marie Arentson  
Lori Fast (Lucille Paulsen's granddaughter)  
Geraldine Hansen  
Darlene Blakely  
BYF Ministry  
Our troops  
SCCO  
Our sister churches in Latvia.



### "WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY"



You have a "window of opportunity" to help get the parsonage ready to occupy!!! You can help "buy" window blinds for the parsonage windows by:

1. Taking a "window" from the black and white "Window of Opportunity" poster in the NFH foyer
2. Sign your name underneath your window
3. Place your donation in the offering plate on Sunday, tagged for "Parsonage window treatments"  
Buy 1 or more!!!

Don't miss your "Window of Opportunity"  
Questions---call Edie @ 744-3485

### Focus on Parenting

Make your reservations today for the parenting seminar that is coming **here** to First Baptist Church. This simulcast will be Saturday November 14, 2009 from 8:00-3:30 p.m. The event is free! Register today by going online or call the church. For more information please contact the church at [baptist@fbcharlan.org](mailto:baptist@fbcharlan.org) or 755-2711.



### Items Needed:

The ABW ladies are in need of clean, used sheets to tear up for roller bandages. If you have any worn sheets that you want to get rid of please bring them to the church and mark them for the ABW. They can be white or colored. Thank you.

### White Cross

All of the airplane have been taken from the White Cross poster. Thank you so much for your faithfulness to this project. Continue to drop your items off in the box outside the church office. Deadline for returning the items is November 8.

Thank you, Marie Arentson



Congratulations to Todd and Susan Berndt on the birth of Adelyn Rae! Born Saturday, October 10th, she weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21 in. long. Proud grandparents are Joel and Karla Berndt. Proud great-grandparents are Gene and Darlene Arentson. Beaming aunts are Laura and Michelle.



Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Why don't you express your appreciation to ours this week? You can send him a card; invite he and his lovely wife over for a meal. Anything that says "thanks" and "I know what you are doing for our church!"

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