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From The Pastor's Desk

Remember that old saying, "Don't bite the nose that feeds you." OK, its "Don't bite the hand that feeds you," but when my loving little chocolate lab puppy, Katie, bloodied the bridge of my nose this morning with her razor sharp little teeth that's not the way I remembered it.

I prayed, Lord give me patience and piece because at that moment I was ready to send her back to the guy I bought her from. But as I calmed down I realized, I have spent countless hours loving this little pup; teaching her; playing with her; befriending her in so many ways, why would she bite me? God wouldn't let her bit me unless there was a message in it.

OK, that may be stretching things a bit (or a bite). But, why do we bite the hand that feeds us? Why do we constantly sin against a loving God who gives us everything we have and need?

I wish I could say I was as sinless and innocent as Katie. After all, she is just a baby and was playing, not rebelling. She doesn't know the difference between right and wrong yet. She doesn't know she is hurting me, physically when she jumps at me with her mouth open or psychologically when she refuses to do what I ask her to do, or stop when I ask her to stop. I can't plead that defense with my God.

Holy Spirit, help me to remember that the sharp teeth of my sins pierce my Savior's heart like a spear driven into His side or nails in His hands. Help me to remember that my "Yes" to His "No" and my "No" to His "Yes" hurt my God and me.

Amen

2009 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 20th we will have one combined service at 10 a.m. with the theme "Peace On Earth."

Play the piano or sing? Build sets? Type or sew costumes? Your help is needed. Contact June Schleimer at 712-764-3527 or celebra8@metc.net.

SERVICE TIMES & HELPERS

November 1, 2009

SET CLOCKS BACK SATURDAY NIGHT

8:00—CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

NFH Greeters: Joel & Karla Bernt

East Doors: Gary & Barb Wirtjes

Nursery Attendants: Jeff & Emily Hunt

Next Week: Jeff & Emily Hundt

Ushers: Dan Lucas' Family

9:15—Sunday School For Youth

Prayer Time for the Adults in NFH

9:30—Sunday School for Adults

10:30—TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Greeters: Jim & Cindy Hielesen

Nursery Attendants: Les & Deb Outhouse

Next Week: Les & Deb Outhouse

Ushers: *John Gilliland, *Rowly Burton, Stan Martens, and Dan Martin

FOR THE RECORD

October 25, 2009

Sunday School	98
Previous Sunday	94
Morning Worship - 8:00 ...113	10:30 ...106
Previous Sunday - 8:00	98
10:30	111
Morning Worship A Year Ago	217
BYF Wednesday September 16	151

TITHES & OFFERINGS

October 25, 2009

2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund	\$5,875.25
General Fund Offering	\$7,091.25

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, November 2

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, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

!! NO BYF !!

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Eldora Peterson
Donna Miller
Viola Waddell
Geraldine Hansen
Darlene Blakely
Lori Fast (Lucille Paulsen's grand-daughter)
June Schleimer's Aunt Bonnie
BYF Ministry
Our troops
SCCO

Thank your for prayers, phone calls, visits and food during my surgery and recovery. Especially Judy Zea for spending the day of my surgery with me and Ellen Linden for staying with me my first night home. God bless each and every one of you.

Donna Miller

NEW BABY

Welcome Mitchell Thomas Williams, born to Tom and Dana Williams last Saturday night.

BABY SHOWER

"Come and Go" (or Stay and Fellowship) baby shower to welcome their new grand-daughter, Adelyn Rae Berndt. Saturday, 10/31 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the NFH.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Christina Groen will be held in the NFH Tuesday, 11/10 at 7:00 p.m. Christina and her fiancé, Vance Roelofs are registered Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

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 baptist@fbcharlan.org or call the church at 755-2711.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11-1 Brianna Vis, Jennifer Perkins, Deb Outhouse, Cyndi Greve
11-2 John Gilliland
11-3 Josie Knudson
11-5 James Jensen, Bonnie Fiscus
11-6 Heather Miller
11-8 Nicholas Freml
11-10 Matthew Andersen
11-11 Ruth Sorensen, Randy Pash, Abigail Hester
11-12 Bev McCreary, Marilyn Martin, Andrea Heilig, Holly Matthews
11-16 Matthew Bartelson
11-18 Darlene Blakely
11-18 Deb Larson
11-20 Richard Freml
11-20 Gaige Knudson
11-20 Alex French
11-21 Mary Beaman
11-22 Michelle Sorensen
11-25 Chandra Knudsen

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11-10 Darrel & Sharon Mathiasen
11-13 Brent & Terri Soll
11-21 Floyd & LaVale Jensen, Mick & Gloria Soll
11-23 Nels & Gwen Block, Tony & Rita Vis
11-24 Dave & Pat Pedersen
11-25 Keith & Bonnie Fiscus

"WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY"

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"

Questions---call Edie @ 744-3485

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