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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](mailto: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

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### TITHES & OFFERINGS

October 25, 2009

<b>2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund</b>	\$5,875.25
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	\$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](mailto: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.**