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From The Pastor's Desk

Where does God want to use me today? It's a question we should ask ourselves each and every morning. You might think, "Well you're a pastor, you don't need to ask that question." Yes, I do. You see being a pastor is like being a farmer or an accountant in many ways. It is my vocation and we do it, as we do all things, unto the Lord; for His honor and glory. That is why we exist and we are to live our lives every day, all day, that way.

What I'm talking about here is more specific. I'm talking about looking for the specific tasks God puts on our heart to accomplish His goals. In the morning, when your mind is refreshed, do you take time for God's word, prayer, meditation and conversation? This is where you say to God, "Where should I go today? Who should I make it a point to talk with? What have you put on my heart lately that you want accomplished today?"

Then we listen. That is the other and most important part, of a conversation. We listen for God to tell us what He has for us. This is where we hear that still small voice. Some, especially non-believers, will say it is your conscience or your own imagination, but those who know the Lord and stay in contact with Him through the Holy Spirit in constant prayer and meditation know different. We know that this is how our Father speaks to our hearts. This is how He leads us in the way of righteousness.

What did God tell you to do today for His Kingdom? Are you about your Father's business right now?

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 8, 2009

8:00—CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

NFH Greeters: Vick & Shari Miller

East Doors: Terry & Joe Arentson

Nursery Attendants: Gary & Barb Wirtjes

Next Week: Jim & Janet Swensen

Ushers: Jeff & Karla Hundt

9:15—Sunday School For Youth

Prayer Time for the Adults in NFH

9:30—Sunday School for Adults

10:30—TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Greeters: Darrel & Sharon Mathiasen

Nursery Attendants: Brent & Terri Soll

Next Week: Amanda Outhouse & Nikki Greve

Ushers: Myron Sorensen, James Nelson, Norm Mathiasen and Fred Nelson

FOR THE RECORD

November 1, 2009

Sunday School	119
Previous Sunday	98
Morning Worship -8:00... 120	10:30... 92
Previous Sunday - 8:00... 113	10:30... 106
Morning Worship A Year Ago	229

TITHES & OFFERINGS

November 1, 2009

2009 Budgeted Gen. Fund	\$5,875.25
General Fund Offering	\$3,225.28
Missions	\$ 545.00

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

6:45 p.m. - BYF

Saturday

8 am - 2:30 pm Senior BYF and High School Sunday School students mission trip to Open Door Mission in Omaha.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, food and prayers that you gave me while I was in the hospital and after I returned home to recuperate from my surgery. It was all appreciated very much and was a big help in my recovery. Thanks for all your thoughtfulness and care. - Marie Arentson

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 Saturday November 14, 2009 from 8:00-3:30 p.m. in the New Fellowship Hall. The event is free! Register today by going online baptist@fbcharlan.org or call the church at 755-2711.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The improvement projects on the church and parsonage are now close to completion. Many people have helped in various ways and things are looking very good. We anticipated that we would have to borrow about \$75,000 to do the project. We have already received over \$7000 and will be collecting offerings all through the month of November toward this project. The diaconate approved using this year's Thanksgiving offering to reduce the amount of money that we will need to borrow. Each dollar that comes in means we will borrow less from the bank. Please prayerfully consider what your part should be to this offering. Designate Thanksgiving offering or Improvement Project on your offering check. As Pastor Roger reminded us, please do not take away from your weekly tithe or offering to donate to this offering. If you have any questions contact Corey Sorensen or Joel Berndt.

BYF MISSION TRIP

BYF and Sunday school Senior High Students will travel to the Open Door Mission in Omaha this Saturday to prepare Turkey and Fixins' boxes. They will leave the church at 8 am SHARP and work till 1 pm. If you want to go to work or drive let Tara Lansman know by Thursday morning at 744-4240.

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and to develop them to Christ-like maturity.**