



A PEOPLE OF TRIUMPH

I find letters to the editor intriguing. Some time ago one reader raised a question concerning some well-known social issues of our day. The reader talked about the demise of family life, lack of trust in government, economic concerns, and the feeling of hopelessness. She wrote, *“What kind of world are we living in?”*

As I thought about her question, I quietly pondered my own editorial response. We live in a world we have inhabited for thousands of years. It is not perfect and won't be until God renews the creation. Between now and then, we are called to live as faith allows. We are to be a people of triumph.

Charlie Brown, the lovable and lamentable character in Charles Schultz's comic strip Peanuts, once bemoaned the nature of his existence: *“When I first set foot on the stage of human history, they took one look at me and said, ‘Not right for the part.’”* I imagine that many of us feel the same way; yet, God says we are right for the role we are meant to play in God's redemptive work.

Nikolai Bukharin was a Russian communist propagandist and leader of the Bolshevik Revolution. In the spring of 1920 he was summoned to Kiev to speak at a large pro-state and anti-God rally. For an hour he ridiculed religion. When he stepped down, the audience was asked if there were any questions.

An old priest with the Russian Orthodox Church rose and asked to speak. Standing beside Bukharin and facing the crowd, he spoke quietly but affirmatively, *“Christ is risen.”* Instantly, the crowd rose and in unison shouted, *“He is risen indeed.”*

When we wonder about the kind of world in which we live, when we wonder about our role in the scheme of God's plan, when the world ridicules us, we proclaim one of the great truths of the Christian faith: Jesus is alive and we stand with him. In him, we are called to be a people of triumph.

—Pastor Bayes

WORSHIP

Sunday, August 29, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship ■ 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

“Formula for A Winner”

Hebrews 13:1-8

If you could win a silver or bronze Olympic medal, which would you prefer? The answer appears obvious, but is it? This Sunday we will explore the writings of Hebrews to discover a formula for a real winner.

Music: *“In Everything I Do”* — Summer Choir

“Celebration of Praise Medley” — Mark Grizzard, violin

Greeters: Tim & Lisa Austin, Dan & Carolyn Pasquini,
Carolyn Ihnken, Chuck Browder, Verna Stoecker

Welcome Center:
Jeff & Judy Tellier

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 29

- 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11:20 a.m. Bible in 90 Days (Chapel)

Monday, August 30

- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit

Tuesday, August 31

- 10:00 a.m. M.U.G.S. (Paneras)

Wednesday, September 1

- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days (Chapel)

Thursday, September 2

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Meeting

Friday, September 3

- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit

Saturday, September 4

- 8:00 p.m. Men's Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE

Common Place Walk for Reading

Saturday, September 11, 2010, 8:00 a.m.

514 S. Shelley St., Peoria

Give the Gift of Literacy

Church Women United will hold their first meeting of the Fall on September 3 at Zion Baptist Church, 323 W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. preceded by a social hour at 9:00 a.m. The program will be presented by the Peoria Disposal Company with concerns about recycling. It is important that we all are aware of the many ways we affect our environment and what we can do. This is a good way to start the Fall by inviting a friend to come with you.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

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| Rose Kelly | Paul Phillips |
| Karen Dainty | Katherine Paradise |
| Gail Sexton | Ruben Redard |
| Don Stoner | Mike Mason |
| Jan Swanson | Sieg Polakow |
| Augusta Smith | Madelynn Claire Ryan |

HEALTH TIPS

Myth: Iceberg lettuce has no nutrients.

Fact: It has plenty of good-for-you compounds. Just because darker varieties have a few more is no reason to banish it. Just 1 cup shredded iceberg lettuce delivers nearly 20 percent of your daily dose of vitamin K. It also provides you with 15 percent of vitamin A.

Debbie McGlothlen, 635-3666

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HOLY LAND 2011



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: ROOM 309

*Walk where Jesus walked...
the garden where He prayed...
the wilderness where He was tested...
the seashore where He fed 5,000...
the place He was crucified.*

First Baptist is planning a trip to the Holy Land in early 2011. Interested...there is still time. Join Pastor Bayes **Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m.** (following dinner) in **Room 309** where he will share tour information and answer your questions.

THANK YOU

Thank you so very much for the prayers, cards, calls, and meals during Karen's recent surgery. She is well on the road to recovery. Thank you to Pastor Garland for his visit to the hospital and calls, and Pastor Cheri for her calls. We also would like to thank you for your kind and generous financial gift to help us through this difficult time. We are blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family.

—In Christ, Jon & Karen Dainty

Many thanks to all for the prayers, cards, letters and well-wishes I've received as I have convalesced from my surgery. All are greatly appreciated.

—Harry Miller

SERVE YOUR CHURCH

Your nominating committee is putting together a slate of candidates to serve on the church's Diaconate, Missions Board, Christian Education Board and Board of Trustees next year. There will also be vacancies on the Music and Pastoral Relations committees.

If you would like to volunteer, please call or e-mail Barb Drake (692-1201, bdrake@mtco.com).

And if you are approached, please consider making this commitment to your church. Strong leadership is necessary to keep First Baptist strong.

Barb Drake
Nominating Committee Chair

VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE

Hines School needs tutors! Only 1 hour out of your day can make a difference in a child's life. If interested, please call (686-5951) or e-mail Karen Pilgrim (khpilgrim@comcast.net). Last year's tutors will be signed up again this year. If unable to tutor again this year, please call Karen. You all made a huge difference...thank you so much!

Help is needed at FBC on Sundays in the two's and three's room and the nursery. Please contact Kim Still at 633-5447.

First Baptist Church welcomes Chapter 6



Saturday, August 28, 2010
7:00 p.m.

ADMISSION IS FREE

Freewill donation to benefit Hines School

Picnic at 6:00 p.m.

Located on the west lawn of the church.

Plan now to be part of a festive end-of-summer event on August 28th on the church's west lawn (formerly "the orchard.") A picnic supper of hot dogs and fixin's will be provided at 6:00, with a concert at 7:00 by award-winning a cappella group Chapter 6. While the concert is free, donations are requested, with the proceeds going to Hines School. Bring a friend with you for a great way to kick off the fall!

Everyone invited!



Look Who's Coming To Dinner

The Small Group Ministry Team is hoping it will be you, the families and friends of First Baptist.

The Team is, once again, planning mixer dinners for Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19.

To sign up to host or attend one of these special dinners, look for bulletin inserts or see a friendly Team member for help with the sign-up process.

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NEWSLETTER CHANGE

Starting in September, The First Baptist News will be mailed on Mondays. This change is made to allow an extra day for the newsletter to be delivered by US Mail.

Articles/notices you wish to appear in the newsletter should be submitted by 12:00 p.m. Thursday, the week before the article will appear. Articles/notices can be submitted by e-mail to fbcpeo@mtco.com or placed in the tray in the church office marked "Newsletter Articles" (on the back counter next to the small printer.)

If you can help prepare the newsletter on any Monday morning or if you have questions about the newsletter, please call the church office at (309) 682-5491.

—Sandy Johansen, Church Secretary

MONTHLY FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

| | Budget | Actual |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| July 2010 | for Month | for Month |
| Pledges | \$32,808 | \$32,348 |
| Projected Giving | \$6,258 | \$4,680 |
| Plate Offering | \$1,383 | \$1,457 |
| Other Revenue | \$941 | \$454 |