



TWO WOLVES

One night an old Cherokee was talking to his grandson. He said, "My son, there is a battle going on inside you between two wolves. This battle goes on in all of us." He continued, "One wolf is evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The grandfather looked down and said, "The one you feed."

We all have the capacity to do good and evil and make the choices in life that will lead us down those paths. We choose what to watch on television, what to listen to on the radio, and what to browse on the internet. Sometimes we find ourselves feeding that first wolf more than the second. We purposely choose things that will get us angry or jealous. We do things that increase our bad feelings for

each other. We feed the evil wolf.

Yet we have a way out. Jesus, when he comes into our lives, can always defeat the bad in us and make us pure. We just have to follow his teachings and choose what he would have us do. He doesn't take over. He doesn't force us to do anything we don't want to. Jesus just tells us what we should want to do.

When I came to this church I was excited and a little worried. I had just come from a place where the bad wolf had won, and it had everyone running around trying to find food for it and rationalizing why they had let it win. Yet here, I found a place where the good wolf had won a sterling victory and the people were doing what Jesus said in the end. Pass it on. Tell others and love others. The First Baptist Church of Peoria has learned to show the love of Christ to others, and I pray that they never stop.

—Thanks, Tom Tharp

WORSHIP

Sunday, August 8, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship ■ 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time/Goodbye Reception for Tom Tharp

"What Do We Do When Things Go Right?"

Matthew 19: 16-32

Too often in life things take a turn for the worst. All of our plans are made with the worst case scenario in mind. This can lead us to landing flat footed when things go right instead of wrong. So what do we do when things go right? Prosperity can sometimes be more of a curse than a blessing. How do we survive our own achievements?

Music: *"To Everything There Is A Season"* — Summer Choir

Please plan to stop in Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, August 8th, for a good-bye reception for Tom Tharp. We are so pleased to have had Tom serving with us this summer and wish him well not only for his future ministry, but also for his wedding on August 14th. Thanks, Tom!

Greeters: Tim & Lisa Austin, Phil & Lurene Ladd
Chris Hall, Hap & Peg Cornelius

Welcome Center:
Jay & Judy Tellier

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CALENDAR

Sunday, August 1

9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time/Tom
Tharpe Goodbye Reception
11:20 a.m. Bible in 90 Days (Chapel)

Monday, August 2

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit
11:00 a.m. Heartwarming Hats
7:00 p.m. FunMakers

Tuesday, August 3

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
9:00 a.m. RAAV Program
10:00 a.m. M.U.G.S. (Paneras)

Wednesday, August 4

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

Thursday, August 5

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner

Friday, August 6

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit

Saturday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sr. Net Pre-registration
Open House

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Aug. 7 Six Flags
Aug. 12 Sr. High Youth Cook-out
at the Sexton's, 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Rose Kelly Karen Dainty
Harry Miller Ruben Redard
Gail Sexton Josephine Smith
Don Stoner Richard Petroski
Jan Swanson Mike Mason
Sieg Polakow Madelynn Claire Ryan

SYMPATHY

To the family of Bill Pitts. Bill, a member of First Baptist Church since 2004, died Monday morning, August 2. Services will be held at First Baptist Church on Thursday, August 5...10:00 a.m. visitation, 11:00 a.m. service. There will be a luncheon afterwards in Fellowship Hall.

PRIME TIMERS

August 19, Senior Day at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp, Cost: \$12. Contact Pastor Garland Criswell to register, 309-688-5496.