

# First Baptist Church

## APRIL 2013 COLUMNS

### From the Pastor's Desk...

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (Col 4:5-6 NIV)*

One thing that I've learned as a parent is that my kids watch my every move. This can be good AND bad! If what I do and say is good...they will imitate me and that's also good! If what I do and say is bad...they will imitate me and that's bad! And you know what? Kids will call you on it when you do something that isn't so "good."

Case in point: Now that we live in the Midwest, where most houses have basements, we all of a sudden have a staircase. Until now, our youngest son, Joshie, had never lived in a house with stairs. And early into our time here in Omaha, he fell down them. Thankfully it was near the bottom, so he was not seriously hurt. However, after that, I made a big deal about how important it is for him to hold the handrail and walk slowly up and down the stairs. Well, Joshie has been very dutiful in following these instructions.

However, I have not been quite so dutiful! Recently, I was in a hurry, and Joshie caught me not only *running* up the stairs but also *not holding onto the rail*. "Daddy, you're not holding the rail and you're going too fast...NOT GOOD," he said. I was busted!

It's like that in church. We've got to always be about "Kingdom Living," doing things God's way. This means speaking to one another graciously and with respect. It means avoiding gossip and instead showing unmerited kindness to one another. Why? For one thing, God calls us, his people, to live in such a way because that is the way he treats us. But for another, we ought to be wise in the way we act because the "outside world" is watching. Those very people with whom God calls us to share the Gospel (which is his word for everyone), are watching us. And like Joshie did when I carelessly ran up the stairs, they will call *us* out when we aren't acting in a kind and gracious manner!

So church family, let's take advantage of EVERY opportunity to proclaim the Gospel this Spring, both in word and in the way we treat one another. Let us "*be wise in the way [we] act toward outsiders*" by acting wisely toward one another.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Matt

### FBCO Office Hours

The FBCO Office is open 9am to 4pm every Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed from noon to 1pm each day for lunch and to give staff the necessary time to work on special projects. If you would like to set a special meeting or need help getting in the building during the lunch hour, simply call the office in advance and we will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

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#### Staff:

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Phyllis Porter

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### Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m.—Sunday  
School for all ages

11:00 a.m.—Worship  
in the sanctuary

12:00 p.m.—Coffee  
fellowship in the  
parlor.

**FBC Omaha 2013 Annual Theme:  
GOSPEL: GOD'S WORD FOR EVERYONE**

## Please Remember The Following In Your Prayers

**Our** homebound members: Beverly Tompkins, Linda Buxton, Nancy Clatterbuck, Velta Henson, Willi Treu, Ruth Saklar, Bob Snyder, Pat Buie and Pauline Borromeo, Charlene Howard and Floyd Webber.

- ◆ Those with other medical concerns: Vida Crosby and Connie Payne.
- ◆ Pray for the men and women in the military serving at home and abroad.
- ◆ Remember our young people in prayer.
- ◆ Pray for Pastor Toupin as he leads our church into a new "vision for First Baptist Church".
- ◆ Prayers for Mike & Lola Murtaugh as they move to Las Vegas on April 23. A big move for them and many changes lie ahead.

Please note that Phyllis, our office manager, will be out of the office from April 23 through April 26. She will return to the office on April 29. A volunteer will be in the office part time to handle phone calls and Pastor Matt will be available part of that time.



## PRAISE GOD FOR NEW LIFE!

We welcomed Hannah Kubiak, daughter of Gerald and Niki Kubiak and Tianna Jackson, daughter of Rachel Hillebran into our church family by baptism, on Easter Sunday. Praise God for this important step for both Hannah and Tianna and let us continue to pray for both girls in their Christian walk.

### America For Christ Offering!

Thank you so much to those who gave unselfishly and willingly to the America For Christ Offering during the month of March.



## Chili/Soup Dessert Auction

**Join us for this fun-filled fund-raiser to benefit the children and youth of our church! Date: April 14 right after church.**

Pies, cakes, and other yummy treats will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, after the chili/soup lunch. Also, there will be a special "cook-off" between Pastor Matt, Chris Wing, Judy Cunningham, and Todd Nelson! There will be a small fee to vote for your favorites: \$0.25 per vote, 3 votes for \$0.50, 5 votes for \$1.00 (remember, it's for a good cause!)

There will also be free chili and chicken noodle soup available for all!

## YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS FUN EVENT!

Want to help out? We are still looking for people to provide baked goods for the auction. If you would like to help in this way, please just respond to this post or contact Judy Cunningham.

All proceeds will go towards scholarships for our young people to attend camp this summer.

**2013 ABC NE Region Wide Mission Trip.** ABC NE is looking for up to 100 people to participate in a Region Wide Mission trip to Ottawa, KS June 16-20 (this is prior to the Mission Summit and just a short drive from Overland Park. You are invited to join other ABC NE members to gather our missional energies to help North Baptist Church. Further information

**The American Baptist Churches USA Mission Summit/Biennial, 2013 will be held June 21-23 in Overland Park, KS.** Our church is registered for this event and we invite you to consider attending this event. There is information posted on the bulletin board across from the church office and registration forms are in the church office. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Brown.



## Quarterly Business Meeting

Is the date, April 21 marked on your calendar? This is the date of our next Quarterly Business Meeting and we are counting on you to be there. A potluck dinner will be served first and then we will conduct the business meeting.

The following is a list of food designations:

A—Ha: Side dish or salad  
Hb—Ro: a dessert  
Rp—W: Main dish

The Pairs and Spares and Rainbow Class are the clean-up crew.

## Inheritance

Have you ever received an inheritance?

If you have, it was probably a bittersweet occasion, since usually an inheritance is given after someone's death.

For those who follow Jesus, you also have an inheritance. It wasn't deposited in a bank. It can't be revoked, swindled, hoarded, or spent up.

When I have a bad day and need encouragement, Ephesians Ch. 1 is one that I go to. For our purposes here, we have verses 18 & 19:

"So that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious **inheritance** among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power."

If we don't know what these riches are that Paul speaks of, we can pray right along with him and ask God to open the eyes of our heart, and God will show us. In verse 11 the word "inheritance" is used for the first of several times. It tells us that with it He is calling us higher, to a greater destiny and to a new way of living. This is not an inheritance we receive when we get to heaven, it is for *now*.

When we are not interested in our inheritance, we are really missing out.

Not only that, but Someone *did* die in order to give us these blessings. And whatever we have already received from Him, He has more for us. More peace, more faith, more provision, more hope, more of His power, more of His glory.

No paperwork to fill out, no photo identification required, just believe that what He says is true and thank Him for it.

Jennifer Cleveland



Everyone loves a sale and this one is no exception. Your rummage will be someone's treasure on May 25 when the youth hold their RUMMAGE SALE!

Bring your "gently used" items with on Sunday morning or Wednesday evenings and the youth will take your donations to be sold at the rummage sale.

**FBC Ladies!!** There is still time to register for the "Cozy Mountain Lodge" Retreat on May 3,4,5 at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center.



A table is set up in the Parlor where you can register and someone will be there to answer questions you may have. Let's have a HUGE turnout!!!

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Forward in Faith...

Empowered by the Spirit



### Our Mission Statement

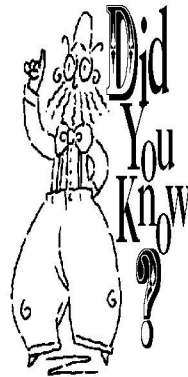
Leading people to Jesus Christ AND helping one another grow in a relationship with him.



- ⇒ **Church 101:** April 14th, 21st and 28th. For those interested in connecting with the FBC Omaha church family this learning experience is for you! We will be looking at the importance of local church membership, what the word "Baptist" means, and how you can become connected with serving the Lord and his community at FBC Omaha. The classes will be held during the Sunday School hour in Pastor's Lobby.
- ⇒ **Chili/Dessert Auction:** April 14th right after church. Bring a dessert to be auctioned off after the lunch and help support our children and youth!
- ⇒ **Rebecca-Ruth ABW Circle** meets at 1:00pm on April 17.
- ⇒ **Quarterly Business Meeting:** April 21 following the morning worship service.
- ⇒ **Combined Worship Service with the American Karen Baptist Church:** April 28th. There will NO meal afterwards.
- ⇒ **FBC Women's Retreat:** May 3, 4, 5th at MMCCC. Still time to register.
- ⇒ **Rebecca-Ruth Annual Bake Sale:** May 19 right after church.

### April Anniversaries and Birthdays

- 2—Elmer Sinner, Fred Shelor and Randy Todalen
- 3—*Gerald and Niki Kubiak*
- 3—Brian Gamblin
- 11—Mike Murtaugh
- 11—*Bob and Christine Hillebran*
- 13—Alvadine Gilliland
- 14—Jim Sariscsany
- 15—Joan Overbey
- 18—Sharon Hurlbut
- 21—John Murray
- 22—Randy Shelton
- 23—James Wing
- 24—Larry Graves
- 26—Garion Dochstader
- 28—Hannah Hillebran



13 men spent the weekend of April 5-7 cleaning and repairing things at Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center! The men also spent time together in fellowship with Pastor Matt leading discussions. Thanks guys for all your efforts. We are sure MMCCC appreciated all your work.

