

August

PASTOR'S POINTS

Dear Church,
 Just this week, I've noticed something very different in the air here in Belle Plaine. Really, it's not only Belle Plaine, but all over this area. There is a stillness, almost what you might call a weight or tension in the air. I hadn't been able to figure out what was going in, but it just hit me – *it's back to school time!*

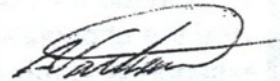
That's right – back to school, back to life, back to routine. That stillness in the air is what happens when a whole town full of mother's hold their collective breath at the same time, awaiting that long-anticipated day. Even Wal-Mart has all their "Back to School" signs and sales up, ready to go. (Although, it may just be me, but it seems those things keep going up earlier and earlier, like in June sometime.) End of summer and back to school mean two things for us here at FBC. First, it means a return to our regular mid-week ministry schedule. Awana Clubs will be kicking off in just a few weeks for children in kindergarten through sixth grades. Keep a close eye on the bulletin for details on start dates and enrollment. Our youth group, 4:13 Student Ministries, has been going strong all summer long with Bible study, fun outings, mission trip to Winnipeg, and Super Summer in July. They will be kicking of a new year of growing in faith together and seeing God do amazing things, so keep our students in your prayers as they get started.

The second big deal for us at the end of the summer is already in full swing. We are in the process of staffing all of our volunteer ministry positions for the upcoming year. Many of you have already been praying over these decisions and searching for God's leading in finding a place to serve. If that's you, thank you! For everyone else, let me encourage you to seriously consider serving in a new role (or two) this year. The ministry God

has given us at FBC depends on individuals who will give their time, energy, and love to serve and teach others. We have several ministry openings this year, and we need you (yes, you) to help us accomplish our mission of making disciples together. Just for starters, we have room for more help with Awana clubs, children's Sunday school, youth ministry, nursery workers, worship ministry, and a number of other places.

If you have a heart to serve, we have a place for you. If you have questions about our needs or where you might be able to help, call the church office any morning. Have a great last few weeks of summer! I cannot wait to gather all of us together again in worship of Lord Jesus Christ!

Yours in Christ



Nathan

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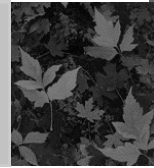
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First Facts, in the family



Sunday School

We have an opportunity For some outstanding training Monday August 23rd at 6:30—9:00 PM at Metropolitan Baptist Church (525 W. Douglas, Wichita.)

This is for all Sunday School Teachers, Subs and Helpers.

The purpose of 2010 “Flight School” is to equip Sunday School leaders to “pilot” the Sunday School ministry of our church to growth and maturity as evidenced in the daily lives of its members.

The 6:30 p.m. opening session will feature vision casting of Sunday School by Directors of Missions Tom Edwards (South Central) and Glenn Davis (Heart of Kansas). From 7:00 to 9 p.m. breakout sessions will be offered for Pastors, Sunday School Directors and teachers of adults, youth, children and preschoolers.

Urging all of our Sunday School personnel to attend. We will be taking the Church Van. Leaving the Annex at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for this training. Please plan to participate..Call Sam Nelson.488-3800 or the Church office 488-3333.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Saturday August 7, 2010—8:00 AM

Men’s Retreat August 13, 14, 15..questions?
See Hayes Crenshaw—488-3796

Sunday School Promotion Day

August 29, 2010

Mission Committee

Students as Missionaries

What is the situation and the problem with school evangelism? “In 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Paul reveals his heart for preaching the Gospel. Paul did not see preaching the gospel as a choice but as a stewardship, he did not view evangelizing as something he should be complimented for doing but something that he should be cursed for not doing. And even though he was free in Christ, he willingly made himself a slave to all in order to win people to Christ. Paul’s life evidenced this passion and sacrifice (2 Corinthians 11:23ff.) and he sealed his commitment with his own blood. This commitment to share the Gospel was not, however, easy to maintain and thus Paul asks the church at Ephesus to pray for him that he may speak boldly as he ought (Ephesians 6:20).”

It is my desire to enlist those of you reading this article to pray for school students that they may keep sharing boldly as they ought.

(Information taken from www.calvarybiblechurch.org/articles.aspx/2006/10/8)

1. Teenagers are desperately seeking answers. They are at a stage in life where they are looking to find out who they are and what life has to offer them.

Teenagers 2. are the future. High schools are filled with future doctors, lawyers, political policy makers, teachers, and other positions of authority and influence. The shift needs to change from self-centered thinking to global thinking. Young people are looking around at the suffering and poverty and wondering why the previous generations have let this happen. Christianity has the unique opportunity to offer selfless thinking with a purpose.

3. Teenagers are looking for “holiness”. The number one thing that people are looking for is “holiness”. People want to see strong moral convictions. The gospel message of love, joy, and hope really has the ability to bear witness to such holiness. Our lives need to demonstrate this.

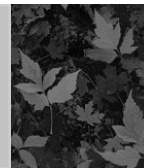
As much as the schools are ready though, Christian teens aren’t leading the march. They are more concerned with *survival* than *revival*. Teenagers, for the most part, are more focused on making it through their four years of high school socially unscathed than they are with seeing the love of Christ transform people’s lives. Many just hope to get by unnoticed, without drawing any attention to themselves. The problem with that is that Christ isn’t being fairly represented. Philosophy, science, secular humanism, and even other religions are all making their way into this virile

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	2 Building and Grounds Comm. 7:00 PM	3	4 Youth Meet 6:30 pm	5	6	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM. Awana Basic- Training@Central Baptist, Winfield
8 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM & 6:00 PM	9	10	11 Youth Meet 6:30 pm	12	13 Men's Retreat	14 Men's Retreat
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22 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM & 6:00 PM	23	24	25 Awana Kick-Off 6:30 pm Youth Meet 6:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Sunday School Promotion Day 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM & 6:00 PM	30	31				

ministry opportunities...



Van/Bus Ministry

If you know anyone needing a ride to Sunday School please call the Church office 488-3333 or Judy Crumley 488-2903, to schedule a ride.



Children's Church

The children are learning that God is sovereign and that He is faithful. The last few Sundays, we have studied God's word in the book of Daniel. Daniel and his friends stayed faithful to the One True God even though they were prisoners of the king. Daniel would not eat the king's food, would not pray to the king's idol or to the king, and trusted God to protect him in all situations. Daniel gave all the credit for his wisdom to the One who gave him wisdom.

Please pray that the children know that there is only One True God and that they can trust Him to protect them in all situations. I hope they never have to go through the trials that Daniel and his friends did but if they do, that they will trust in our God.

We will have a party on Promotion Sunday for those advancing to the 3rd grade.

Attendance has been from 7 to 12 children.
In Christ's Love, Carla

Children's Church Helper's

Aug. 1-Donna Tuxhorn/Judy Crumley/Niki League
Aug. 8-Ronda Lawrence/Barbara Lyles/Gunner Johnson
Aug. 15-Brandy Terry/Kim Gunter/Dianna Lyles
Aug. 22-Stacy Clark/Iris Henderson/Morgan Crenshaw
Aug. 29-Donna Tuxhorn/Judy Crumley/Tyl;er Jantz

August Nursery Schedule

If you cannot be here please trade with someone on the list.	AM	
Aug. 1	Angie McKenney	
Aug. 8	Brandy Terry Ronda Lawrence	
Aug. 15	Stacy Clark Donna Tuxhorn	
Aug. 22	Jamie Yonash Judy Crumley	
Aug. 29	Iris Henderson Martha Wellman	

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marketplace and the students are buying. But the faith that Christians are offering is weak, lacking conviction, and the students are buying. But the faith that Christians are offering is weak, lacking conviction, and seemingly unimportant even to those who have it. Is it any wonder then that our schools are not being reached for Christ?

(Information taken from: <http://benbartosik.wordpress.com/2008/03/04/high-school-evangelism-part-1/>).

Please pray for our students, pre-school through college seniors that they will "make themselves a slave to all in order to win people to Christ". And may those of us that are past our school years be an example for them.

In Christ's Service,
Your Mission Committee