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### High Calling, High Privilege

This past week, my personal reading of God's Word has taken me into the Old Testament book of Numbers. In Chapter 14, we find the gathered people of God living in the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land. Living nomadically in a "tent city" presented living conditions that were far from ideal. Yet, the Israelites had tremendous reasons to be thankful. After 430 years of oppressive slavery in Egypt, the good hand of God delivered them through the mighty exodus and toward a bright future. There were reasons for hope: They were placed under the godly leadership of Moses and Aaron, they had "taken delivery" of the Ten Commandments (the very words of God!), they had the visible evidence of God's Presence (the Tabernacle), and they had sufficient food.

Yet, in spite the miraculous signs and the promise of a future homeland, the people looked at their conditions and convinced themselves that all was not well. They lost faith and gave in to the notion that they would perish before entering the Promised Land. Their complaints against Moses and Aaron reached such a fever pitch, it brought the Lord's attention. His anger became so great that Moses had to intercede for the people to prevent their destruction.

I came away from this personal study of God's Word with a sense of conviction about complaining. It's is easy to develop "a spirit of complaint." It's easy to say, "It is only human." Yet, as followers of Christ, we have received a high calling and a high privilege. We are called to live differently than the world, to be a people filled with grace, truth, and a growing presence of the fruit of the Spirit. Let's thank God for His patience with each of us and by His grace, grow in Christ-likeness.

Under the grace, Pastor Kent

## LORD'S DAY SERVICES

March 14, 2010

Worship Services: 8:30 • 9:50 • 11:05

*"Super-sized Praying!" Part 3*

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

Pastor Kent

### Our Stewardship in Attendance

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>2009 Avg.</u>
SS	238	191
AM	465	447

### Our Stewardship in Giving

Needed per week	\$ 14,029.92
Given last week	\$ 10,916.47
2010 YTD-Future Expansion	\$ 3,815.50
Special Project	\$ 810.00

### Ushers

Garland Braaten, Glynn Breuer, Derek Cumbie,  
Darrell Guenther, Orlin Knuth, Jesse Navarro,  
Jeff Redekopp, Daryl Heizelman, Larry Zirtzman

### Greeters

8:30 Richard & Vanda Campbell  
9:45 Bill & Lenora Brunnemeyer  
11:05 Reinaldo & Debbie Guitian

Information Desk Steve & Sandy Cech

### Children's Church – 9:50 AM

Ashley Anderson, Sonya Andersen

### Nursery Workers: Deb Frost

8:30 Andrea Crackel, Esther Redington  
9:45 I – Diane Thorne, Alicia McLelland,  
Lori Stone  
T – Bryan Doerr, Nancy Wester  
11:00 I – Kim Breuer, Cecille Gillette  
T – Rachel Rogne, Katie Peterson,  
Carol Vix

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## EVENTS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 14 - 20, 2010

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Pre-Service Prayer with the Pastors
	8:30 am	Classic Worship Service
	9:45 am	Sunday School for Adults Discovery (Membership) Class
	9:50 am	Contemporary Worship Service Children's Church
	11:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:05 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	Ladies' Block of the Month
	7:00 pm	Men's Fellowship
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am	Ladies' Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Deaconess Committee
	7:00 pm	Elder Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Awana Choir Leadership Center, Emerging
	6:45 pm	Midweek Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Leadership Center, Enriching
	7:30 pm	Sr. High, Journey
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study



• **Discovery (New Membership) Class:** Will continue to meet Sunday, March 14 and 21 at 9:45am in the Upstairs Lounge for those who are interested in joining First Baptist Church or want to learn more about us.

• **Block of the Month:** Block of the Month: will meet next Monday evening, March 15th at 6:30 in the Downstairs Lounge. Please join us, even if you haven't been there before. We would love to have you. Please use the west door. RSVP Kaylene at [jkreddig@srt.com](mailto:jkreddig@srt.com) for more information.

• **Bus Ministry - Sunday Mornings:** Need a ride? Contact the church office during office hours or on weekends contact our bus driver, Jim at 833-8139.

• **Special Evening of Worship:** The choir will present "Songs of the Early Church" on Sunday, March 21 at 6:30pm. Have you ever wondered what worship might have been like in the early church? While we don't know for sure what it sounded like, we do have lyrics from the first century church. The Odes Project was commissioned in 2007, and modern music was put to these songs of old. The choir has put together a program using the odes, and you are invited to come and share in a night of worship, prayer and a church fellowship to follow the program!

• **XYZ:** A ministry program for people in the 50 plus age group will meet Thursday, March 25 at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church. The program "From the Market Place to Ministry" will be presented by Les Mau and Bethany Bennett of First Assembly of God Church. Les will give his testimony of his journey of faith assisted with vocal numbers. Refreshments will be served. Sign up at the Information Desk and call the church office if a ride is needed.

• **Ladies' Retreat: "Now is the Time"** April 9-10, 2010 – Central Campus. The featured speaker will be Jan Silvius [www.jansilvius.com](http://www.jansilvius.com). Registration brochures and posters are available at the Women's Ministry table. Cost: \$30 if registered by March 15; \$35 after March 15.

➤ This year marks the 20th anniversary of the First Baptist Ladies' Retreat. We are looking for any pictures from past retreats to include in a slide show. You can drop them off at the church or email them to Alicia McLelland at [aliciamclellande@gmail.com](mailto:aliciamclellande@gmail.com) Please label them, and they will be returned to you.

➤ The Retreat Committee is looking for interesting clocks to use to decorate at the retreat. There will be a tote in the foyer or you can contact Patsy Souter [bpsouter@srt.com](mailto:bpsouter@srt.com) Please be sure to label the clocks; they will be safely stored and returned.

• **2010 Special Project:** Electronic drum set for use in our worship services. The amount needed for this one-time project is \$3,500.00. Please consider making a gift to the new Special Project above and beyond your regular giving and as the Lord leads.

• **Baby Shower:** Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower for Jenni and Ryan Kelley and the upcoming birth of their baby boy, Foxx. The shower will be held on Saturday, March 13 at 2:00pm here at First Baptist. The shower is being hosted by Lori Stone.

### SHEPHERD CARE CONCERNS

Prayer Chain: AM 838-6064  
PM 838-0405

**Giving Thanks:** Praise God for the good interest in corporate prayer evident at the weekly prayer gathering. Please join us!

**Sympathy:** We extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to Percy & Ardith Radke in the passing of her aunt, Goldie Beggs, March 1.

**Requests:** Pray for Bill Breeding as he recovers from an injury that he suffered from slipping on ice.

Pray for Ardith Radke as she recovers from a broken neck. She fell down a flight of stairs. She does not require surgery, but will wear a neck brace for 3 months.

Pray that the women of our church would be encouraged to attend our Ladies' Retreat scheduled for April 9-10.

Pray for Heidi Robinson as her recovery from knee surgery several months ago is not going well. She is also being tested for Crohn's disease.

Continue to pray for Crystal Springs Camp Director Darryl Singer as he undergoes cancer treatment. [www.prayfordarryl.com](http://www.prayfordarryl.com)

**Deployed:** *Iraq* Erik Albertson, Landi (Kizima) Whiteside

**Missions:** Tim & Diane Fellows, SIM Ethiopia: Presently at Biola in California - Tim is in graduate school until end of the year. Pray for wisdom and blessings in the studies, reports, and presentations, and how they apply to missions in Ethiopia. Also continue to pray for Diane's problems with allergies, now especially since spring trees are in full bloom.

**NCA Pastor/Ministry of the Week:** Rev. Gary Bergman, First Baptist, Eureka, SD

**FBC Missionary of the Week:** Krista Martin, Campus Crusade for Christ - Turkey