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From our Pastor

Beloved,

The story is told about a little boy who was brushing his horse when a visitor to the stables asked him a question. "Can your horse run fast?" the man asked. The little boy said, "No, mister, in fact he can't hardly run at all." The man said, "Then what is he good for?" The little boy said, "Well, he can stand fast."

The apostle Paul gives us a good word about the need to stand fast in 2 Thessalonians 2:15 "So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught." The Message Bible puts it like this, "Keep a tight grip on what you were taught."

Paul doesn't want the believers to move away from the truth of the Gospel. In essence, he is saying, "cling to the truth, hold it firmly, don't let it slip." Hold to the traditions you were taught. This is exactly the opposite of what we hear today. People today don't like words like "doctrine" or "traditions."

Today we hear things like "it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere." Or we hear this, "doctrine divides and we should not be divisive." Or how about this one, "I have my truth and you have your truth. If your truth works for you that is great."

What some forget today is that the Gospel is not of human origin, but rather is divine revelation. The word "traditions" means "that which is passed on or handed down." It is a reference to the apostles doctrine, the authoritative teachings that have been handed down. It was not invented by men, it was handed down from God to man (Galatians 1:11-12; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

When it comes to Jesus and the Scriptures, are we standing firm? Are we holding to the traditions? Are we passing God's truth on to the next generation and not just our truth?

Yours for Truth,
Pastor Russell

**The Lord's Supper
will be observed
Sunday, April 13
during our Morning
Worship Service.**

**WEE SCHOOL Pre-Registration
for children currently enrolled
Continues through
Wednesday, April 9.**

**You can fill out the
necessary form &
return it to your
child's teacher or
Katy Womack at
Wee School.**



**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
July 13-17, 2008**

**Make plans to
join us!!!**



DivorceCare
Classes begin
Thursday, April 3
at 6:00 p.m.
in Adult 6.
The classes will be
facilitated by
Laurie Cannon &
Shelly Ashley.



**National Goal:
\$61 Million
Our Church Goal:
\$14,000
Rec'd to date:
\$9,574.35**



Can't find the pie

plate or the casserole dish you know you own?

**It may be in the church kitchen!
Please, please pick up any dishes you have left for funeral meals SOON!
Thanks!!!**

ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE
Open Gym Hours:



April 7 3:30-7:00 p.m.
April 8 4:00-8:00 p.m.
April 9 5:00-9:00 p.m.
April 10 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Men's Church League Basketball each Thursday from 6:30-10:00 p.m.

April 3 at 7:20 p.m.
FBC vs. FBC Leedy

April 10 at 9:00 p.m.
FBC vs. FBC, Sayre

THANK YOU'S

Have been received from the following:

Paul & Sharon Hill

Look for them on the bulletin board near the elevator.

Doc's Notes



2008 N.E. Foliage

We need "3" more to reach our goal. Thinking about going...hurry and mail in your deposit!

Live Embers Our April 10th entertainment will be the Homeschool choir and handbells. Plan to invite your friends to this concert and fellowship meal.

Youth Choir

"3" Rehearsals remaining – April 6, 13, 20.

Spring CONCERT — Sunday evening, April 27th. FBC youth and homeschool choirs. PLEASE be on TIME to handbells and choir!

Graded Choirs [4yr. old – 6th grade]

The combined 1st – 6th grade choirs will present "POWER" on Sunday evening May 4. This is a children's musical is about ..God's Strength in Us. The 4-5 yr. olds will be featured at the beginning of the service.

The 3 yr. old choir will have a program with their families beginning at 5:15 p.m. Patsy Pothorst and her teachers do a GREAT work with our younger children.

Mission Project

A special "THANK YOU" to Cecil Wilber, Jim Coffey, & Dwayne Morris for helping build a wheelchair ramp at Joe Sapp's residence last Thursday morning.

Hispanic Ministry "Update"

Josefath has begun the following bible Studies in Elk City homes: Monday [3], Tuesday [FBC Cheyenne], Wednesday [Disciple Bible Study] and Saturday [1]. Three other homes are alternating between Monday & Thursday. Yes, "9" Bible studies! Please continue to remember Josefath, Silvia and Viviana Sanchez in your prayers.

Doc

Coming Events

- April 6 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Disaster Relief Mtg, FH
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
4:30 p.m. Youth Bells/Choirs
5:00 p.m. Graded Choirs; Deacon's Meeting, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- April 7 9:30 a.m. Homebound Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 p.m. CARE Outreach Team C
- April 8 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- April 9 4:00 p.m. Young Musicians
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals
5:45 p.m. Weekly Teachers Mtg, AD6
6:00 p.m. AWANA; GriefShare, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate; The Island
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal; ESL Class
- April 10 Noon Live Embers

Extended Session:

Babies:

Brenda Morgan/Sherri Savage

1 year olds:

Chris & Kasey Cannon

2 year olds:

Wendell & Shellean Dunn

3 year olds:

Shawn & Susan Carlson

4 year olds:

Wallace & Linda Baker



Weekly Report

March 30, 2008

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults	267
Youth.....	84
Children.....	84
Preschool.....	71
Fellowship.....	26
Hispanic Mission.....	5
Total.....	537
New S.S. Members.....	3
Enrollment.....	1355

The People Gave...

Budget Needs	\$28,258.00
Received.....	\$17,694.50
Below.....	\$10,563.50
Building Need.....	\$3,462.00
Received.....	\$17,208.40
Above.....	\$13,746.40

And the Lord Added...

By Letter	0
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	0
Professions of Faith.....	0

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	15
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	20
Total.....	35

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$367,354.00
Received.....	\$432,067.47
Above.....	\$64,713.47
Building Need.....	\$45,006.00
Building Received.....	\$55,838.45
Balance on Note.....	\$32,464.36