

# First Baptist Church

October 2015 Monthly Newsletter

## Pastor's Paragraph

### *Christians in a Post-Christian Culture*

It can indeed be very distressing for Christians to watch helplessly as our culture plummets into godlessness. When our nation recognizes gay marriage and jails a Christian clerk who refuses to issue a license, we wonder how long God's mercy will endure before His judgment comes. Until then, Christians are left to contemplate how best to live for God in the midst of an increasingly immoral and hostile environment. Although it is distressing to us, it is most definitely not distressing to God. The New Testament was written to believers who lived in a perverse world with animosity against Christians. Every apostle found himself on the wrong side of the law. Admittedly, it is difficult to know when to take a stand. I am not entirely certain when a Christian should make the transition from being a good citizen to engaging in civil disobedience, refusing to comply with unrighteous laws. Kim Davis made that decision in Kentucky, and she went to jail. I'm not sure I would have done it that way, but in retrospect, I'm glad that she made that stand. She forced the issue, and publicly displayed just how oppressive the law is. In times like this, we need constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

I remember getting glow-in-the-dark stickers when I was a kid. If you hold them close to a light source for a long time, then the phosphorescent material would absorb the light and really glow brightly when the lights went out. I stuck the little stars and planets on the ceiling of my bedroom. I wouldn't pay much attention to them during the day, but at bedtime, they were the only thing that could be seen in the darkness. Nobody pays any attention to Kim Davis when the laws are consistent with her belief. But, when the immoral and godless laws are forced upon her, she is suddenly the center of a attention. She illustrates for us exactly what Christians need in a corrupt world. Christians should be like phosphorescent stickers, absorbing the light of Christ and then shining that light into a dark world. As the darkness around us gets more intense, we need to draw closer to Christ. And, we need to spend more time in His presence. As it gets darker and darker, the world will not be able to avert its gaze from the Christians that are aglow with God's truth. ~Pastor




"To Know Him and Make Him Known"

# October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Communion Life Chain	5	6 Deacons' Mtg 7 PM	7 AWANA 6:30-8:10 PM	8	9 	10 Pastor & Susan leave for Israel
11 Speaker: Wes Goddard	12	13	14 AWANA 6:30-8:10 PM	15	16 Hungry Soul Soup Suppers Begin	17 
18 Speaker: Bob Sauser Youth Event	19	20	21 AWANA 6:30-8:10 PM	22	23 Pastor & Susan Return	24 
25	26	27	28 AWANA 6:30-8:10 PM Store Night! 	29	30	31

**LIFE-CHAIN SUNDAY**  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH  
1-2 PM ~ MEET AT THE PARKING  
LOT ACROSS FROM THE  
LIBRARY AT 12:45 PM TO  
CHOOSE YOUR SIGN.  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE  
PARKING LOT AFTER LIFE CHAIN.



"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus." I Thessalonians 4:14

**NARBC Ladies' Retreat @ WCBC**  
Cost is \$30 (Details on back table)  
Guest Speaker, Sandi Nihart

  
**Ministry Conference!**  
**Saturday, Oct. 17th**  
**9 AM - 3:30 PM**  
**Grace Baptist Church**  
**Dapillon**

**August Finances**

Balance Forward 8/1/2015	
Deacon's Fund	\$730.92
Designated Fund	\$1,362.23
General Fund	\$32,742.75
Checking Account	\$34,835.90
August Income	\$18,491.57
August Expenses	\$23,541.66
Net Loss	(\$5,050.09)

Nebraska Association of Regular Baptist Churches  
Fall Bible Conference

## CO-MISSIONED

Refreshing the Great Commission  
Prospect Park Baptist Church, Council Bluffs

## October 2nd-3rd

A complete schedule is posted on the  
bulletin board in the hallway.

  
*Coffee with The King*  
Saturday, October 24th  
9-11 AM @ Hollie's

AWANA Store Night  
Wednesday, October 28th  
(changed from the 21st)

**Balance 8/31/2015**

Deacon's Fund	\$730.92
Designated Fund	\$1,095.29
General Fund	\$27,959.60
Checking Account	\$29,785.81