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Pursuing Growth for God's Glory!

**Growth: "the act or process,
or a manner of growing; development; gradual increase"**

As a Christian and as a pastor there are two different kinds of growth I believe in. As the term implies, inward growth is "inner growth" in the life of a follower of Christ. This type of growth is also commonly known as spiritual growth. Spiritual growth is the development of Christ-like character in the life of a Christian. It results from pursuing a deepening personal walk with Jesus Christ. It produces a growing evidence of the fruits of the Spirit in the life of a believer. These fruits are: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (See Galatians 5:22-25). Spiritual growth is a lifelong process and the calling of every Christian. The process of helping one another grow spiritually is commonly known as "making disciples." The more our lives become Christ-like, the more we and others will benefit.

The other major type of growth I believe in is outward growth. As the term suggests, this type of growth is *outward*. It is numeric. For a number of reasons, our church is in a position to grow numerically. Such growth is desirable, biblical and beneficial. Why? For one, God is truly glorified through the expansion of His family. The apostle Paul referred to this as he wrote to the Christians living at Corinth, Greece with these words:

"...as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory."
- 2 Corinthians 4:15 (NLT)

Glorifying God is the ultimate goal of all that a believer does (See I Corinthians 10:31). With that in mind, let us be about growth - individually, corporately and for His glory!

His and yours, Pastor Kent

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LORD'S DAY SERVICES
Sept. 5, 2010

Worship Services: 8:30 • 11:00
"The Fast Lane or the Right Path?"

Psalm 1
Pastor Kent Hinkel

Our Stewardship in Attendance

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>2009 Avg.</u>
SS	109	191
AM	502	447
XYZ	80	

Our Stewardship in Giving

Needed per week	\$ 14,029.92
Given last week	\$ 11,585.01
2010 YTD-Future Expansion	\$ 11,439.50

Ushers

Mitchell Koch, Bill Brunnemeyer, Chris Collins,
Jeffrey Lanser, Percy Radke, Clyde Thorne,
Bob Vix, Rick Wallace

Greeters

8:30 Percy & Ardith Radke
9:45 Michael & Teri Tingley
11:00

Information Desk Dave & Dawn Brenno

Children's Church – 11:00 AM

Emily Long

Nursery Workers: Rachel Lindquist

8:30 Andrea Klingbeil, Brenda Willoughby
11:00 I – Mitchell & Megan Belger,
Ben & Lisa Washburn
T – Kasey Huseby, Allison Odom,
Charla Williams

EVENTS FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 5 - 11, 2010

Sunday	8:00 am	Pre-Service Prayer with the Pastors
	8:30 am	Classic Worship Service
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service Children's Church
	5:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday	Labor Day – Church Office is closed	
Tuesday	9:00 am	Ladies' Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm	CE Committee
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Awana Choir
	6:45 pm	Mid-Week Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Journey
Thursday	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Men's Football Night
Friday	6:00 pm	Ladies' Retreat - Crystal Springs Menistry Gathering - Rogne Farm
Saturday	8:00 am	Menistry Gathering - Rogne Farm Ladies' Retreat - Crystal Springs

• **No Sunday School:** This Sunday, Sept. 5.

• **Menistry Final Update:** Men of First Baptist Church, you have been invited to join the Menistry Gathering on September 10th and 11th at the farm of Russ Rogne just west of Minot. If you have not received an invitation, they are available at the Information Desk from now until the day of the event. We will be gathering from 6:00-10:00pm on the 10th and 8:00-11:00am on the 11th. Food will be provided. The purpose of this assembly is to move our Men's Ministry forward by sharing our vision and fellowship with all who come. If you plan to attend, please remember to drop your attendance ticket in the box at the Information Desk so we can get a head count. Male teens in high school are welcomed to attend. Clear your schedules and join us for some man time.

• **Fall Worship Schedule:** We will resume our 3 service schedule on Sunday, Sept. 12: 8:30 Classic, 9:50 and 11:05 Contemporary.

• **Bless the City:** September 12 - 6:30pm, City Auditorium. Please read the insert for more details.

• **Awana Kickoff:** Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30pm.

• **Mid-Week Bible Study:** Resumes Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6:45pm.

• **Men's Football Night:** Join us Thursday, Sept. 9 – 7:30pm at Farm Credit Services. Refreshments will be provided.

• **Ladies' Bible Studies:** Please sign up at the Women's Ministries Table in the foyer for these two studies.

➤ Tuesday Mornings: Calm My Anxious Heart by Linda Dillow – will start Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 9:00am. Childcare is provided for the Tuesday morning study.

➤ Thursday Evenings: Walking By Faith by Jennifer Rothschild, starts Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7:00pm.

• **Ladies' Book Club:** Tuesday, Sept. 14, 7:30pm at the Barnes & Noble coffee shop. New members are always welcome!!! For more information, contact Debbie Guitian at 839-8767. The book we will be discussing in September is: "Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life" by Queen Noor.

• **Discovery (New Membership) Class:** Will begin Sunday, September 19 for those who are interested in joining First Baptist Church or want to learn more about us. The class will meet at 9:45am in the Upstairs Lounge.

• **NCA Annual Meeting:** "Planting & Harvesting" Saturday, September 18 – Metropolitan Baptist Church, Fargo from 8:00am to 2:45pm: Registration, Men's & Women's Meetings, and General Sessions. Guest Speaker: Dr. Jay Moon, Sioux Falls Seminary.

• **STEER Missions Conference:** "Living a Worthy Life" – October 1-2, 2010, Bismarck Ramkota Hotel. Conference brochures are available at our Information Desk or online at www.steerinc.com. Contact Mitt Mittelberg, 839-7493 for Luncheon and Banquet tickets.

- Friday Ladies' Luncheon – Gracia Burnham
- Friday Men's Luncheon – Carey Casey
- Saturday Missions Banquet – Ravi Zacharias

• **New Church Directory:** Is available at the Information Desk.

SHEPHERD CARE CONCERNS

Prayer Chain: AM 838-6064
PM 838-0405

Giving Thanks: Thank God for changing our destiny from death to life through Christ and the ability He has given us to live as new creations in Christ! (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

Thanks for the service of the many people who contribute to the music ministries of FBC. Every week, they inspire us to worship God!

Thanks for the fresh vision for a renewed men's ministry at FBC and those leading this effort.

Requests: Pray for Deb Schmechel recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Continue to pray for Gary Orluck as he undergoes chemo treatments at Rochester.

Deployed: Afghanistan Matthew Stebleton;
Iraq Landi (Kizima) Whiteside, Martin Vasquez;
Guam Matt Collver-Horvath

Missions: Pray for our missionaries with Africa Inland Mission as they continue their ministry in Africa. Pray that they will have wisdom in contacts that they make and know when individuals are really serious. Protect them as they move about and guide them as they continue in the days ahead.

NCA Pastor/Ministry of the Week: Rev. Al Gaines, New Leipzig Baptist, New Leipzig, ND

FBC Missionary of the Week: Wendell & Coryne Lillestrand, Campus Crusade for Christ

• **Congratulations:** To Jason & Sara Cavallo, Cottage Grove, Minnesota on the birth of their son, Lucas Dominic Cavallo, born August 10; 8 lbs 4 oz, 21 inches. Proud Grandparents are Dennis and Charlotte Hagel, Minot and Art and Brigitte Cavallo, Devils Lake.