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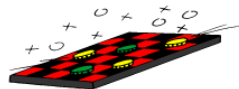
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FBC After School Program
Kindergarten—5th Graders

Every Wednesday
during the school year
3:30—5:00



Great News
First Baptist Church Mt. Pleasant

March 2011

A Theology of Technology

Let's face it, I'm a nerd. I love technology and am always interested in the next new gadget that will make my life easier. (... or more complicated.) I have a smartphone that organizes my life; communicate through email, texting, Twitter, and Facebook; preach from my Kindle E-Reader; usually have multiple screens at work on my desk; and even listen to podcasts about the latest tech news. (Many of you have no idea what I just said in that sentence.) I'm a nerd, and I'm okay with it. But I've learned recently that sometimes our technology can be an illustration of our life as believers too.

I think as disciples of Christ we fall into two main categories and today's technology can help explain them.

1. The iPad Christian

All the rage in the last year of technology has been tablet computers. Last year Apple introduced the iPad; a large slate touchscreen that runs like an iPhone but bigger. And it's sold in the millions. It's simple, beautiful, and works great for playing games, running apps, and surfing the internet. There is no keyboard, CD-rom, or USB port; just a glass front and your finger. People love the iPad and other companies are rushing to bring a real competitor to market. The problem with a tablet is that it isn't really for getting anything done, it's for consuming content. You can read books, look online, and do all sorts of fun stuff, but creating content is difficult. Most people use it as an additional device to their regular com-

puter.

Like the iPad, the iPad Christian is one who is in church on Sunday, loves God, and is growing in their relationship with Christ; but leaves it at that. He might listen and internalize the sermon on Sunday, read his Bible, and spend time in prayer; but the message never moves beyond his brain to his actions. The iPad Christian is a consumer of God's love without being a worker for the kingdom.

2. The Laptop Christian

Unlike the iPad, a laptop is a powerful, yet mobile device that can not only consume content, but is adept at creating it as well. You can use a laptop to write papers, create videos, organize finances, write newsletters, and edit photos; all while still being able to surf the web and play games.

And the laptop Christian is not only a consumer of the Spirit, but is willing to work, serve, and put into practice the teachings of Christ to influence the world for Him.

So which one are you? Are you simply a consumer of God's Word or are you willing to create opportunities to bring that Word to others through service and personal witness. I find it easy to be a consumer; it's hard to be a servant. You may not love technology, like me, but my hope is that you love God and are seeking to serve Him each and every day.



During the month of March we will be taking the America for Christ offering. These gifts support Christ-centered ministries that touch lives and transform people across the United States and Puerto Rico—through evangelism training, church renewal and discipleship resources, volunteer disaster response plus initiatives that fight poverty and so much more.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this offering in support of touching and transforming lives for the cause of Christ.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
&
TALENT SHOW

SUNDAY, MARCH 6
5:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

BYG FUNDRAISER
FREEWILL OFFERING



Do you have a talent that you would like to showcase? Singing, juggling, tap dancing, storytelling, looking pretty....whatever it is, we need you! We want all kinds of talents! Sign up at the table in the foyer. This fundraiser will benefit the Youth when they travel to Chicago to attend Dare 2 Share in April.

Nursery Workers NEEDED!!!!

Please let Katie know if you are interested.

MARCH NURSERY WORKERS

	<u>Babies</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>	<u>Preschool</u>
Mar. 6	Sheryl	Melissa	Carolyn
Mar. 13	Diana	Judy Kayleigh	Mary Allivia
Mar. 20	Lindsey	Tena	Beth
Mar. 27	Judy Kayleigh	Sheryl Brittanie	Deb Kenzie

If the weather should become inclement on a Sunday, a decision to cancel Sunday School and Worship will be made by 8:45 that morning. It will be announced on KILJ 105.5 FM and 1130 AM. It will also be put on the church's answering machine and on the church's website.



Time to
Spring Ahead
Sunday, March 13

Dear Friends, Family Members and Loved Ones,

Greeting.

Medecins Sans Frontieres, Doctors without Borders have been very helpful in the treatment of cholera patients. They have a treatment site in our community working with the staff of the Ebenezer clinic. They were amazed to see and to learn how sister Nadi, one of our Community Health Evangelism ladies took care of Ben, the young boy of 22 years old we reported in our Feb 6th newsletter.

The Doctors without Boarders learned about the training I give to our ladies and men, and they become very interested in our program. They asked us if I could help them reach more people by joining me in the education effort in the rural area.

Together we educated a large segment of population in L'Acul Jeanot where close to 100 families attended the meeting. This Sunday February 13, we were in the churches of Haut-Limbe, Limbe and Port Magot. Monday we had a session with women Limbe Baptist church where over 100 women showed up. They have come to realize that in churches, we all can reach many people at once.

Beside heath education program I, Kihomi has been nominated to be a board member of two institutions: Medical Ambassadors of Haiti, an international organization working in support of medical institutions and supervising health education and prevention programs and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in its Self Help Group of women's program.

Please join us with Doctors without Borders to reach and educate more people so that they too will have a healthy life.

In His Service

Kihomi

Dear supporters,

It is hard to overstate the impact Kihomi's work has on the entire country of Haiti. Through her system of training women of the Haitian Baptist Convention (125 churches) she reaches everywhere. Her women can respond to problems quickly anywhere in Haiti. She is like the Doctors without Borders motto "To go where no one else wants to go". They have been invaluable in the rural areas that do not get the attention of the main charities and government agencies during a crisis. This is possible because you care and show it with your prayers and financial support. Thank you.

Blessings,

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Don and Amy Lloyd became the parents of Landon Thomas on Thursday, Jan. 20. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz and was 19 inches long.

Brandon & Tara Beauchamp became the parents of Ethan Russell on Friday, Feb. 4. He weighed 8 lbs. 8oz. and was welcomed home by sister Ashlynn.



REACH TEAMS HAVE BEGUN

Reach Teams meet every Monday night to reach up to God in prayer, reach into the needs of our congregation and reach out to the community. Join our Deacons in committing one Monday night a month to be on a Reach Team. Teams plan visits, make phone calls, write letters and pray as they work to care for one another and for our world. Sign up in the foyer for the Monday night you prefer.





March Birthdays

Marcelline Messer	2
Madysinn Crull	3
Ron Turner	3
Ashlynn Beauchamp	5
Stan Ross	7
Cora Glover	8
Theuang Kavanh	10
Amy DeHart	11
Mary Riley	12
Cora Arnold	14
Austin Anderson	15
Linda Anderson	21
Dick Ross	25
Connie Hummell	26
Sharon Messer	27
Karilyn Bale	28
Evelyn Beavers	29
Melvin Bird	30
Payton Kelly	31

March Anniversaries

Joe & Brooke Gevock	11
Marvin & Lotty Crull	14

Please inform the church office of any birthday or anniversary additions or corrections.

March Communion

Preparers:
Jim & Cora Arnold

Servers:
Jim Arnold, Judy Septer
Don Upton & Diana Upton

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 am Coffee Hour @ Tazza Bella 11:30 am Ladies Lunch @ Jerry's 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.	2 3:30 pm BK5 5:15 pm Praise Team Practice 6:45 pm BYG	3 10:00 am Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm Seekers Circle	4	5
6 9:15 am Discovery Seminar 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Communion 5:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show	7 7:00 pm Reach 7:00 pm Discipleship Team Mtg.	8 10:00 am Coffee Hour @ Tazza Bella 5:00 pm Finance Comm. Mtg.	9 3:30 pm BK5 5:15 pm Praise Team Practice 6:45 pm BYG	10 10:00 am Prayer Mtg. 5:30 pm F.U.T.U.R.E.	11	12 2:00 pm Crossman Baby Shower Fell. Hall
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