

The Trumpet

“The trumpet shall sound...and we shall be changed”
(I Corinthians 15:52)



A Different Perspective

Each one of us has a much deeper story about our lives, our childhood, our current struggles that no one knows but God. Sometimes we wish people knew more so they could understand our plight. Sometimes we wish they knew less, so they would not be so judgmental of our struggles. Sometimes we just want to know that they take the time to see that no matter what our plight or struggle, the grace of God is our strength and banner.



I hope to share just a bit of my story as a pastor’s child, looking back, and a pastor’s wife, currently standing side-by-side, as well as the mother of a pastor’s children:

- ◆ because a broader perspective gives you and me the opportunity for greater wisdom, increasing grace and a deeper fellowship.

Let me tell you a little about my father. I’d love to tell you what he looked like and some of the personal memories between us, but for the most part I want to tell you about his call to the ministry, and what I saw that made me determined not to marry a pastor when I grew up –

He loved to study, books were everywhere, but loved God’s Word most of all. He was almost always bi-vocational, since the church could not support his family financially. He was a very prudent man with his money. A father of 6 children, we only had one car and he built almost every home we ever lived in. His stewardship was amazing. He was a builder, a brick-layer, a quality craftsman. He built churches, in addition to the ones he pastored, to make a living, because he wanted to use his talents for God, even in his secular work. Because of his work, his prep-time for sermons was usually evening, late into the night, early in the morning and on Saturdays.

There were many issues he dealt with that I saw first hand because I was the church secretary from ages 16 to 18. I graduated from high school at 16 so that was my first paying job.

And, as a child at home I heard discussions between him and my mom. I heard church members talk about him, sometimes to my face, sometimes in my presence but behind his back. Remember, I was a child, they didn’t think I was listening.

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Some of the things I remember hearing others say about him were:

- ◆ That he didn't spend enough time at the church.
- ◆ That his kids weren't dressed well enough or his home wasn't kept clean enough.
- ◆ That his wife or his children had "favorite" friends; not them, of course.
- ◆ That he allowed others who didn't have his building skills to do projects that cost the church too much money, or took too long, or weren't done properly.
- ◆ That he didn't study enough.
- ◆ That he was too controlling or critical.
- ◆ That he gave the wrong person a leadership position in the church.
- ◆ That he didn't spend his money wisely.
- ◆ That he preached too long.
- ◆ That he didn't have an easy-going personality.
- ◆ That he took the leadership of the church too seriously.

And on and on.....

It was sad to me that folks were so hard on my dad (and mom) because I saw a man who:

- ◆ Spent many hours away from church immersed in God's Word striving to provide fresh words from God every week, often many times a week.
- ◆ Who gave his wife every extra penny to buy one of us a new pair of shoes or a little something for the house.
- ◆ Who told us not to have "best friends" or spend too much time with one family or one person, so everyone felt equal care from the pastor's family.
- ◆ Who told us never to be extravagant or present ourselves too well, as it made others jealous.
- ◆ Who didn't have time to get involved in every building project in the church, but saw better, cheaper ways to do it, and tried to advise properly, then tried to walk away.
- ◆ Who had people try to manipulate him and the church for their business profit, or their agenda, sometimes behind his back, sometimes as his "best" friend.
- ◆ Who never complained when he had counseling meetings for nights in a row until wee hours of the morning, with heartbreaking situations.
- ◆ Who never compromised the privacy of any of those meetings, even though it might have explained his tiredness, absence, or overwhelming frustration.
- ◆ Who prayed about his study, with his deacons, and for his leadership, constantly aware that he was accountable for everything that went wrong in the church.
- ◆ Who struggled with his wife over who was going to hurt him next and how to let God protect him.
- ◆ Despite all of that, he never waivered from the love of preaching God's Holy Word. His motto was "By God's Grace, To God's Glory"

When we were in Phoenix for the annual convention this year many of the “young” pastors spoke of new movement, new theology, new grace..... better than anything done before.... to the detriment of those men who have given their lives for the gospel of Jesus Christ and are now almost finished with their work on earth. New vision IS necessary and new motivation and inspiration is essential, but I saw hundreds/thousands of pastors who love the Lord and his gospel with all their heart, slumped in discouragement because they were portrayed as out-of-touch, no-longer-useful, and even doctrinally behind-the-times.

And you wonder why I didn't want to be a pastor's wife. It's about the dissention in the ranks, the sadness of the little things becoming more important than the BEST thing. The focus on the humanity of one man, rather than the humanity of us all. The struggle of watching all the activity behind the scenes steal the joy and suck the life out of the Call of God upon His man.

My role as a Christian is to stand for Christ! As I stand for Christ, I am called to respect my father, my husband, and my pastor. God gave us leadership, in our homes and in our churches, so that we might have singleness of mind. I have my own



personality, my own ideas, but the best way to reach the goal efficiently and quickly is to give deference to the leader, respect and esteem the position, the call, and the experience. BY God's Grace, to God's glory.

I saw my dad serving God, standing up for Him, trying to unite the church, promote the gospel, and protect God's church from distraction and dissention.

When I was growing up I wish someone would have reminded the church body to be a part of the church family that stands up with your pastor, his wife, and their kids, despite the personality differences. Enjoy your God-given opportunity to encourage the whole church family with positive words and actions and embrace the responsibility to protect the whole church family by keeping negative words or actions to yourself, between you and God. Allow the Holy Spirit to be the energy that flows through each of us—nothing more, nothing less. Strive; really strive to do all you do.....BY GOD'S GRACE, TO GOD'S GLORY!

In loving memory of my Dad - Edsel Roberts.
His loving daughter, Sarah Gregory

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

October Calendar



- Oct 1 Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association Annual Meeting
at Emmanuel Baptist, Mountain Home (9:00 a.m.)
- Oct 2 Potluck Fellowship
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party
Men's Leadership Team Meeting
- Oct 4 Ladies' Leadership Team Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Maintenance Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- Oct 8 All Church Work Day (8:00—Noon)
- Oct 9 Budgets Due to Finance Committee
- Oct 11 PR Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- Oct 13 Nominating Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- Oct 16 Deacons' Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- Oct 22 Mug-n-Muffin at Sarah Gregory's (9:00 a.m.)
- Oct 23 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
Visitation Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- Oct 24 Finance Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- Oct 25 Utah/Idaho Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
At Northridge Church, Jerome, ID
Sunday School Training (6:30 p.m.)
- Oct 30 Fifth Sunday Sing at New Covenant in Nampa (6:00 p.m.)
- Nov 1 ~ *Election Day* ~
- Nov 1 Ladies' Leadership Team Meeting (6:30 p.m.)



Operation Christmas Child

This Sunday we will be stuffing the shoeboxes with a few basic items you have donated over the year. But we still need your help! Please take home a shoebox (or two) and fill it to the brim! Then bring back the filled shoeboxes by Sunday, November 13th.

Our item to bring in this month is money! Each shoebox costs \$7 to ship. We currently have \$90 this is only enough for 12 shoeboxes and our goal is 100 shoeboxes or \$700. If you can't take a box home, please consider giving money to this worthy cause.



Save the Date!

Do you love the LDS people? Do you desire to see them come to Christ? Do you have family or friends entrenched in that religion? If so join us for "How to Witness to Mormons," a seminar by Connie Raddon. We will be hosting this conference here Saturday, November 12th at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per book (couples can share). Come hear Connie, a former Mormon, talk about how to reach a large part of our community.

She is also an accomplished pianist and will be giving a concert and her testimony on Sunday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Mug-n-Muffin

Ladies, you're invited to a Mug-n-Muffin on Saturday, October 22nd, at 9 a.m. at Sarah Gregory's house, 1995 E. 8th North #10. You bring the mug; we'll provide the breakfast muffins, tea, and coffee. Anyone who wants to bring other breakfast or brunch type items is welcome to do so. We'll fellowship, laugh, eat, and share the Word together. Come for a precious time of fellowship. If you need directions, call Sarah at 580-5539.



Christmas Cantata

Practice for the Christmas cantata; "I'll Be Home For Christmas"; is under way. We could use any and all voices out there. Come join us every Sunday Evening at 4:30 p.m. As we get ready to perform on Sunday, December 18th. We would love to have you.





Little Lambs Corner

Mother's Day Out or MDO as we are best known, has been an important ministry at First Southern since 1993, when God laid on the hearts of two women the ministry of giving other mothers a brief respite from their busy day. Over the years, the program has undergone many changes including size of the student body, scope of the program outreach, personnel and curriculum. Despite all the changes that MDO has undergone over the years, one thing that has not changed, is our commitment to laying the critical foundations of faith for our young charges and being an important outreach to the community.

Fall is upon us and we at MDO are excited about the events coming up; school pictures, pumpkin patch field trip and community helper visits. Enrollment continues to remain steady, but there is always room for more. We at MDO appreciate all the support and prayers from First Southern members and friends of First Southern. Please continue keep our program in prayer, that we may continue to be faithful to our call. Our prayer here at MDO is that we will continue to not only be true to what God has called us to do, but also that we will honor the work of all the others that have gone before us.

Food Court

Chocolate Zucchini Cake by Mary Hill

1/2 c. margarine	1/2 c. vegetable oil	
1 3/4 c. sugar	2 eggs	1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 c. sour milk	2 1/2 c. flour	4 Tbsp. cocoa
1 tsp. baking powder	1/2 tsp. baking soda	1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cinnamon	2 c. zucchini, grated	



Cream margarine, oil and sugar; add eggs and vanilla. Beat. Sift dry ingredients together. Add alternately with sour milk. Mix in zucchini. Turn into greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 325° for 40—45 minutes or until done.

Comedy Corner

- ◆ False alarm — The Energizer Bunny was NOT arrested & charged with battery. Those charges were drummed up.



Some idiosyncrasies of English

1. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
2. I went to the bookstore and asked the saleswoman "Where's the self-help section? She said, "It would defeat the purpose if I told you."
3. Is there another word for synonym?
4. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
5. Can a vegetarian eat animal crackers?
6. One nice thing about egotists—they don't talk about other people
7. If you ate both pasta and antipasta would you still be hungry?
8. If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?
9. How do they get a deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Jim Clark	16	Sarah Gregory
4	Ed & Rose Plympton	20	Wally & Sharon Siebenberg
9	Mary McCormack	24	Amanda Carley
	Matt Menhart	25	Larry & Liz Sears
14	Aileen Brooke	27	Sylvia Landers
16	Chris Boesl	29	Pete & Margaret Berry



A special congratulations to Wally and Sharon Siebenberg who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year!

*If you do not see your name here and would like to:
please contact the church office at 587-3828 and let us know your birthday and/or anniversary.*