

THE "FIRST" EDITION

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**Monthly Pearl of Wisdom:
When you are feeling down, look up.**

Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. – 1 Peter 5:7

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LAKE REGION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
7398 FAIRVIEW ROAD, BAXTER, MN. 56425**



A Passion for God and a Compassion for People



Pastor Dave Grotzke

9:30 AM – Sunday School
**10:45 AM – Sunday Morning
Worship**
**6:00 PM - Sunday Evening
Service**
**6:30 PM - Wednesday Praise &
Worship / AWANA /
724 Youth**

Upcoming events for March:
7 – 5:30 PM – Father / Son Banquet
11 – 6 PM – Missionary Rob Willoughby speaking
13 – 11 AM – Ruth Circle
14 – 7:30 PM – Monthly Deacon Meeting
15 – 11:30 AM – Senior Luncheon
17 – 10 AM – LRCS Auction
18 – 6 PM - Quarterly Business Meeting
24 – 5:30 PM – Dinners for Eight
25 – 10:45 AM – Baptismal Service
**5 PM – Sunday School Teachers & Helpers
Meeting**
30 – 31 – Ladies Spring Retreat

4. Profile on: Bob & Peg Anderson



Bob and Peg Anderson met when Peg and one of her friends got a ride home from shopping and Bob was a passenger in the car they were riding in. That was the beginning of a lasting relationship. They dated on and off for a few years and then it became serious. It was so serious that on April 13, 1963, Bob and Peg became husband and wife. They were married at First Baptist Church when it was located in Brainerd by Gregory Park. Bob was born on March 30 and has been attending First Baptist Church since birth. Not only did his parents attend, but so did his grandparents. Fifth generation Andersons are now members of our church. Bob was saved at the age of six when Kathy Strand led him to the Lord. Peg was born April 30 and grew up in a Lutheran Church. She attended a David Wulf evangelistic meeting 39 years ago and was convicted of her sin. She was saved at that meeting. Since Bob grew up in our church, if Peg wanted to marry him, it meant changing attendance to First Baptist. She did not hesitate on that decision. Bob and Peg are very active in our church. Bob is a deacon, sings in the choir, is part of our instrumental group, and helps with bass music on many music specials. Peg has been a deaconess for many terms, is one of three kitchen coordinators, and is a Sunday School Nursery teacher. Bob enjoys the outdoors and likes to hunt and ski. Peg, too, likes the outdoors for fishing, and enjoys quilting and reading. Bob is now retired. He worked for 32 years at the State Highway Department as a heavy equipment operator. They have owned their own business, Anderson Excavation, for 35 years. Peg did day care for 13 years, worked in the LRCS school office for a few years, and also drove school bus for a couple of years. Her job now, she says, is taking care of Bob and their grandkids. Bob and Peg have been blessed with five children and a dozen grandchildren. Cody (15) and Johnathan (12) belong to Kim and her husband, Lynn Germann. They live in Motley. Troy and his wife Liza live in Coleraine. Bailey (11), Noah (7), Jonas (6), and Ethan (3) belong to Melissa and her husband, Jason Boelter. They live in Nisswa. Caleb (11), Elizabeth (9), and Isabel (4) belong to Keith and his wife, Rachael.

They live in Brainerd. Keelie (4), Eliana (3), and Addison (6 months) belong to Leslie and her husband, Josh Shafer. They live in Motley. Bob and Peg are thankful for the many times the whole family is able to get together and for all their children being in and about God's work. Bob's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 because it a promise from God and God always keeps His word. His favorite hymn is *Saved! Saved!* Peg's favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 40:31 because she knows God will give her the strength she needs for whatever comes her way. Her favorite hymn is *It is Well With My Soul*. Thank you, Bob and Peg, for your service, not only to the Lord, but to First Baptist Church as well. We pray the Lord will bless you more than you could possibly think or ask.

Three Lives

Did anybody happen to notice recently the picture God painted for us as we watched the events of the day unfold on every news station around the world? The portrait of three men's lives shown clearly through the events of their deaths. One a wise man, one a foolish man and one a wicked man.

These men captured the world's attention by their lives and their deaths. Their funerals spoke volumes about the course of life they had chosen to pursue with the few short years God had granted to them.

All three men, President Ford, James Brown and Saddam Hussein had choices in their destiny. Today they have all three stood in front of the God of this universe with those choices unveiled and judged. God allowed us to see three men yesterday.

President Gerald Ford, a man whose faith in God and service to his country was eulogized by many speakers during the solemn and dignified ceremonies which marked his passing. A man of character and integrity, not perfect but made righteous by his faith in Jesus Christ. It was in this righteousness he lived out his life as a servant to his fellowman and his country. Great men and dignitaries attended his funeral, all coming to pay respect and honor to a man most deserving.

James Brown also was eulogized in a funeral ceremony befitting his life choices. There was blaring rock music, gyrating bodies, costumes, and great sensual displays of revelry to portray the contribution this man had given through his life to his fellowman. He lived a life of drugs, alcohol, immorality and rock music. He was heralded the father of Rap music and the inspiration of Michael Jackson's greatness. His funeral with all of its theatrics was befitting the excess of waste his life portrayed.

Then we had the gruesome hanging of Saddam Hussein. His death was as gory as his life. A brutal murderer and dictator hung by his neck and secreted away in the middle of the night to an unmarked grave. Thousands of Iraqis celebrated his death for through his life he had brought untold misery and death to many. A man so wicked that it seemed the world

breathed a collective sigh of relief at the pronouncement of his death.

These three men left their mark on the entire world.

All three have now stood before their Creator to answer for the choices they made in their life as you and I will someday.

There is only one choice and Gerald Ford's life exemplifies the nobility of choosing to walk in harmony with The Creator through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Redeemer.

James Brown chose to walk in the flesh. His life's work glorified the flesh and his death magnified the flesh.

Saddam Hussein chose evil. He was a narcissistic megalomaniac. His life glorified evil and his death was gruesome.

This all played out in one day. God painted a great picture for mankind to see. I pray people got His message.

You might be a Baptist if . . .

You believe you are supposed to take a covered dish to heaven.

You have never sung the third verse of any hymn.

You clapped your hands in church last Sunday and felt guilty all week long.

You woke up craving fried chicken and thought you were called to preach.

You think that God's presence is strongest on the back three pews.

Your definition of fellowship has something to do with food.

You honestly believe that the Apostle Paul spoke the King James Version.

You think Welch's grape juice and crackers were served at the last supper.

You think "Victory in Jesus" is the national anthem.