



First Baptist Church

VIEWS

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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

August 19
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Erin Thomas
Ginger Carroll

PM Service:
Summer Concert
Series:
The Guitar Crew

August 26
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Susan Weese
Bob Greene

PM Service:
Summer Concert
Series:
The Martin Family
following the
Church picnic

Sunday Worship
9:30 AM, 10:45 AM,
and 6:30 PM

Bible Fellowship
8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 AM

2 NE Douglas Street
Lee's Summit, MO 64063-2098
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Summer Concert Series

The Guitar Crew
Sunday, August 19
6:30 PM
in the Church Sanctuary



The Martin Family
Sunday, August 26
following the Church picnic
at 6:00 PM
in the Fellowship Hall



**All concerts are free; a love offering will be taken.
Invite your friends, family, work associates, and
neighbors to these excellent concerts!**

Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education/Outreach

New Ladies ABF to Launch in September

All ladies (30 to 50 something) are invited to get involved in a new Adult Bible Fellowship class called "1 Purpose" led by Kathy Strickland starting Sunday, September 2nd at 9:30 AM in AUD-046. A topical study of Paul's letter to the Philippians will kick off this new small group. For additional information, contact Kathy at 524-3397.

Calling All "20-Somethings"!

Are you looking for a place where you can hang out with other "20-somethings"? Would you like to meet in an informal setting where you can take an honest look at what the Bible has to say about the hard questions of life? Do you enjoy eating with a group of friends? Starting Tuesday evening, September 11, 2007 at 6 PM, Ray and Donna Chapin will host such a group in their home at 611 SE Browning Avenue. Come be a part of the beginning of this new home Bible study group! Contact Ray or Donna (525-9338) for more information!

DiscipleLife University to Start New Semester

Several new discipleship groups will begin Sunday evening, September 9th at 5 PM. Topics will include Christian financial planning, living a life that matters for eternity, and training for ushers, greeters, and Welcome Center teams.

Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!

We had a great first meeting! We had over 30 in attendance and a great time in sharing our vision for a new creative arts ministry! Be watching as "First Acts" will be sharing in our worship services and through our dinner theaters! If you are interested please contact the ministry by email at firstacts@fbcls.com. We need YOU!

YOUTH CHOIR KICK-OFF

HEY! Don't miss out! We will be meeting at 4:30 PM on August 19! We will have the Youth Praise Band "A War In May" from First Baptist Church, Jeff City here to lead us and then we will sing and EAT and I have a SURPRISE for all who are here. LET'S get 50 here and you can shave my head! I love you!

Youth/Recreation

Richard Caldwell, Minister of Youth/Recreation

Who Is That?

There were many new faces up in the Loft this past Sunday for Youth Bible Fellowship (YBF). That is because a new class of 7th graders joined the Youth Ministry on August 5. As sad as I am to see my graduated seniors leave, I am equally excited to welcome a new group of youthies.

There are so many things taking place within the Youth Ministry, as well as many other opportunities for worship, service, Bible study and play coming up. For information on Youth Ministry programming and events, be sure to check out www.fbcls.com/youth or contact me at youth@fbcls.com or 525.0700 ext 307.

Youth Bible Fellowship

Every Sunday, dozens of youth meet at 9:30 and 10:45 AM for small groups. The curriculum currently being taught is about to conclude. Several possibilities are being considered once this curriculum is completed, including DiscipleLife-like classes being offered on Sunday mornings, in addition to the small groups. This time of Bible study is invaluable and I hope to see as many youth plug into this opportunity as possible. Friends of youth are always welcome!

Summer SLAM

Summer SLAM has been great the past three months. There is one topic left to cover before we conclude our series entitled: "8 Questions About God". I hope all youth will come as we discuss applying the Bible to our lives. Rosie Driskell will be leading in music. On August 22, I will begin a new Bible series revolving around the fruits of the Spirit entitled: "Who Dat?" Aaron Smith and the SLAM Band will be leading in music that night. Friends are always welcome!

Back 2 School Party @ Worlds Of Fun

On Saturday, August 25, @ 9 AM, a church bus will leave carrying youth to Worlds Of Fun. Tickets will be purchased at the gates (I will give all youth a coupon for \$8 off their ticket; park passes may be used as well). Youth will need \$ for lunch, but not for dinner as the group will return back to the church around 5 PM. A sign up sheet is up in the Loft so youth, please sign up if you want to experience the thrills of the Mamba, etc. that day.

In Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Vinita Solomon, who passed away July 27, and Esther Fry, who passed away July 31.



Apple Festival September 8, 2007

Each year the Missouri Baptist Children's Home in Peculiar hosts the Apple Festival to raise funds for their operating budget. First Baptist Church prepares and sells Apple Fritters at the festival to help support this very important ministry. You can help! Sign up on the Missions bulletin board across from the library, in your Bible Fellowship classes, or at the Welcome Center kiosk. If you have any questions, contact Edwina Smith at 525-0700 or by email at comusic@fbcls.com.



Preschool & Children's Ministries Involved in *Summer of Service*

During our *Summer of Service*, our preschoolers and children have been actively involved in ministry to others. They have made crafts/gifts for Rachel House, Wilshire at Lakewood Care Center, Monterey Park Care Center, City Union Mission, and the Missouri Baptist Children's Home Apple Festival. They have watered flowers around the church grounds, picked up trash along Douglas Street, and prepared a gift basket for a retired Southern Baptist missionary. Our 1st Kids Service Choir has also presented a musical at Wilshire at Lakewood, Centropolis Community Church, and during one of our evening worship services.

Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

When we're confronted with the harsh realities of life and the seemingly unjust sufferings, it's easy at times to entertain questions about God's justice and sovereignty in the midst of so much pain. Rather than assigning the blame to God for all human suffering, we must recognize that much of it results from our fallen sinful condition. Beyond that is the truth that God can utilize even suffering for a redemptive purpose. In *Into the Depths of God*, Calvin Miller writes, "The trials that keep us kneeling before our lifelong assignments are never haphazard. All the sufferings that are thrust upon us can serve to bring us to maturity. ... Hurt is the essential ingredient of ultimate Christ-likeness." Since God's revealed purpose for all Christians is for us to be conformed to the image of His Son, suffering forms an inevitable part of that process. The confidence we have is that even in our time of greatest hurt and need, God will never abandon us. May the joy of His presence in your life today bring you grace and peace.

Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

Rotating Preschool Volunteers

August 19, 9:30 - Sharon Gaynor

August 19, 10:45 - Gay Scharlau, Jan Baker, Desiree Smith, Natilie Curp

August 26, 9:30 - Holly Elliott

August 26, 10:45 - Lance and Jennifer Flint, Rebekah Reece, Becky Warner, Marguerite Woody, Desiree Smith, Natalie Curp

We have a few opportunities open for men and women to serve on a rotation basis in preschool. Call Janis to volunteer (525-0700).

Dates To Know

1st Kids Promote - September 2

1st Kids Wednesday Begins - September 5

1st Kids on Mission Begins - September 9

Parents, help us be ready for your kids by completing a 1st Kids registration form. Forms can be found in the children's ministry information window as well as the kiosk in the church foyer. Baskets are at each location for you to place completed forms. Thank You!

Back to School Party - August 18, 5:00-7:00 PM.

This event is for new first through sixth graders. Girls are to bring pop. Boys are to bring chips. All kids can bring their friends. We will play games and enjoy a hot dog supper.

New Christian Mini-Retreat

Sunday, September 9 from noon until 4:00 PM there will be a mini-retreat offered for kids who have recently become Christians or who have recently been baptized. The retreat will be held in the 1st/2nd grade Bible Fellowship classroom. Lunch and a snack will be served. Retreat content includes establishing a daily time with God, sharing your testimony, baptism, and the Lord's Supper. If you are interested in your child participating, please email or call Janis Mansker at children@fbcls.com or 525-0700 or contact Angie Keeting at 554-8905. Angie Keeting and Rex Weese lead this important event for kids.

*In Honor of the
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
of our parents*

Wendell & Margaret Page

Steve, Doug & Pam

*request the pleasure of your company
at a reception*

Sunday, September 9, 2007

from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

The gift of your presence is all that is expected.

Budget Receipts	
Needs each week	\$28,165.00
Gifts given 8/5	\$34,684.72
Gifts given 8/12	\$23,077.06
Needs Year to Date	\$910,673.56
Gifts Year to Date	\$831,340.99
Building for All Generations	
Pledges to Date	\$1,065,205.00
Given to Date	\$1,036,220.93
Given 8/5 & 8/12	\$7,284.47
KIDSHEART Africa	
Given to Date	\$78,642.69
Given 8/5 & 8/12	\$2,488.43

Featured Homebound Person

Neva Walker

617 NW Jacob Dr., Apt. 227
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Please pray for and/or send a note to our Featured Homebound Person to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers.

Bible Fellowship Attendance

	8/5	8/12
Preschool	91	81
Children	52	59
Youth	44	59
Adults	379	349
Total	566	548



All-Church Picnic
(potluck style)

Sunday, August 26 at 6:00 PM
in the Fellowship Hall
followed by Bluegrass music with
The Martin Family at 6:30 PM

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