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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

December 23
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Jessica Anthony
Nathan Seider
Renee Caldwell

December 24
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services
5 PM & 7 PM

December 30
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
JoAnne Carter &
Family

PM Service:
All Church
Talent Night



Candlelight Services
December 24
5 PM & 7 PM



He will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Best Wishes
for a
blessed
christmas
and
joyful new
year !!

Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

Rotating Preschool Volunteers

December 23, 9:30 – Kelly Carleton

December 23, 10:45 – Jennifer Flint, Rebekah Reece, Becky Warner, Delaney Smith, Desiree Smith, Lance Flint, Marlene Darnell

December 30, 9:30 – Amy Sadler

December 30, 10:45 – Paula Hocker, Josephina Eubank, Dana Brotherton, Carol Hocker, Jan and Mary Gray

Dates to Remember

December 19 and 26 – no Wednesday night activities for kids

January 2– 1st Kids on Wednesday resumes (7:15-8:00)

January 6 - 1st Kids on Mission resumes

January 8 – Preschool Story Time (10:30-11:30)

January 9 -- First Acts Kids Choirs resume

Important 2008 Dates For Kids

*NEW! 1st Kids CAMP for kids who have completed 3rd through 6th grades will be the first week of June.

More details will be available in January, 2008.

*Vacation Bible School 2008 will be July 14-18.

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Lost and Found

There are quite a few items in the lost and found box in the church office. Please come and check the box if you have lost something. Anything

not claimed by December 31 will be donated to Lee's Summit Social Services.

End of Year Contributions

All end-of-year giving mailed to the church office needs to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2007 to be counted as an offering in 2007. The office will be closed December 31 for the holiday.



Children's Ministry Christmas Post Office

Be sure to stop by the "post office" in the Worship Center hallway and pick up your Christmas cards!

Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education/Outreach

Couples' Weekend Getaway 2008

Our **2008 Couples' Weekend Getaway** will be held at the beautiful 4-diamond *Chateau on the Lake Resort* in Branson, MO, Friday evening-Sunday morning, February 29-March 2, 2008. The theme of this year's Weekend will be "*I Promise*," and will feature a video series by Dr. Gary Smalley. A \$100 deposit needs to be turned in to the church office no later than December 30 (only 15 rooms are being held). The total cost: \$339 per couple. Gift certificates are available if you'd like to give the Weekend as a gift to your spouse! Information brochures are available on the tables in the Worship Center foyers.

New "20-Somethings" Bible Study

All married and single "20-somethings" are invited to participate in a new Bible study, *The Tough Sayings of Jesus*, every Tuesday at 6 PM at Ray and Donna Chapin's house (611 SE Browning Ave, Lee's Summit, 816-525-9338). This study confidently questions things Jesus said that are, in most cases, difficult to understand. A FREE dinner is provided.

First Place Christ-Centered Health Ministry

The "new and improved" *First Place*, a popular 13-week Christ-centered weight loss ministry, will begin on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 PM in the Annex and will be led by Lisa Frogge. All interested persons should plan to attend an important Orientation on Wednesday, January 2 at 6:30 PM in the Annex to learn more about *First Place* before making the final decision to participate.

Welcome to FBC Orientation in January 2008

All new members and guests interested in learning more about First Baptist Church are invited to attend our next *Welcome to FBC Orientation* on Sunday, January 6 at 10:45 AM in the Chapel. Learn more about the history, basic beliefs, purposes, staff, and ministries of our church.

New Grief Support Group to Begin

GriefShare, a video seminar and support group, will meet on Wednesday nights starting January 16 from 7:30-9 PM in Room ADM-137. Facilitated by Sylvia Swift and Allen Baker, this 13-week ministry will provide helpful information and opportunities to discuss grief issues for those who have lost a friend or loved one! Contact Allen Baker (816-525-0700 or educate@fbcls.com) for further information. Information brochures are available on the tables in the Worship Center foyers.

Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

The news carried the unusual story this week of Richard Desrosiers, a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan who lived in New Hampshire. Richard never made it to Heinz Field to watch the Steelers play, as he died of cancer this past March. His wife, Kathleen, took an urn with some of his ashes to the game this past Sunday against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Despite the Steelers' loss, Kathleen called it "an overwhelming experience," adding that she was able to be with him one last time "while he did something he wanted more than anything else in the whole wide world." Kathleen's strange theology aside, with the notion that Richard was doing something at the game with her, I marvel at what the article reveals about her deceased husband's priorities. I'm a big sports fan myself, but to say that attending a football game is more important than anything else in the world surely represents some misplaced values and priorities. Contrast that statement with the declaration made by Tim Tebow, this year's Heisman Trophy winner for the best college football player, regarding how he ranked his priorities. Tebow's priorities in order are God, family, schoolwork, and football, and in his acceptance speech he was careful to credit the Lord for his ability and success. The start of a new year is a great time for us to re-evaluate where our priorities lie and make the necessary adjustments to reflect the Lordship of Christ in our lives.



**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
FBCLS OFFERING GOAL:**

\$10,000.00

Amount Given to Date:

\$4,407.50



**Free Christmas Dinner
at First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit
Christmas Day ♦ 11:30-1:00
Call 525-0700 for delivery reservations.**

Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

THANKS SO MUCH!

Thanks so much to all of our volunteers who make our music ministry such a vital part of our worship experiences! Our Children's Choir workers and Children's Choir participants, Orchestra Members, Youth Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir members all spend much time in preparing uplifting music to help you worship. PLEASE tell them thank you!

AND...thank YOU for attending these special presentations that uplift the name of the Lord. God bless and Merry Christmas!

Thanks also for the wonderful turnout for our First Acts Production of "Uncle Phil's Diner, No Room At the Diner". Because of your generosity and love, we raised over \$13,000 for the Nick Martin Family. Thanks for the cakes and pies and goodies that you fixed also! God bless this church. You are AWESOME!!!



Youth

- Wednesday, December 26, 5:30 PM – "Christmas in the Park" bus ride through Longview Park and Welcome Party for Jeff & Lesli. We'll see the Christmas lights then return to church for hot cocoa and cookies and welcome Jeff and Lesli to our church. Bring your friends!

- Thursday, December 27, 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM – Hope House service project. We'll meet at church at 8:45 AM and take the bus over to Hope House to do a little work around their Lee's Summit location. We'll finish around 12:30 PM and return to church. Bring your friends!



- December 31, 8:00 PM to January 1, 7:00 AM – "Last Day" New Year's Eve Lock-in at FBCLS. The cost is \$5 per person. There will be live music, sumo wrestling, a velcro wall, video games, movies, food! You won't want to miss it!! **BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!**

Budget Receipts	
Needs each week	\$28,165.00
Gifts given 12/9	\$10,617.00
Gifts given 12/16	\$28,224.24
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Needs Year to Date	\$1,408,250.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$1,309,359.53
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Finish the Work	
Given 12/9 & 12/16	\$5,760.53
Total indebtedness	\$995,482.46
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KIDSHEART Africa	
Given 12/9 & 12/16	\$1,677.31
Given to Date	\$98,132.05

Featured Homebound Person

Sande Dunlap

822 SW Burry St.

Lee's Summit, MO 64081-2607

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

	12/9	12/16
Preschool	43	74
Children	29	62
Youth	29	53
Adults	156	322
Total	257	511



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services
December 24, 2007
5 PM & 7 PM**



