



First Baptist Church

VIEWS

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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

July 8

AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
JoAnne Carter

PM Service:

Summer of Service
Cleaning the Church

July 15

AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir/
Amy Sadler
Sharon Byers

PM Service:

Summer of Service
Cleaning the Church

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

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

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CONGRATULATIONS!

to Allen Baker

on his

20th Anniversary

as Minister of Education/Outreach
at First Baptist Church, Lee's Summit

You are invited to an
Open House Reception
for Allen

on Sunday, July 8

6:30 - 7:30 PM

in the Fellowship Hall

(A come and go time of fellowship, then you can
stay and help with our Summer of Service
church clean-up project!)

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First Baptist Church members Remember Allen Baker:

A dependable friend.

Allen Baker has the most loving and caring heart. †I can't BELIEVE the way he REMEMBERS what's going on in the separate lives of his church family. †He is always there to ask how you're doing, to give a hug, or a sweet, kind word. †I LOVE to talk 'grandchildren' with him! †His WHOLE BEING lights up when he speaks of his family! †WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH, Allen!!

Congratulations on your 20th Anniversary at FBCLS and the very best wishes for continued pleasure in your services to our Lord.

We are so blessed to have Allen here at FBC. † He is a kind and caring person and a friend to all. † We are so thankful for you and Brenda! †

It is a joy working with Allen. † He serves us beyond what is expected and required. † God has blessed the church by sending Allen to us.

Allen has a special way of making a person comfortable and at home. He has a gift for that! He is gracious and unassuming and quietly efficient about his ministry. From the minute we met him, we knew we had a new friend. Congratulations Allen, and congratulations Church, for these 20 years of service.

Allen, as a new member of FBCLS I will always treasure your encouragement for me to continue my Bible teaching. God uses your kindness as a guiding light as you serve others.

We consider Allen Baker to be a solid mainstay † on the staff of the First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit. His position is one of importance and one that requires planning and organization, which he † does well.

Congratulations on your 20 year service anniversary and your dedication to FBCLS. † We appreciate your smiling face and your personal birthday greetings. † They are very thoughtful and well received. † Keep up the good work.

Allen, Congratulations on your 20th anniversary. I have enjoyed your friendship and working with you over these many years. Best wishes for the next twenty. As the song goes,
'Friendship, Friendship, just a perfect blendship.
When other friendships are forgot, ours will still be hot!'

From the first † time I spoke with Allen, I knew he was knowledgeable and † a true gentleman with a kind heart. It is a great blessing to work with him.

A great listener†who uses compassion and grace in his ministry.

Congratulations on your milestone anniversary. † We have always admired your gentle spirit, happy smiling face, and your willingness to always be there for everyone. † You are a great role model for all people and we appreciate you very much.

Allen has provided our church with outstanding leadership, both spiritually and in education ministry. Our church is very fortunate to have serving us a man with his talents and dedication. I am sure that God is very pleased also. Allen, do you have 20 more years you can give?

Congratulations upon celebrating your 20th anniversary as Minister of Education. You are to be commended for your outstanding ministry throughout those years!

We remember the FIRST Sunday we were visiting. Allen gave the announcements and a prayer and it was his friendliness and sincerity that we noticed immediately. Very quickly we got to know Allen and have worked with him on numerous occasions. When I think of quality leadership and humble mentoring, I first name Allen Baker.

Hebrews 13:7 says, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." In the 20 years I have known Allen I believe this verse sums up the first 20 years of his ministry here at First Baptist Church of Lees Summit. His leadership has been a wonderful example of his faith in Jesus. He is someone that I can be proud to say I want to be like when I grow up!

My wife and I joined FBCLS just over a year after Allen and Brenda. † Allen welcomed us warmly and immediately gave me an opportunity to teach young adults. † Over the years, I've noticed how well Allen relates to members and guests alike. † He has provided me educational opportunities in † keeping abreast of the latest teaching methods. † He has also provided opportunities for us to grow our relationship through various marriage retreats. Our oldest daughter chose Allen to officiate at her wedding and he handled it better than I did. † I've been to more than one funeral that Allen conducted and his concern and encouragement to the families always comes through. † † † We congratulate Allen on his rarely attained feat † of 20 years of service as our Minister of Education. † We are also fortunate to count both Allen and Brenda as dear friends.

A few years ago, Brenda and Allen suggested Sharon and I visit New York City with them to see the sights. Allen suggested we go in the "off season" to avoid the crowds. Brenda said "It will be fun!" Well we went in January and the trip was a lot of things but fun wasn't one of them. It was coldest weather we've ever experienced. The temperature was 10 degrees with a 30 knot wind. We were all bundled up wearing all of the winter clothing we brought but the cold wind blew right through them. Tears were freezing to our face. We really had a wonderful time but we've seen NYC in January for the last time. The Bakers are great folks and we love them dearly. Our church is very fortunate to have them.

I consider Allen † to be a member of † a "4H Club" because he is: † Honest, Heartfelt, Humble and Hilarious (okay I just threw that † last one in to see if you are really reading this - hilarious? No, witty?, YES). † But best of all he is a good Christian friend and ally!

Budget Receipts	
Needs each week	\$28,165.00
Gifts given 6/24	\$20,994.74
Gifts given 7/1	\$41,961.62
Needs Year to Date	\$732,290.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$682,450.14
Building for All Generations	
Pledges to Date	\$1,065,175.00
Given to Date	\$1,021,570.90
Given 6/24 & 7/1	\$8,790.71
KIDSHOART Africa	
Pledges to Date	\$179,586.80
Given to Date	\$71,836.91
Given 6/27 & 7/1	\$2,935.61

Featured Homebound Person

Margaret Siler

12101 E. Bannister Rd. #202
Kansas City, MO 64138

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

	6/24	7/1
Preschool	82	101
Children	57	53
Youth	42	47
Adults	380	295
Total	561	496



Vacation Bible School
July 9-13
9-11:30 AM
Pre-Kindergarten-6th Grade

FAMILY NIGHT HELP NEEDED

Thursday, July 12 - Tailgate Party

Persons who can help from 6-7 or 7-8 PM with games or concessions are needed. Call or email Janis Mansker, children@fbcls.com, 525-0700 or sign up in your Bible Fellowship class.

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- *Paper grocery bags
 - *Food Items: Chips, elbow macaroni, Velveeta, Manwich, taco seasoning, lemonade and grape kool-aid, round nacho chips, pretzel sticks, plain M&Ms, corn taco shells
- Place these items in VBS collection boxes at church entrances. Thank you!

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