



First Baptist Church

# VIEWS

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Dr. Scott Harrison,  
Senior Pastor

## Worship Preview

July 22

AM Services:  
Sanctuary Choir  
Edwina Smith  
Ladies Trio  
(Ginger Birch,  
Erica Carptenter,  
Laura Nadeau)

PM Service:  
Cheri Hennig  
Hymn Sing

July 29

AM Services:  
Sanctuary Choir  
Laura Nadeau  
Theresa Wright

PM Service:  
Ladies Trio  
(Sharon Irwin,  
Barbara MacMillan,  
JoAnne Carter)

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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## Summer Concert Series

**Annie Moses Band**

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM

in the Church Sanctuary

**Handbell Choir, Rezound!**

Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM

in the Church Sanctuary

**The Guitar Crew**

Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM

in the Church Sanctuary

**Bluegrass music with**

**The Martin Family**  
Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM

in Fellowship Hall

All concerts are free; a love offering will be taken.

# Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education/Outreach

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thank You!

Words cannot adequately express how much I appreciate the recent celebration of my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as your Minister of Education. Although I knew it was coming, I had no idea what was planned. What a surprise! Thank you so much for the many cards, letters, gifts, and other expressions of love and appreciation. The recognition in the morning worship services, the reception on Sunday evening, the anniversary gift, and the wonderful Memory Book altogether made my anniversary such a blessing to me and to my entire family! I will also look forward to taking the sabbatical time off for spiritual growth and renewal! What an honor and a privilege it is to minister with our wonderful pastor, staff, and the members of this great church family! May God richly bless each of you!

## Indoor Picnic and Bluegrass Concert

This year our annual Church-Wide Picnic will be moved indoors. On Sunday evening, August 26 we'll have a Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6 PM. This will be followed by the bluegrass concert by "The Martin Family" starting at 6:30 PM. Make plans now to participate in this fun evening!

## "Welcome to FBCLS" Orientation in August

The next *Welcome to FBCLS Orientation* will be held Sunday morning, August 5 at 9:30 AM in the Chapel (across the hall from the Worship Center). This is for all new members and those guests interested in additional information about our church. Topics include: history of FBCLS, basic doctrinal beliefs, mission statement and purposes, ministries and staff, and mission involvement. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about our church!



## Summer of Service Includes Cleaning Our Church

On Sunday, July 8, several of our church members showed up at 6:30 PM, not only to wish Allen well, but to help the outside of our facilities look neat and welcoming. The weather cooperated nicely and 111 bags of mulch were spread, weeds were pulled, and windows cleaned. The youth worked together to clean both of our church buses, inside and out. On Sunday, July 15, several of our church members showed up at 6:30 PM for window cleaning, dusting and polishing the inside of our building, as well as putting down 160 bags of mulch.

# Youth/Recreation

Richard Caldwell, Minister of Youth/Recreation

## Summer Of Service Update

In the past few weeks, 20 youth and 2 Youth Ministry workers have washed the church buses and 7 youth and 3 Youth Ministry workers washed, inside and out, all of the windows in the education building. When you throw in all that the Youth Ministry was able to accomplish during the Youth Choir Mission Trip in early June, so much has been done to serve people and communities in Lee's Summit and across Missouri this summer. But wait, it is not over! On Saturday, July 28, all Youth Bible Fellowship classes and teachers are invited to spend the day working at the Sherwood Center, a center for mentally challenged adults and people with autism. The day will be spent cleaning, inside and out. Details on time, lunch, etc. TBA.

## Youth Bible Fellowship

Every Sunday, dozens of youth meet at 9:30 and 10:45 AM for small groups. This time of Bible study is invaluable and I hope to see as many youth plug into this opportunity as possible. FYI: **The Youth (including new 7<sup>th</sup> graders) will promote on Sunday, August 5.**

## Summer SLAM

There have been several good discussions thus far. Questions related to the existence of God, the difference between Jesus and Mohammed and whether or not God forgives all sin have been discussed amongst others. These questions are a part of a summer series being sponsored by the Youth Ministry entitled: "8 Questions About God". Be sure to check out the "SLAM" link on the Youth Ministry page of the church website for info on meeting dates and questions to be addressed that night.

## Very Important Dates To Remember

July 25-Summer SLAM, 6:30 PM, Loft

July 28-Summer Of Service Project-see above

July 29-Youth Pool Party, 7:30 PM, community pool in Windsboro sub-division, maps available Wed, July 18

August 5-Youth Promotion Day (including new 7<sup>th</sup> Graders)

## New Pictures and Event Info

There is a ton of things going on this summer in the Youth Ministry. Pics from some of these events/get-togethers and info on future events/get-togethers are available at [www.fbcls.com/youth](http://www.fbcls.com/youth). Check it out!

## Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

As you receive this edition of The Views, I'll be wrapping up my fourth trip to Guatemala in the past two years. Six people, including Paul Voris and myself, have been taking part in a training conference for pastors and leaders in the city of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala's second largest city. Some of the topics covered include the pastor and his devotional life; stewardship of time, talents, and resources; youth ministry; and the pastor dealing with conflict in the family, the church, and the community. I'm glad that Paul is with me so we can sit down with some of the pastors and explore together possible ministries where FBCLS might be able to offer assistance on future mission trips. Whereas our KidsHeart Africa emphasis is primarily a financial commitment, Guatemala offers us the opportunity of doing some hands-on ministry as teams from our church engage in activities such as VBS, outreach, training, construction, and other possibilities. I look forward to sharing about our experiences when we return. Thanks for your prayers for our ministry and safe travel.

## Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

### **LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!!!**

A new ministry is forming here at First Baptist Church! "*First Acts*", a creative arts ministry, will present dessert and dinner theater plays throughout the year, plus short skits periodically during Sunday Worship Services. We are looking for people of all ages to be actors, singers and dancers, as well as behind the scenes crew to help out with wardrobe, props, and set building/decorating. If you are interested in becoming part of this exciting ministry group and you want to offer your talents in any of these areas, please plan to attend an informational workshop on Sunday, August 5 at 12:00 NOON, right after the morning worship services. Lunch will be served! We hope to see YOU there!

### **In Sympathy**

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Frances Rideout who passed away July 3, 2007; to Jimmy Early on the death of her mother-in-law; to Clarence Perkins on the death of his sister-in-law; to Arlene Driskell on the death of her uncle; and to Bill Mayor on the death of his cousin.

## Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

### **Rotating Preschool Volunteers**

**July 22, 10:45** – Lance and Jennifer Flint, Rebekah Reece, Becky Warner, Marguerite Woody, Desiree Smith, Carole Reed

**July 29, 9:30** – Amy Sadler

**July 29, 10:45** – Paula Hocker, Josephina Eubank, Carol Hocker, Ginger Birch

Two more people are needed for fifth Sunday rotation. Call Janis to volunteer (525-0700).

### **Thank You**

Vacation Bible School was a great success due to prayer and a host of volunteers. Many people served by teaching the Bible content, leading crafts, recreation, music, and missions. Others served by praying, preparing and serving refreshments and meals, weighing and counting offerings, providing safe transportation, assisting with family night activities, donating food and craft items, and helping in any way they could. We had 131 children enrolled, 76 of those have completed 1st through 6th grade. We are following up with 23 of those kids about questions they have about becoming a Christian. Thank you for serving. Thank you for continuing to pray.

### **Tuesday Kids Events**

*Tuesday, July 24* is a Mystery event for first through sixth graders. Kids need to wear walking shoes. Meet on the parking lot near the gym entrance at 10:00 AM. *Tuesday, July 31* preschoolers will meet at the church playground at 10:30 for a SPLASH party. Kids should wear a bathing suit and sunscreen and should be accompanied by an adult. You may want to bring a towel and a change of clothes!

The Kindergarten through Sixth grade event scheduled for August 7 has been moved to August 14.

*Back to School Party* – August 18, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Brian & Natalie Curp on the birth of Dathan Andrew Curp, born July 9. He joins big brother, Asher. Congratulations also go to Kevin & Michelle Sykes on the birth of Andrew Ross Sykes, also born July 9. He joins big brother Jeffrey. Proud grandmother is Betty Hines.

### **Welcome New Members**

Joshua Crosby  
Johnathan Brechhoff

| Budget Receipts              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Needs each week              | \$28,165.00    |
| Gifts given 7/8              | \$27,219.58    |
| Gifts given 7/15             | \$21,261.47    |
| Needs Year to Date           | \$788,620.00   |
| Gifts Year to Date           | \$730,931.19   |
| Building for All Generations |                |
| Pledges to Date              | \$1,065,205.00 |
| Given to Date                | \$1,024,928.65 |
| Given 7/8 & 7/15             | \$3,442.75     |
| KIDSHEART Africa             |                |
| Given to Date                | \$74,741.90    |
| Given 7/8 & 7/15             | \$1,753.52     |
| Given during VBS             | \$1,122.19     |

**Featured Homebound Person**

*Vinita Solomon*

125 SE Colony Dr.

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

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**

|           | 7/8 | 7/15 |
|-----------|-----|------|
| Preschool | 88  | 81   |
| Children  | 61  | 63   |
| Youth     | 46  | 43   |
| Adults    | 378 | 370  |
| Total     | 573 | 557  |



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