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Dr. Scott Harrison,  
Senior Pastor

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## Worship Preview

June 29

AM Service:

Sanctuary Choir and  
Orchestra presents-

“His Truth Is  
Marching On”

Cathy Lawrey

Jessica Anthony

Ginger Birch

July 6

AM Services:

Sanctuary Choir

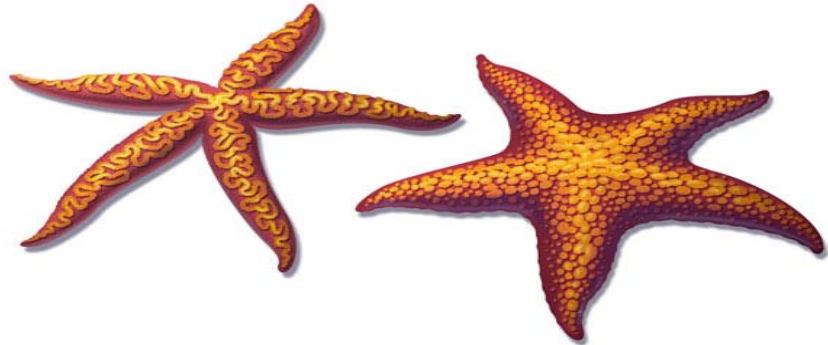
Laura Finch

Doug Driskell

PM Service:

Tanya Thierry

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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 14 - 18 9:00 - 11:30 AM



All children entering kindergarten this fall through 6th grade completed are invited. Registrations forms are available on the foyer tables or in the church office.



# Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

This past week while I was on vacation, I read a book by Kyle Lake, the 33-year old pastor of University Baptist Church in Waco, TX, who died tragically in 2005 when he was electrocuted in the church's baptistry. The book is entitled, *Understanding God's Will: How To Hack The Equation Without Formulas*. Lake makes the case that we've reduced the quest for knowing God's will to a series of formulas rather than focusing on living life in a fresh, daily encounter with Jesus. He also states that far too often we have equated the will of God with favorable circumstances, safety, and our own well-being. Jesus' call to His disciples was an invitation to a lifestyle of radical obedience to Him—not a promise that everything in life would always go well for us. The trials and troubles we experience in life shouldn't be interpreted as signs that we've somehow missed out on God's "perfect will," a phrase that Lake suggests can be misleading. Our calling is not to know all the answers to what lies ahead in our future, but to walk daily with the One who call us His friends and invites us to know Him more fully. Kyle Lake concluded each of his sermons with this charge to his congregation, "Love God, embrace beauty, and live life to the fullest." Those are wise words to live by as we seek to walk daily with the One who said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

# Youth

Jeff Arnold, Minister of Youth and Recreation

The Lord tells us through Paul the importance of running the race hard and keeping our eyes on God's finish line. Our students have been racing all summer in their service for the Lord and for communities in Missouri and Colorado. On our annual choir/mission trip students sang in prisons, churches, boy's homes, and even for the raft guides during the whitewater rafting adventure. They also painted over 3,000 feet of fence and cleared about five dump truck loads of brush. Last week they helped Lee's Summit Social Services organize supplies, move boxes, and they even brought one truck load of their own clothes and food to donate. However, God also requires that we take times of rest and solitude and enjoy sitting in his presence. That is what our students will be doing this week while at camp. For five days they will listen as the Lord speaks and I ask that you pray for them and their hearts while they are at camp this week.

# Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

**Kids and Adults** – Help us get ready for VBS on Wednesday evenings, June 25, July 2, and July 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will make prayer reminders on June 25, decorations on July 2 and 9, and put decorations in place on July 9.

**Sixth Grade Retreat** (for those who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade) July 25-26. We will be going to Jefferson City. Cost is \$25.00. Sign-ups have begun! Please do invite friends.

**Vacation Bible School 2008** will be July 14-18. Family night is Thursday, July 17. Call or email Sharon Byers to volunteer (524-3447 or [sgbyers@yahoo.com](mailto:sgbyers@yahoo.com)).

## VBS SUPPLIES REQUEST

Boxes are at church entrances to receive the following donations for VBS:

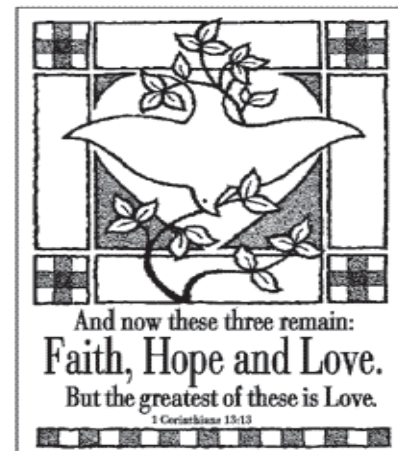
Cookies; empty, clear, 20 ounce water bottles with lids; small glass baby food jars; chips; elbow macaroni; velveeta; manwich; taco seasoning; lemonade; grape kool-aid; round nacho chips; pretzel sticks; plain M&Ms and corn taco shells.

## THANK YOU

Many thanks, to a great church family who always gives generously. Thank you for giving snacks and camperships for children's camp. The kids really enjoyed the snacks and the days ahead will tell of the spiritual impact made at camp. Thank you for your prayers for our kids and leaders. It is great to see God working in lives of kids.



We welcome Lisa, Kiara & Eli Long to the First Baptist Church Family!



# Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education

## One Bible Fellowship Hour Next Sunday

As a part of our "Freedom Celebration" next Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, there will only be one Bible Fellowship hour from 9:15-10:15 AM. Several of our Adult Bible Fellowship classes have been combined; others will continue to meet as individual classes. Some classes will be meeting in different classrooms than they normally meet in. Directories listing classes with room assignments will be available on Worship Center foyer tables.

## Depression/Anxiety Support Group Update

The Depression/Anxiety Support Group has begun meeting for a special "Summer" study. The group will be looking at how developing Spiritual disciplines (Bible study, Prayer, Worship, and others) can aid in recovery and draw each one into a closer, more intimate relationship with the Lord. The group will meet at a confidential location on Sunday afternoons, 4:30-6:00 pm. Please contact Caroline Cooper at 524-1393 for more information.

## 2008 Men's Retreat at Conception Abbey

This year's Men's Retreat will be held Friday evening and Saturday, September 5-6, 2008 at Conception Abbey near Conception, MO (about 2 hours north of Lee's Summit). This year's retreat leader will be Dr. Dan Erickson, Director of People Matter Ministries. Dr. Erickson is a powerful speaker who was formerly on the staff of Promise Keepers. His ministry to men through opening God's Word brings incite and revival to the hearts of men. Total cost: \$40 per person (two to a room, includes lodging, Friday night supper, Saturday breakfast and lunch). The church bus will be available for those who need transportation!

## Fall Couples' Retreat at Windermere

Our church is planning a Fall Couples' Retreat to be held Friday evening through Sunday morning, October 17-19, 2008 at Windermere Conference Center on the Lake of the Ozarks. The total cost will be \$175 per couple and will include a private room in the motel, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and all marriage enrichment seminar materials. A \$50 reservation deposit needs to be turned in no later than Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. For additional information, contact Allen Baker.



# Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

## Children's Music Camp

We are providing a wonderful week of music FUN! There is still time to enroll your child for Music Camp! We will have lots of classes on rhythm and music as well as learn a musical to present for worship. PLUS...lots of fun recreation and FOOD! The dates are July 28 through August 1 in the morning time! Call the church for more details.

## Summer Concert Series

*Our Children's Music Camp group* will be bringing our concert on *Sunday night, August 3*. They will be presenting music they learning during Music Camp! It will be a GREAT evening of music and fun as our Children lead us under the direction of our Children's Choir Coordinator, Angie Keeting and our Music Associate, Ginger Birch.

**August 10-** Link Family, Bluegrass Gospel

**August 17-** One Time Blind, Drama Group

**August 24-** JOURNEYBOUND, Gospel Quartet

**Don't Kick  
the Turkeys**

**First Acts** will hold a Reading Session & Casting Information Meeting regarding the Dessert Theatre: "Don't Kick the Turkeys"

on Sunday, July 20 at 4:00 PM in Room-249. This is required if you are interested in acting in the full-length comedy on Sunday, October 26. Only adult roles are available. Portions of the script are available in the office for preview prior to the meeting. Please contact Ginger Birch at [ginger.birch@fbcls.com](mailto:ginger.birch@fbcls.com) with questions or concerns.

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*Together they have found a friendship,  
raised a family, and built a beautiful marriage  
You are most warmly invited by the family of  
Paul & Darlene Gutshall  
to share in the joyous celebration of their  
parents'*

*Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary  
An Open House Reception will be held  
Saturday, July 26, 2008 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm  
First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit  
2 NE Douglas, Lee's Summit, Missouri*

*No gifts please*

<b>Budget Receipts 2008</b>	
Needs Each Week	\$28,779.00
Gifts Given 6/15	\$19,404.86
Gifts Given 6/22	\$23,473.07
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Needs Year to Date	\$719,475.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$691,619.71
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<b>Finish the Work</b>	
Given 6/15 & 6/22	\$3,611.00
Total Indebtedness	\$864,407.56
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<b>KIDSHEART Africa</b>	
Given 6/15 & 6/22	\$788.25
Given to Date	\$122,765.52

**Featured Homebound Person**

*Dorothy Noel*

600 NW Pryor Road #F206  
Lee's Summit, MO 64081-1104

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**

	<b>6/15</b>	<b>6/22</b>
Preschool	78	83
Children	60	56
Youth	52	35
Adults	362	367
<b>Total</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>541</b>

**FREEDOM CELEBRATION  
SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

- \*All Bible Fellowship Classes meet 9:15-10:15 AM
- \*One Worship Service at 10:30 AM
- \*Dinner on the Grounds in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service



