



First Baptist Church

VIEWS

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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

April 1

AM Services:

Orchestra
Sanctuary Choir
Children's Choir
Handbells
Tabby Graham
Mixed Quartet
(Jack Wiley, Julie
Thomas, Laura
Nadeau, Randy
Buffington)

PM Service:

Youth Choir
Theresa Wright

April 8

AM Services:

Orchestra
Sanctuary Choir
Men's Ensemble
Ginger Birch

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

816-525-0700

Prayer Line 816-246-7400

web site: www.fbcls.com



Maundy Thursday

April 5, 2007

6:30 PM

in the Sanctuary



Easter Services

April 8

9:30 and 10:45 AM

There will be no evening services.

Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

Rotating Preschool Volunteers

April 1, 9:30 – Sylvia Swift

April 1, 10:45 – Michele Compton, Carol Thompson, Linda Gregg, Desiree Smith, Carole Reed, Delaney Smith, Marsha Moore, Melissa Wright

April 8, 9:30 – Holly Elliott, Shirley Olson

April 8, 10:45 – Pam Wishon, Michelle Sykes, Brady and Laura Finch, Christina Crapisi, Carmen McElroy, Brad and Janalee Byers

Kids Invited to Help in Worship

Preschool 5 through 6th grade children are invited to participate in a Palm Sunday processional during morning worship services on **Sunday, April 1**. The processional will be very early in the service. Children should participate in the service their families normally attend. Meet a Flower Committee member in the foyer ten minutes before each service for instructions.

Preschoolers and Kindergartners who choose to participate need to be accompanied by a parent. After the processional, parents may choose to keep their preschooler in worship or take them to Bible Fellowship.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesday, April 3 at 10:30 AM is our next story time. Dr. Gary Snowden will be our storyteller. Come hear stories, complete an activity, eat a snack, and check out books!

Visitors Are Coming!

Easter Sunday, April 8, we are expecting a crowd of visitors. This means we will need additional help in the preschool area. Sign up sheets are in adult classes or you may call Janis Mansker at 525-0700 to volunteer. Thank you!

Put These Dates on your Calendar

April 21 – Associational VBS training

May 6 – 1st Kids Choirs Spring Music

May 8 – Preschool Story Time

May 13 – Parent/Child Dedication

July 9-13 – Vacation Bible School



In Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Carl Gregg on the death of his father, to Iris Mayor on the death of her brother, and to Max Bearly on the death of his brother.

Welcome New Members

Cathy Lawrey
Thomas McGrath

Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education/Outreach

Intercessory Prayer Ministry Anniversary

This month our Intercessory Prayer Ministry is celebrating 17 years of active intercession. The faithful members of our Prayer Ministry would love for you to join with them. All who want to come and pray are welcome. There are times available for private prayer throughout the week, as well as corporate times of prayer for all the church on the last Saturday of every month at 10 AM. In the Prayer Room in the Annex are prayer requests from the congregation and a phone for you to call in prayer requests (*Prayerline*—816-246-7400). Prayer request forms can be found in the pew racks in the Worship Center. All prayer requests are kept in strictest confidence—they are not shared publicly. Please consider joining the Prayer Team by sharing your requests and/or coming to pray for a time. If you'd like to get involved in this very important ministry, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinator, Suzanne Wiley (816-524-2148).

Pictorial Directory Thank You's

We want to express our sincerest appreciation to Linda Hodges and her team of volunteers who worked so hard to help get our brand-new Pictorial Directory produced. We also thank Mary Jameson who worked tirelessly taking ministry and homebound members' pictures, designing the cover and ministry pages, and helping us to have a beautiful Directory. If you haven't picked up your Directory yet, they are available in the hallway next to the Worship Center restrooms. If you'd like an extra copy, they are available in the church office for \$5.00 each.

"Welcome to FBC" Orientation in April

The next *Welcome to FBC Orientation* will be held Sunday morning, April 29 at 10:45 AM in the Chapel (across the hall from the Worship Center). This is for all new members and guests who'd like more information about FBCLS!

Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

Experiencing God

I hope you will put May 20 on your calendar as our Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra present the wonderful musical *Experiencing God*. It is an inspiring musical that will focus on how you can plug in to what God is doing in and through our church. It will be presented during our evening worship. Make plans now to come and be ready to "plug in" on some really neat service projects!

Youth/Recreation

Richard Caldwell, Minister of Youth/Recreation

Youth Choir Mission Trip Pre-Trip Report

These pre-trips are invaluable. Randy and I, along with Art Robbins, Chip Thomas and Cliff Hatchette, were able to meet folks that those participating on the Youth Choir Mission Trip in early June will be working with, as well as see project sites. As a result, we made a few adjustments to what the group will be participating in to better suit our group's skills. It is our belief that this will be a fantastic trip. The opportunities are too many for us to complete, but we will do our best! All the while, partnering with churches, Baptist and Methodist, along the way. We are all very excited! Tanya will post updated information on the "Youth" portion of the Music Ministry webpage soon. Check back later this week (3.26) to see an updated itinerary and pictures. Questions? Contact Tanya, Randy or me and we will do the best we can to answer them. Begin now praying for this fast-approaching trip!

"Living Pure Inside Out" Youth Bible Study Wraps Up

On Wednesdays in March, Carrie and I have taught small group Bible studies centered on the topic of purity. These studies were widely attended by the youth. A total of 35 youth attended at least one of the studies with a majority of this 35 coming to all four. It was a wonderful time together. Be in prayer for the youth that attended, as well as their parents. Pray for the commitments that were made to be overall pure before their Creator, including being sexually pure until they enter a Biblical marriage.

Summer Dates to Remember

- June 6th-10th: Youth Choir Mission Trip. Sign-ups going on now! Contact Richard (youth@fbcls.com) or Randy (music@fbcls.com) to get a youth signed up.
- June 23rd-27th: Student Life Camp. Sign-ups are over. Support Red Wheel (see outside flap) and plan on attending a spaghetti lunch on May 20 to help youth attend this year's camp.
- More information on the above trips can be found by visiting the Youth and/or Music Ministries webpages.

April Dates To Remember

- 1st-Max Out The Loft-IPOD Shuffle 2 b given away for the FBCLS youth that bring a friend!
- 4th-No SLAM
- 5th-Maundy Thursday Services, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary
- 9th-Out-To-Lunch-Bunch with my Ray-Pec youthies, noon, place TBD!
- 22nd-Red Wheel Delivery Day
- 26th-Out-To-Lunch-Bunch with my Lee's Summit youthies @ Fortuna Wok, noon
- 27th-28th-Overnight Youth Bash with CBF MO churches from around state at FBCLS, details TBA

Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

Ten years ago this week, police acting on an anonymous tip entered a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, an exclusive suburb of San Diego, California, and discovered 39 victims of a mass suicide. The deceased—21 women and 18 men—were all found lying peaceably in matching dark clothes and Nike sneakers, having drunk a lethal poison. They were members of the "Heaven's Gate" religious cult, whose leaders preached that suicide would allow them to leave their bodily "containers" and enter an alien spacecraft hidden behind the Hale-Bopp comet. Via this spacecraft, cult members hoped to pass through heaven's gate into a higher existence. I marvel when I read about this and similar mass suicides carried out in the name of religion at the incredibly bizarre beliefs and behaviors that humans are capable of when they swear blind allegiance to charismatic leaders. Our calling as Christians is to follow exclusively after Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures. We're on extremely shaky ground whenever we pursue the latest spiritual fads introduced by the messiah of the moment. Paul sets before us in Eph. 4:13-14 the goal of spiritual maturity so that we're not like little children, carried away by deceitful teachings and the doctrines of men. A steady diet of Bible study will nourish our mind, soul, and spirit and equip us to recognize and avoid error.

FBCLS on Mission



One of the groups that our church supports through our regular missions offerings is Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. CBF is doing an outstanding job of focusing on unreached people groups around the world—sharing the gospel with them and ministering to their physical needs. CBF of Missouri represents the national CBF organization within our state and our church will be hosting their annual meeting on April 27-28.

You are especially encouraged to attend the Friday evening concert by Kate Campbell and hear a message by Ken Hall. Kate Campbell is the daughter of Jim Henry, former pastor of FBC in Orlando, Florida and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Campbell's songs combine soul, country, and folk influences and relate stories of her upbringing in the South, frequently with a prophetic message. Ken Hall is the president of Buckner International, the group that is helping facilitate our work with the school in the slums of Korogocho in Nairobi, Kenya. The concert and message are scheduled for 8:00 PM on Friday evening.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nate and Angie Alexander on the birth of Tate Isaac Alexander, born March 26, 8 lbs. 7 1/2 oz. Proud big brother is Zane.



Easter lilies can be ordered by calling the church office (525-0700). Cost: \$10 each.

Budget Receipts	
Needs each week	\$28,165.00
Gifts given 3/18	\$22,755.16
Gifts given 3/25	\$28,905.64
Needs Year to Date	\$337,980.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$306,987.33
Building for All Generations	
Pledges to Date	\$1,059,842.00
Given to Date	\$977,630.13
Given 3/18 & 3/25	\$5,659.83
KIDSHEART Africa	
Pledges to Date	\$175,537.00
Given to Date	\$47,553.27
Given 3/25	\$4,440.38

Featured Homebound Person

Jim Noel
 518 NW Shamrock Ave. Apt. 219
 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

	3/18	3/25
Preschool	81	96
Children	68	75
Youth	55	50
Adults	373	382
Total	577	606



Youth Red Wheel Fundraiser

Orders will be taken through March 31!

Pizzas, burritos, tacos, egg rolls, cheesecakes, pies, cookie dough, and more will be available.

To place an order just ask a youth or call Tanya in the church office (525-0700)!

Delivery day for the food is April 22.

All proceeds will go to help youth go to Student Life Camp this Summer.

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