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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

May 4

AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Orchestra
Nathan Seider
Sara McElroy

PM Service:
Children's Choir
Program

May 11

AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Praise Team
Laura Nadeau



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CLASS OF 2008

Jessica Allen
Sarah Brinker
Amber Caldwell
Alex Cole
Susan Cooper
Whitney Cracraft
Cassie Dale
Megan Day
Kyla Engquist
Brianna Frommer

Missy Greene
Nathan Griffey
Michael Harris
Chance Hill
Beth Lane
Sara McElroy
Devin Nevels
Joey Nuttall
Jonathan Packard
Craig Pitcher

Kelsey Robbins
Chris Schrankler
Nathan Seider
Abby Sharp
Jessica Stichler
Brett Thierry
Chad Thomas
Abby Thomas
Amanda Valentine
Beth Wyrick



Reception for Randy Buffington's 15th Anniversary

*as Minister of Music at First Baptist Church
on Sunday, May 18
following the Evening Worship Service
in the Fellowship Hall*

Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education

Thank You for My Sabbatical

As a gift for my 20th anniversary at First Baptist Church, I was given five weeks of sabbatical leave. This is a common practice for ministers, college professors, teachers, etc. It is basically a leave with pay granted for rest, travel, and/or study. I will be using part of mine in the next two weeks to attend a small groups conference in Atlanta and to do some personal study on Bible study approaches and spiritual disciplines. This is not my retirement—I do plan to return (sorry if some of you got your hopes up)! Thanks so much for allowing me this time away. I sincerely appreciate it! I'll look forward to seeing everyone when I get back. If you have any needs related to our education ministry, please contact my administrative assistant, Joni Notestein (publish@fbcls.com or 525-0700).

New Ladies' Bible Study on the Psalms

A new weekly Bible study for all interested ladies will begin on Tuesday night, May 6 from 7-9 PM in ADM-139 at the church. The study, Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent, will be based on a brand-new Bible study by Beth Moore. Every other week participants will watch a video segment featuring Beth Moore. Contact Theresa Wright (816-525-8115) for additional information. The workbook is available at Lifeway Bookstore for \$13.

Next "Welcome to FBC" Orientation Planned

All FBC guests and new members are invited to attend a one hour orientation on Sunday morning, May 18 at 10:45 AM in the Chapel. This orientation will help acquaint people with the history, doctrinal beliefs, purpose, ministries, and staff of our church. It will also answer the question, "How does one join the church?" Advance reservations are not necessary.

Plan Now to Attend Randy Buffington's 15th Anniversary Reception

Our Minister of Music, Randy Buffington, will be celebrating his 15th anniversary at our church on Sunday, May 18 with an all-church reception immediately following the evening worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Make plans now to attend and to express your appreciation to Randy for his many years of faithful service.

COLLEGE GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

If you, or someone you know from our First Baptist Church Family is graduating from college and would like it announced in the next issue of the Views, please call the church office or email the information to publish@fbcls.com by May 12.

Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

Parent/Child Dedication service is on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. Parents who would like to participate should contact Janis Mansker or Joni Notestein with the following information: parents' names, child's name, date of child's birth, service in which you want to participate (either 9:30 or 10:45), and a picture of the child. Information and pictures may be emailed to: children@fbcls.com or publish@fbcls.com or mailed to the church at 2 NE Douglas Street, Lee's Summit, MO 64063, or you may bring it by the church office Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30. All information needs to be submitted by Wednesday, May 7.

Last Wednesday night meetings for Kids until Fall is Wednesday, May 7. This includes First Acts Kids, 1st Kids Choirs, TeamKID, 1stKids on Wednesday, and Bible Drill. There will be childcare for music rehearsals in May and other dates as needed. Some special Summer Wednesday night activities for ALL kids will be offered in June and July.

1st Kids CAMP for kids who have completed 3rd through 6th grades will be June 6-8. Cost is \$75.00 per kid. Camp registration is now open. Pick up a brochure and forms at the Children's Ministry Information counter or on foyer tables. Completed registrations are requested by May 15. A few more adult volunteers are needed. Call Janis Mansker to volunteer. (525-0700, children@fbcls.com).

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).



Sixth Grade Retreat (for those who have completed 6th grade) July 25-26. We will be going to Jefferson City. Cost is \$25.00. Sign-ups will begin in June. Please do invite 6th grade friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John & Amy Charpie on the birth of their new daughter, Ella Mae Charpie, born on April 9, 2008.

Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

For what will we be remembered when we're gone? What will be our legacy? From time to time I enjoy reading through the obituaries in the *Kansas City Star*. The things that family members choose to include about their departed loved one can be quite interesting. Reading these death notices reveals that many folks were consumed in their work, as the writing focuses on their accomplishments in the business world. For others, pastimes and hobbies seemed to dominate their time and interests. On the same day this past week, two different obituaries highlighted the deceased's passion for golf. One spoke of the places where the individual had traveled to play golf, while the other gave the date and location of a hole-in-one that the man had achieved. Frequently there is mention of a special relationship with a family pet. While those things may all be interesting and worthwhile in their time and place, wouldn't we all prefer to be remembered more for how we lived our lives in relationship to God and others? As we enter eternity and face our Maker, I don't think God is going to ask us what our golf handicap was, or how successful we were in our business endeavors. I think He will be more concerned about how we measure up on the scale of having lived in accordance with Jesus' identification of the two greatest commandments—to love God with our entire being, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Youth

Jeff Arnold, Minister of Youth & Recreation

It's always a joy to see new faces walk through the church doors. Recently we have seen a lot of new faces on Wednesday night with over 15 new students since January. I want to tell you how great it has been to watch those students plug into church on Sunday morning and come to our in-depth Bible study on Monday night. Many of these students know Christ and some are still searching, but they are here and they are hungry to learn more about Christ. Please pray for these new students as they plug into the youth group and the church and as they discover the love of Jesus Christ and his all-inclusive grace for their lives. Many of these students are attending camp this summer at Windermere and we expect God to do great things in their life that week.

Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

Children's End of the Year Program

Come on May 4 to the evening worship service as our children lead our worship! You will be blessed as this great program is led by our children under the direction of Angie Keeting and Ginger Birch.

Orchestra "Pops" Concert

Hey! We have a special treat for you on May 18! Our Orchestra and Handbells will be bringing a special evening of praise through instrumental music! Come support them and be blessed!

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 learn 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.

On *Sunday night, August 10*, we will have the *Link Family*, sharing *Bluegrass Gospel* with us.

Coming on *Sunday night, August 17*, *OneTimeBlind* will be with us! This is a *drama group from Nashville, Tennessee*, that will be bringing an evening of drama and music that will enhance our understanding of many of our favorite Bible stories.

Sunday night, August 24, we will have *Journey Bound*, a *Gospel Quartet*.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

All senior adults are invited to a luncheon on May 18 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad or vegetable dish and dessert.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



June Stubblefield

Budget Receipts 2008

Needs Each Week	\$28,779.00
Gifts Given 4/20	\$35,327.15
Gifts Given 4/27	\$29,941.74

Needs Year to Date	\$489,243.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$475,232.82

Finish the Work

Given 4/20 & 4/27	\$5,285.00
Total Indebtedness	\$879,462.25

KIDSHEART Africa

Given 4/20 & 4/27	\$1,228.73
Given to Date	\$114,664.74

Featured Homebound Person

Dorothy Jackson

600 NW Pryor Rd. #F111

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

	4/20	4/27
Preschool	85	88
Children	59	62
Youth	63	47
Adults	387	371
Total	594	568



**Parent Child Dedication Service
on Mother's Day
May 11, 2008
AM Services**

