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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor



New Courses

Beginning Sunday, March 9

**Worship
Preview**

February 10
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Praise Team
Music Makers
Renee Caldwell

PM Service:
Laura Nadeau
Youth Choir
Hayleigh Mack &
Susan Clabaugh

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

PRAYER: DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN

See details inside

February 17
AM Services:
Youth Choir

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



**PRESCHOOL STORY
TIME**

IT'S A VALENTINE PARTY !!!

Tuesday, February 12, 2008
10 AM - 11 AM
in the Church Library



Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

Rotating Preschool Volunteers

February 10, 9:30 – Holly Elliott, Shirley Olson, Jared and Kelly Marrs, Tonya Andes

February 10, 10:45 – Pam Wishon, Brady and Laura Finch, Christina Crapisi, Brenda Morrow, Carmen McElroy

February 17, 9:30 – Sharon Gaynor, Nancy Cada

February 17, 10:45 – Gay Scharlau, Jan Baker, Kathy Duckworth, Marge Anderson

IMPORTANT 2008 DATES FOR KIDS

*NEW! 1st Kids CAMP for kids who have completed 3rd through 6th grades will be the first week of June. Cost is \$100.00 per kid.

*Vacation Bible School 2008 will be July 14-18.

*Sixth Grade Retreat (for those who have completed 6th grade) July 25-26



PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

It is a Valentine's Party on Tuesday, February 12. We will decorate cookies to eat and make cards for our homebound in addition to hearing stories about showing love and helping others. You will also have time to check out books. We start at 10:00 AM and conclude by 11:00 AM. See you in the church library!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aaron & Melissa Mahoney on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Grace, born on January 24. Proud grandparents are Greg & Lori Thompson.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian sympathies go out to John & Ethel Donnell whose daughter passed away, to Mary Jameson on the passing of Ken, and the passing of Nettie Lou Rathbone.

Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education

February "Welcome to FBC" Orientation Planned

Our next one-hour "Welcome to FBC" Orientation will be held on Sunday morning, February 10 at 10:45 AM in the Chapel. This is designed for all First Baptist Church new members and guests interested in learning more about our church's history, basic beliefs, purposes, how to join the church, ministries, staff, and mission involvement. No advanced reservations are needed to participate.

New Support Groups Meeting

GriefShare, a video seminar and support group, meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 PM in Room ADM-137. Facilitators: Sylvia Swift and Allen Baker. A new support group for individuals dealing with depression and/or anxiety has begun. Contact Caroline Cooper for more information about the meeting location (816-524-1393). Information brochures are available on the tables in the Worship Center foyers.

Calling All ABF Teachers/Class Coordinators

Have you ever wondered "What does a follower of Christ—one who reflects His character—really look like? How do you measure success? And how do you get there?" For two Sunday evenings, February 17 and 24 from 5-6:15 PM each evening in ADM-139, I will be introducing our Adult Bible Fellowship teachers and class coordinators to a helpful new resource, the "Christian Life Profile Assessment Tool," and showing how it can help them and their ABF members assess how fully they have developed Christlike character in their lives. To participate, please contact Allen Baker (educate@fbcls.com) or Joni Notestein (publish@fbcls.com) or call the church office (816-525-0700) no later than Sunday, February 10.

New DiscipleLife University Courses Planned

The following new *DiscipleLife University* courses are being planned to begin Sunday evening, March 9 at 5:00 PM:

- *The Parables of Jesus*; 6 sessions; Facilitator: John Notestein; Workbook: \$7.00
- *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* 6 sessions; Facilitators: Rex and Susan Weese; Workbook: \$7.00
- *Becoming a Contagious Christian*; 6 sessions; Facilitator: Tim Smith; Workbook: \$7.00

An information flyer with descriptions of each study will be available in all Bible Fellowship classes and on the tables in the Worship Center foyers.

Youth

Jeff Arnold
Minister of Youth & Recreation

Disciple Now weekend is almost here. We are less than two weeks away from this incredible weekend. We currently have 54 students signed up to attend and are expecting even more. Please be in prayer that students would learn what it means to be a follower of Christ and grow deeper in their relationship with him during this weekend. Also continue to be in prayer for our summer as we have many things scheduled to impact both our own students and communities around Lee's Summit and even as far as Colorado for Christ's kingdom.



Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

This week marks the anniversary of the arrival of Roger Williams to the Massachusetts Bay Colony from England, having landed in Boston on Feb. 5, 1631. Williams was a Puritan, but soon became disenchanted with the Puritan leadership of the colony and their enforced religious beliefs and denial of religious freedom. Williams also spoke out for the rights of Native Americans to receive payments for the lands which the settlers were taking from them. His unpopular message prompted authorities to banish him in October 1635. Leaving Massachusetts, Williams settled in what would become the colony of Rhode Island, and offered refuge to all seeking freedom of conscience and the separation of church and state. The Narraganset Indians befriended him and helped him survive the initial harsh winter there. Williams would also establish the first Baptist church on American soil in 1638, with a church he began in a settlement he named "Providence" as an expression of his confidence in God's blessings on the venture. Williams would eventually leave the Baptist family, but not before championing some of the basic values that Baptists have always held dear—the freedom of an individual to practice his own religion without governmental interference, and the principle of extending freedom and tolerance to those who differ with us over religious questions.

Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

YOUTH CHOIR BARNSWINGING

Sign up NOW, Youth Choir kids! We are going Barnswinging on Friday, March 14. The cost is \$10.00. We will be meeting at church at 7:00 PM to practice our Choir/Mission Trip Music. We will then leave for Barnswinging at 8:00 PM. Be READY!!!!

First Acts Creative Arts Ministry

First Acts Acting Class will start on Sunday, February 10 at 5:00 PM in room AUD-249. Come experience all types of drama including puppets, reader's theatre, skits & sketches, and many more. As we read through examples of various drama types we will discover how they contribute to worship. Not sure if this is for you? Come and try it out before you take the stage! For more information email ginger.birch@fbcls.com



Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Join us in PRAYER! Be a part of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry by: spending time weekly in the Prayer Room; joining the email Prayer Chain; participating in corporate prayer on the last Saturday of every month; sharing your requests for prayer through the Prayerline (246-7400), email (sgwiley@kc.rr.com), or the request cards in the pews. Call the church office for more information (525-0700). In Luke 18:1, Jesus taught us to "always pray and not give up."



for love comes

from God



1 John 4:7

Budget Receipts 2008

Needs each week	\$28,779.00
Gifts given 1/27	\$21,171.44
Gifts given 2/3	\$36,751.01

Needs Year to Date	\$143,895.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$142,497.81

Finish the Work

Given 1/27 & 2/3	\$6717.00
Total indebtedness 1/31/08	\$990,693.25

KIDSHEART Africa

Given 1/27 & 2/3	\$1225.81
Given to Date	\$103,906.29

Featured Homebound Person

Ruby Ewing

600 NW Pryor Rd. #D404

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

	1/27	2/3
Preschool	82	70
Children	56	61
Youth	57	54
Adults	375	371
Total	570	556



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**Youth Disciple Now Weekend
February 15-17**

