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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

February 24
AM Services:
Erica Carpenter
Aaron Smith

PM Service:
Susan Weese &
Suzanne Wiley
(Duet)



Sessions begin Sunday, March 9 at 5 PM

The Parables of Jesus

6 Sessions

Facilitator: John Notestein

Workbook: \$7.00

March 2
AM Services:
Doug Driskell
Rick Henks

PM Service:
Don Keeting

Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?

6 Sessions

Facilitators: Rex & Susan Weese

Workbook: \$7.00

Becoming a Contagious Christian

6 Sessions

Facilitator: Tim Smith

Workbook: \$7.00

Information Flyers available in Bible Fellowship classes and on tables in the
Worship Center foyers.

Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

Rotating Preschool Volunteers

February 24, 9:30 – Kelly Carleton

February 24, 10:45 – Jennifer Flint, Rebekah Reece, Becky Warner, Delaney Smith, Desiree Smith, Lance Flint, Linda Henks

March 2, 9:30 – Sylvia Swift, Debbie Whitford,

March 2, 10:45 – Michele Compton, Carol Thompson, Desiree Smith, Marsha Moore, Melissa Wright-Morrison, Carole Reed

IMPORTANT 2008 DATES FOR KIDS

*NEW! 1st Kids CAMP for kids who have completed 3rd through 6th grade will be June 6-8. 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

SPECIAL CARE HOMES BANQUET & AUCTION

The annual banquet and silent auction for the Special Care Homes will be held March 11 at First Baptist Church on 15th & Main in Grandview. The auction will begin at 5:30 PM and the banquet will follow at 6:30 PM. Contact Bob Thompson (554-2353) for free tickets. Items may be donated for the auction by calling Carolyn Young (524-2083).



Please be in prayer for our mission team who is in Guatemala this week, February 16-23. Members that went on the trip are Dr. Gary Snowden, Janis Mansker, Linda Thornsberry, Jacque Flint and Tom McGrath. They will be speaking in public schools, leading a Vacation Bible School, and providing Leadership Training. We pray that many lives will be changed for Jesus.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members to First Baptist Church; Erin Stanley & Hailey Green.

Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education

Pray for “Couples’ Weekend Getaway”

Our “Couples’ Weekend Getaway” is rapidly approaching--Friday evening through Sunday morning, February 29-March 2, 2008 at Chateau on the Lake Resort in Branson. Please pray for the 15 couples that will be participating in this special marriage enrichment experience. Pray for the safety and health of all participants as they travel to and from Branson. Pray for those who will be leading general sessions, small groups, drama sketches, and special music. Pray for each couple to be drawn closer to their spouse and to the Lord through the Weekend!

New Ladies’ Adult Bible Fellowship Class Begins

I am excited about a new ladies Adult Bible Fellowship class taught by Marge VanWye that has begun meeting on Sunday mornings at 10:45 AM in AUD-048 (West Alcove of the Fellowship Hall). This class is for ladies ages 55-75. They are currently studying the book of Genesis. They first meet with Ray Sutterby’s ABF class (AUD-046) for prayer and announcements and then go to their classroom for Bible study. Ladies: don’t miss this opportunity to get in on the start of a brand-new Bible Fellowship class!

Christian Life Profile Training Rescheduled

Due to last Sunday’s inclement weather, we have rescheduled the training on how to use the “Christian Life Profile” to Sunday evenings, April 20 and April 27 from 5-6:15 PM each evening in the Chapel.

March “Welcome to FBC” Orientation Planned

Our next one-hour “Welcome to FBC” Orientation will be held on Sunday morning, March 9 at 10:45 AM in the Chapel. No advance 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).

IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian sympathies go out to Billie Caffey whose son passed away, and to Brian Franke whose sister passed away.

Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

On February 18, 1885, Mark Twain published his famous novel, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Twain introduced Huck in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, but he takes center stage in this book along with his friend, Jim, a runaway slave. I remember reading the book when I was in the third or fourth grade, and despite its length (some 415 pages), I couldn't put it down. Huck's many scrapes and near-death experiences captured my attention. I'll have to confess that I didn't pick up on some of the more controversial aspects of the novel. Samuel Clemens wasn't a big fan of organized religion and the book takes several swipes at faith expressions. Though the Civil War had concluded two decades earlier, racism was still firmly entrenched in our culture and the book's positive portrayal of Jim in contrast to some of the shady and dishonest white characters proved to be very controversial, leading some libraries to ban the novel. I missed a lot of the controversial social message of *Huckleberry Finn* because at that age, I was focused on his adventures. I wonder at times if our approach to Bible reading isn't similar to my boyhood manner of reading *Huckleberry Finn*. We come to the Scriptures seeking entertainment, or perhaps an interesting story, but do we wrestle with the major issues the Bible addresses? A veritable treasure of insights into our human nature and God's expectations for us are to be found in the Bible if we'll approach it with a heart and mind open to what God has in store for us in the pages of this all-time bestseller.



GREETERS SCHEDULE

February 24-	9:30 AM	10:45 AM
Door 1	Haggard	Carleton
Door 2	Whitworth	Thompson
Door 3	McGrath	Fletcher
Door 4	Webb	Shireman
Door 5	Barnard	
March 2-	9:30 AM	10:45 AM
Door 1	Marrs	Hackett
Door 2	Alexander	Hauser/Wilke
Door 3	DeMint	Elliott
Door 4	Elgin	Stone
Door 5	Monroe	

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!!!!

Annual Dinner Theatre April 3, 4, & 5 at 6:30 pm



First Acts will present "Mayhem in Mayville: A Whodunit Play in Two Acts." Mayville will never be the same the day several townfolk stumbled upon a mystery in *Connie's Cup O' Coffee*. This is an interactive dinner theatre where the audience

helps determine the culprit by tracking clues and assisting with interrogations. You won't want to miss out on the fun! Sign-ups for tickets will begin on **Sunday, March 2**. The Fellowship Hall doors will open no earlier than 6:00 pm. Donations will benefit our Youth Summer Missions.

Youth

Jeff Arnold
Minister of Youth & Recreation

What an incredible event took place here at FBCLS this past weekend! Many of you have been praying and helping us put together Disciple Now Weekend and God has truly blessed your diligence. We had 60 students and 13 college leaders present this weekend. We ate together, played games together, and most importantly worshipped Christ together! We had seven kids make decisions for Christ and three of those accepted Christ into their life for the first time. I hope that as you read this you will rejoice just as we did this weekend. Thank you again for all that you did to make this weekend possible.



Budget Receipts 2008	
Needs each week	\$28,779.00
Gifts given 2/10	\$26,832.97
Gifts given 2/17	\$14,596.51
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Needs Year to Date	\$201,453.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$183,927.29
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Finish the Work	
Given 2/10 & 2/17	\$3,025.00
Total indebtedness	\$980,389.81
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KIDSHEART Africa	
Given 2/10 & 2/17	\$1,732.97
Given to Date	\$105,639.26

Featured Homebound Person

Louise Gillespie

600 NE Meadowview Drive, Room 205
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

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

	2/10	2/17
Preschool	79	50
Children	50	39
Youth	52	64
Adults	332	226
Total	513	379



Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Join us in PRAYER! Be a part of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry. Call the church office for more information.

