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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

*Happy 2008 to our
First Baptist Church Family*

**Worship
Preview**

January 13
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Praise Team
Kelly Carleton

PM Service:
JoAnne Carter
Youth Choir

January 20
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Janalee Byers
Bob Greene
Orchestra

PM Service:
Youth Choir



Youth Disciple Now Weekend
February 15-17

Information & Sign-ups will be coming soon.



Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

Rotating Preschool Volunteers

January 13, 9:30 - Holly Elliott, Shirley Olson

January 13, 10:45 - Pam Wishon, Linda Gregg, Christina Crapisi, Brenda Morrow, Jared and Kelly Marrs, Brady Finch, Carmen McElroy

January 20, 9:30 - Sharon Gaynor, Nancy Cada

January 20, 10:45 - Gay Scharlau, Jan Baker, Kathy Duckworth, Marge Anderson, Fran Johnson

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. More details will be available soon.

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

Leadership Training Opportunity

On Sunday, February 3, noon to 3:00 we will have Cindy Lumpkin who is Editor in Chief of Leadership resources in Childhood Ministry Publishing at LifeWay Christain Resources at our church. Following a lunch, she will be leading training for all preschool and children's leadership. Cindy is a friend of mine and will already be in our area for another conference. She has graciously agreed to stay a bit longer to lead in some training for us. She offers a wealth of experience being a Children's Minister and has taught both preschoolers and children in a wide variety of settings. She is the daughter of inner city missionaries and has served as a Journeyman in Ethiopia and volunteer missions in Poland. She is passionate about children's ministry and leadership training. You will be blessed. By Sunday, January 27 let me know if you plan to attend so we can have adequate food for lunch. (525-0700, children@fbcls.com)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mark & Kathi Matthes on the birth of their son, Wyatt William Matthes born on January 3, 2008. Proud grandparents are Bill & Jane Matthes.

Also, congratulations to Kyle & Stephanie Ward on the birth of their new son, Elijah Hahnme Ward, born on January 4, 2008. Proud grandparents are Paul & Candee Seider.

In Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathies go out to Susan Weese whose father passed away on December 18, the Burdick Family whose son, Ryan Burdick passed away on December 23, and to Gladys Sanders whose niece passed away.

Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education

Couples' Weekend Getaway 2008

Two rooms are left for this year's *Couples' Weekend Getaway* to be held at Chateau on the Lake Resort in Branson, Friday-Sunday, February 29-March 2, 2008. A \$100 deposit needs to be turned in to the church office to hold a room. Partial scholarships are available for those who have never attended a *Weekend Getaway*. Information brochures are available on the tables in the Worship Center foyers.

New Ladies' Weeknight Bible Study to Begin

A new weekly Bible study for women will begin on Tuesday evening, January 15, 2008 from 7-8:30 PM starting at the home of Theresa Wright (2404 SW Winterview Court, 816-525-8115). A compilation of three of Max Lucado's books will be the source of the study—the exact study will be chosen at the first night's session. The cost of the book is \$11.25. There is no homework required. Contact Theresa for more information and for meeting locations after January 15.

New Grief Support Group to Begin

GriefShare, a video seminar and support group, will meet on Wednesday nights starting January 16 from 7:30-9 PM in Room ADM-137. Facilitated by Sylvia Swift and Allen Baker, this 13-week ministry will provide helpful information and opportunities to discuss grief issues for those who have lost a friend or loved one! Contact Allen Baker (816-525-0700 or educate@fbcls.com) for further information. Information brochures are available on the tables in the Worship Center foyers.

New Depression/Anxiety Support Group to Begin

A new support group for individuals dealing with depression and anxiety will begin on Sunday, January 20 at 4:30 PM. Led by Caroline Cooper, this support group will be a safe place to receive support for these two very common life challenges. Contact Caroline for more information about the meeting location (816-524-1393). Information brochures are available on the tables in the Worship Center foyers.

Thank You for Helping "Feed the People"

A special thank you goes out to all those in the FBCLS family who donated gloves, hats, cookies, etc. for the Matt Crosby Adult Bible Fellowship class to give out to the homeless through the *Feed the People Ministry* during the Christmas holiday. They were able to feed and provide gift bags for 411 homeless people in inner city Kansas City. We commend this ABF class for sharing Christ's love with these needy people.

Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

Well it looks like we're in for an intense year of political campaigns as each party's presidential candidates jockey for votes and support. The deluge of political ads, phone calls, and other propaganda will only increase as the general elections draw near in November. It's interesting to discover that this week, January 7th to be exact, marks the anniversary of the first U.S. presidential election, held in 1789. As an indication of how times have changed, only white men who were property owners could vote in that initial election, which George Washington won as expected. While some pastors would go so far as to publicly endorse a specific candidate from the pulpit, both trampling on the principle of the separation of church and state and putting the church's tax exempt status at risk in the process, a wiser course of action is to encourage all believers to exercise their voting privileges as citizens of this great country in a responsible manner. That entails taking the time to listen to the candidates' own words rather than just the attacks launched against them by their opponents. Another thing that Scripture enjoins us to do without fail is to pray for those in positions of authority. It's going to be a long year of politicking in the USA, so when you're tempted to tune it all out, consider breathing a prayer instead, asking for God's guidance and blessing on those currently serving and those who are running for office. It just might help you get to the end of 2008 without losing heart.



SAVING BABIES, CHANGING LIVES WITH RACHEL HOUSE

Baby bottles will be available on January 13 and 20 in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Please take an empty baby bottle home, and during the next couple weeks, fill the bottle with your loose change, dollar bills or even a check. Return the bottles to the church by Sunday, January 27. All monies raised will benefit the ministry of Rachel House as they continue to reach people with life saving information about the sanctity of human life, the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage and the miracle of salvation through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome these new members to our First Baptist Church Family: Stephanie Nichols, Mona Brown & Wesley & Lena Nelson.

Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Come and be a part! We have started back up on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. YOU need to be a part!

First Acts Creative Arts Ministry

First Acts is a new creative arts ministry for people of all ages. We would love to have you involved this year! We can use individuals who have talents in acting, singing, choreography, set design & construction, puppetry, and many other things.

Here are few ways you can contribute this year:

- * NEW Puppet ministry to launch in February
- * Acting Class every 1st Sunday of the Month
- * Sketches, monologues, readings, etc. for Sunday Morning Worship
- * Set construction & behind the scenes help for Spring Dinner Theatre

If you are interested in First Acts, please contact Ginger Birch at ginger.birch@fbcls.com and let her know how you can help. We have an exciting year ahead of us!

Youth

Jeff Arnold, Minister of Youth & Recreation

What an awesome experience it has been for Lesli and me to be here at FBCLS so far. We have enjoyed getting to know many of you and are excited about what God is doing with the youth in this church and community. God has already been moving and on New Year's Eve we were able to watch over ninety kids meet together here and hear the gospel as they chose to spend the last night of their year here with their youth group.

We have some great events coming up and are in the process of preparing for our Disciple Now Weekend which will be held February 15-17. This will be a great time for us to spend more time with the youth and teach them what it means to be MADE in the image of Christ.

Lesli and I want to say thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve alongside you in our journey of bringing Kids to Christ. This church family has been so helpful in the moving process and has made this time of transition very easy.

<u>Budget Receipts 2008</u>	
Needs each week	\$28,779.00
Gifts given 1/6	\$33,987.84
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Needs Year to Date	\$28,779.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$33,987.84
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Finish the Work	
Given 1/6	\$4,619.57
Total indebtedness	\$999,239.00
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KIDSHEART Africa	
Given 1/6	\$988.67
Given to Date	\$99,120.72

Featured Homebound Person
Monte Durnell

2630 SW Wintervalley Drive
Lee's Summit, MO 64081-2592

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

	1/6
Preschool	96
Children	65
Youth	56
Adults	400
Total	617



Rachel House Baby Bottles
Pick up a Baby Bottle for Rachel House
Crisis Pregnancy Center. Details inside.

