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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

March 23
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Praise Team
Orchestra
Brass Ensemble
Men's Ensemble
Edwina Smith

March 30
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Tanya Thierry

PM Service:
Youth Choir
Kathy Duckworth



The Promise of Easter

Easter Services March 23

9:30 AM & 10:45 AM

Bible Fellowship Classes
8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM

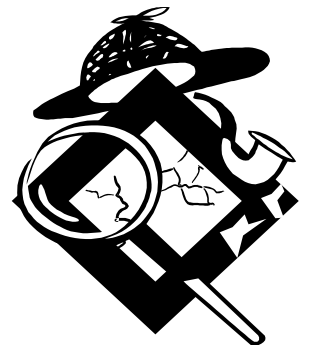
*Come and celebrate this special
day with us. Hallelujah.....
"Jesus is Alive!"*

ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE

April 3, 4 & 5, 6:30 PM

First Acts Presents:
"Mayhem in Mayville:
A Whodunit Play in Two Acts"

Donations will benefit our Youth Summer
Missions. Sign up at the kiosk or by calling
the church office.



Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education

April "Welcome to FBC" Orientation Planned

Our next one-hour "Welcome to FBC" Orientation will be held on Sunday morning, April 13 at 9:30 AM in the Chapel. For all guests and new members to First Baptist, this Orientation will overview our church's history, basic beliefs, purposes, staff, ministries, how to join, and mission involvement. No advanced reservations are needed to participate.

Tentative Fall Couples' Retreat at Windermere

Would you be interested in participating in a *Fall Couples' Retreat* patterned after our popular *Couples' Weekend Getaways*, yet at less than HALF THE COST? It would be held at Windermere Conference Center on the Lake of the Ozarks October 17-19, 2008. The *Retreat* would follow the same format as our *Couples' Weekend Getaway* and the total cost per couple would be \$175 (includes private room in motel with one queen-bed and two twin-beds, two breakfasts and two lunches provided, conference materials, etc.). Interested? Contact me (educate@fbcls.com or 816-525-0700, ext. 305) or indicate your interest on the *Interest Survey* in your Adult Bible Fellowship class.

Calling All Bible Fellowship Teachers

A two session **Training Workshop** introducing the *Christian Life Profile* assessment tool (CLPAT) will be held for all Bible Fellowship teachers and class coordinators on Sunday evenings, April 20 & 27, 2008 from 5-6:15 PM in the Chapel. The assessment tool is designed to help people answer the questions "How am I doing in my walk with Christ?" and "Where do I need to grow spiritually?" The CLPAT is not a spiritual gifts inventory and is much more than a personality profile. It will help users assess how fully they have developed Christ-like character in their lives. Each participant will receive a FREE "*Christian Life Profile Assessment Tool*" (retail value \$12.99)

New "First Place" Session to Begin

All persons interested in participating in the new session of "*First Place: a Christ-Centered Weight Loss Ministry*" are asked to attend a required Informational

Meeting on Wednesday, April 16 starting at 6:30 pm in the Annex. A new 13-week session will begin on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 PM in the Annex. The total cost for first timers is \$75 (includes participant's kit and Bible study) and for alumni is \$20 (includes new Bible study and commitment forms). Contact Lisa Frogge for more information (816-525-7702).



Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

FOR KIDS AND PARENTS

*Preschool Storytime is Tuesday, March 25, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the church library. Our theme is "the wind."

*Spring Family Fun Day – April 12

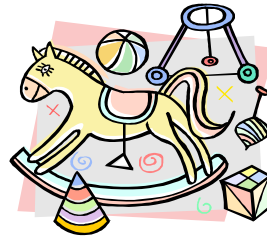
*1st Kids CAMP for kids who have completed 3rd through 6th grades will be June 6-8. Cost is \$75.00 per kid. Camp registration will open in April. Adult volunteers are needed. Call Janis Mansker to volunteer, (525-0700, children@fbcls.com).

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brady & Laura Finch on the birth of their new daughter, Rory Claire Finch. Big sister is Leah. Proud grandparents are Steve & Martha Griffin.



Congratulations to Sheldon & Laura Nadeau on the birth of their new daughter, Emmerson Grace. Big sister is Isabella. Proud grandparents are Mike & Nancy Eaton.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian sympathies go out to the families of Ruby Ewing, McKinney Laster and Lloyd Ketcham who passed away; to Evelyn Dixon on the passing of her aunt; and to Datha Taylor whose sister passed away.

WELCOME

We welcome these new members to First Baptist Church; Delbert & Joyce Kelley, Keith Borucki and Kara Nuttall.

Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

Youth Choir Barnswinging

HEY! We took 36 people and it was a BLAST! Even if we did get rained out! Thanks for coming and being a part! I love you guys!

Summer Concert Series

We have 2 of our concerts confirmed for this summer's series. On Sunday night, August 3, Journeybound Gospel Quartet will be sharing with us. And on Sunday night, August 10, we will have the Link Family sharing Bluegrass Gospel with us.



Youth

Jeff Arnold
Minister of Youth & Recreation

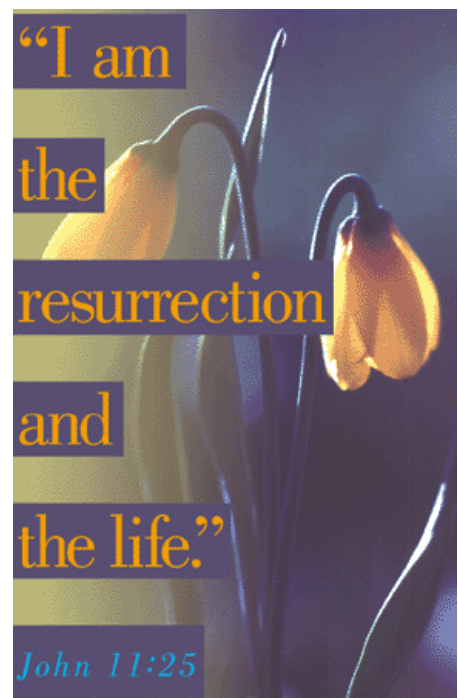
What a blessing it is to be at a church where people are so willing to help! This past three months has been incredible as I have seen students come to Christ, rededicate their life, and begin the discipleship process. I know that God is blessing me by allowing me to be a part of that and allowing me to be surrounded by such wonderful people. We have almost thirty people who help out with our ministry to youth in one way or the other. We recently had fifteen of those people show up to help paint, clean, and renovate the loft so that teenagers might have a place to worship in that meets their needs. Twenty two people show up every other week for youth leadership training and all are dedicated to seeing kids in this community know Christ! Thank you for allowing me to be part of such a wonderful team of people.



Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

I saw a lot of folks in church this past Sunday wearing green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. While the secular world usually associates the day with parades, revelry, and drunkenness, Patrick himself was an early Christian missionary to Ireland. As a young teenager, Patrick was carried away as a captive from his native Britain to Ireland in about 405 A.D. There he worked for six years as a shepherd. Managing to escape from his captors, Patrick made his way back to Britain, only to later receive a missionary calling in a vision to return to share the gospel with his captors. Patrick's ministry in Ireland was a fruitful one, and he writes of having baptized thousands and of ordaining clergy members to carry on the work. Undoubtedly the decision to return to a place where he had been held captive must have been a difficult one, but there is no evidence that Patrick wavered in his faith or commitment to fulfill God's calling in his life. How does our faith stack up when measured against the standard of someone like Patrick? Are we willing to serve God even in the midst of trying circumstances? One thing that stands out about the early Christians is the boldness with which they shared their faith in the face of severe persecution. May we find the courage and resolve needed to seize the opportunities that God grants us daily to share a testimony of His presence and work in our lives.



<u>Budget Receipts 2008</u>	
Needs each week	\$28,779.00
Gifts given 3/9	\$25,105.38
Gifts given 3/16	\$22,480.91
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Needs Year to Date	\$316,569.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$301,506.19
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Finish the Work	
Given 3/9 & 3/16	\$8,939.00
Total indebtedness	\$980,389.81
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KIDSHEART Africa	
Given 3/9 & 3/16	\$2,210.43
Given to Date	\$110,731.01

Featured Homebound Person

Lola Harryman
 600 East Sunrise Drive, Room 805
 Raymore, MO 64083

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

	3/9	3/16
Preschool	75	79
Children	58	55
Youth	48	47
Adults	372	361
Total	553	542



United States Mission Offering
Church Goal:
\$6,500.00

