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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

May 18

AM Services:

Sanctuary Choir

Orchestra

Ladies Trio (Laura

Nadeau, Ginger

Birch, Jennifer Mabe)

Susan Weese

PM Service:

Orchestra and

Handbells "POPS

CONCERT"

May 25

AM Services:

Sanctuary Choir

Praise Team

4 Given Men's

Quartet



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*



*Come and enjoy a
"Pops Concert"
featuring our Orchestra
and Handbells
Sunday, May 18 at 6:30 PM*

Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education

I'm Back!

The past two weeks were great! I learned a lot about small groups, spiritual disciplines, Bible study approaches, and how to get lost in the woods! I had the opportunity to visit four churches very different from our own. God seems to like diversity—all these churches, though very different, were reaching the lost and unchurched! Thanks for the opportunity to be away!

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 this church?" Advance reservations are not necessary. I'd love to get to meet you!

Do You Feel "Stuck" Spiritually?—Part 1

We talk a lot about the importance of staying physically fit, caring for the condition of our hearts, and keeping our minds sharp? But what about the health of our spirits? We often need to stop and evaluate our present condition "spiritually" and discover ways to improve our spiritual health. One VERY IMPORTANT way to improve our spiritual health is by getting involved in an ongoing Bible Fellowship class. Participation in an ABF (Adult Bible Fellowship class) can help us in many ways. One way attending a Bible Fellowship class can help us spiritually is by helping us CONNECT! Connecting with God and others through worship, prayer, and fellowship in our everyday life is vital to our spiritual health. Building positive, long-lasting relationships with people at church, work, school, the PTA, and even in your home is vastly important. As you connect with God, He connects you with individuals who you in turn connect to your church family!

Ladies' ABF Class Begins New Study

On June 15, the 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Fellowship Class taught by Kathy Strickland in AUD-046 will begin a brand-new study entitled "*Living a Life of Balance.*" Many of us yearn for balance in our lives—that precise alignment which will leave all our daily responsibilities in perfect harmony. As Christians we aren't just balancing our household schedules with work, diet, rest, and exercise; we must also consider the spiritual balance of our lives. How are we handling the balance between faith and sight, between love and obedience, between longing and contentment? Only God can guide us toward the balance we desire, and it starts with our hearts. This study will help us get there.

Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

***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 couple 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.



MEN'S MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be held on Saturday, June 7 at the Quarry Course of the Country Creek Golf Club in Pleasant Hill. The format will be a 4-man scramble (women included), with a shot-gun start at 8AM. The cost is \$32 per person (includes green fees and cart). Turn teams and money into the church office by Sunday, June 1. Sign-up sheets are available in Bible Fellowship classes or the welcome center kiosk.

Your
WORD
is a
LAMP
to my
feet
and a
LIGHT
to my path.
Psalm 119:105

Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

Eighteen years ago this month, the world lost a creative puppeteer and children's television genius when Jim Henson died of pneumonia at the age of 53. If you don't immediately recognize his name, think Big Bird, Kermit the Frog, Oscar the Grouch, Grover, Cookie Monster, and Bert & Ernie. These loveable characters all starred in *Sesame Street*, which made its debut in 1969. A generation of children learned their ABC's, simple math concepts, colors, and many life lessons as well watching Henson's Muppets. Concepts like sharing, respecting others, and overcoming racial and cultural prejudices were all communicated to children through these furry TV friends. The truth of the matter is that kids seem to do a much better job than adults of consistently living out these values. Far too often it is the negative example of adults that prompts children to view others who are different in appearance with a measure of suspicion or distrust, for by nature, young children are trusting and accepting of others. When the disciples attempted to prevent parents from bringing their children to Jesus for Him to touch and bless them, Jesus indignantly rebuked them saying, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." The faith of a child is simple, honest, and straightforward. That sincere trust is a virtue that we adults would do well to cultivate.

Youth

Jeff Arnold, Minister of Youth & Recreation

Camp is almost here! Finally summer has almost arrived which brings exciting times for our youth and youth leaders. One of the many things happening this summer is our annual student life camp at Windermere. We currently have 35 people signed up and have begun praying for them already. This year we will be attending camp from June 23-June 27 and are extremely excited about what we believe God is going to do in the hearts and lives of our teenagers. For many, youth summer camp can be a life changing experience, and therefore I am asking you to join with me and our youth leaders as we continue to pray for our students attending camp.



Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music



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.

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

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

Sunday night, August 24, we will have *JOURNEY BOUND*, a *Gospel Quartet*.

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!!

- *Michael Birch- MBA in Accounting, Avila University
- *Doreen Caton- Bachelors Degree in Nursing, UMKC
- *Erin Thomas- Bachelors Degree in Communication Disorders, Truman State University
- *Aaron Weaver- Bachelors Degree in Biblical Studies & Psychology, Southwest Baptist University
- *Suzanne Wiley- Masters Degree in Literacy, Avila University
- *Elizabeth Wisker- Bachelors Degree in Literature & Italian, Bennington College, Vermont



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!

Garrett Wiley

Budget Receipts 2008

Needs Each Week	\$28,779.00
Gifts Given 5/4	\$37,614.73
Gifts Given 5/11	\$22,994.64

Needs Year to Date	\$546,801.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$535,842.19

Finish the Work

Given 5/4 & 5/11	\$4,391.00
Total Indebtedness	\$871,991.27

KIDSHEART Africa

Given 5/4 & 5/11	\$2,077.86
Given to Date	\$116,742.60

Featured Homebound Person

Mary Ludlow

151 SE Todd George Pkwy, Apt. 32
Lee's Summit, MO 64063-4494

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

	5/4	5/11
Preschool	84	89
Children	53	54
Youth	49	36
Adults	369	327
Total	555	506



Senior Adult Luncheon

May 18, 2008

Noon

Fellowship Hall

Meat and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a salad or vegetable and dessert.

