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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

June 1

AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Laura Finch
Bob Greene

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

June 8

AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Praise Team
Mike Eaton
Edwina Smith
First Acts

PM Service:
Michele Hackett



Pray for those going on the Youth Choir Mission trip to Colorado June 8-14

Youth Choir Mission Trip Participants

Kelsey Angle
Stian Black
Sven Black
Claire Bohlman
Sarah Bohlman
Nathan Byers
Amber Caldwell
Savannah Carter
Taylor Christiansen
Rebekah Cooper
Susan Cooper
Whitney Cracraft
Allison Daniel
Taylor Daniel
Kyla Engquist

Max Engquist
Andrew Escher
Taylor Escher
Morgan Franke
Hailey Green
Jessica Griffey
Anna Hacker
Cassidy Hatchette
Caycee Hatchette
Beth Lane
Eric Liles
Kayla Liles
Serena Long
Hayleigh Mack
Sara McElroy

Michael Monroe
Amy Notestein
Katlyn Pappan
Craig Pitcher
Kelsey Robbins
Daniel Sander
Erin Stanley
Brett Thierry
Caleb Thierry
Chad Thomas
Garrett Wiley
Evan Wright
Beth Wyrick

Adult Sponsors

Jeff Arnold
Lesli Arnold
Randy Buffington
Renee Caldwell
Carla Daniel

Mitch Escher
Sheryl Franke
Cliff Hatchette
Art Robbins
Valie Robbins

Aaron Smith
Tanya Thierry
Chip Thomas
Julie Thomas
Suzanne Wiley



Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education

Support Group Ministry Update

All persons interested in a *support group for those dealing with depression and/or anxiety issues* are encouraged to contact Caroline Cooper (816-524-1393). This support group will start-up again in the near future. *First Place*, our Christ-centered weight loss support group, has begun a new semester on Wednesday evenings. And *GriefShare*, our grief recovery support group, will begin again on Saturday, September 13 with a mini-retreat from 9 AM-12:30 PM. Then weekly support group meetings will continue starting on Wednesday evening, September 17 from 7:30-9 PM at the church.

Next “Welcome to FBC” Orientation Planned

All FBC guests and new members are invited to attend our next one-hour orientation on Sunday morning, June 15 at 10:45 AM in the Chapel. This orientation will help acquaint people with the history, doctrinal beliefs, purposes, ministries, and staff of our church. It will also answer the question, “How does one join this church

Do You Feel “Stuck” Spiritually?—Part 2

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 GROW “in spirit and in truth.” Knowing God’s Word and how it makes a difference in the day-to-day is a key to a balanced life. Growing in knowledge is vital, it’s about more than just information. It’s about truly becoming a disciple and seeing God’s Word come alive in your life. It’s about discovering something fresh and inspiring in a passage you’ve read many times before. Grow spiritually by participating in an Adult Bible Fellowship group on a regular basis!

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! 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 grade will be June 6-8. Cost is \$75.00 per kid. Camp registration is open through June 1. Pick up a brochure and forms at the Children’s Ministry Information counter or on foyer tables.

Kids Recreation – Wednesdays, June 11 and 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m. are kids recreation nights in our gymnasium. Wear your athletic shoes.

Kids and Adults – Help us get ready for VBS on Wednesday evenings, June 25, July 2, and July 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will make prayer reminders on June 25, decorations on July 2 and 9, and put decorations in place on July 9.

Preschool Splash and Picnic – All preschoolers and their siblings and a parent are invited to come play in water and enjoy a sack lunch picnic on Tuesday, June 24. We will play from 11:00-11:30 and eat at 11:30. If it is raining we will play in the gym.

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). Directors who requested supplies by May 28 may pick them up on Wednesday, June 11 beginning at noon.

Sixth Grade Retreat for those who have completed 6th grade is 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.

Youth

Jeff Arnold, Minister of Youth & Recreation

The Lord promises several times throughout the Bible that he will not let his suffering people continue to suffer and that he desires for us to be a voice of hope and a hand of help to those that are in need. Last Monday we had a discussion about this at Sumphero and we spent a good deal of time in prayer for those who are suffering around the world. However, our students wanted to put action to their prayers and they wanted to begin immediately. They have decided to have a food and clothing drive for Lee’s Summit Social Services and have already filled one 33 Gallon container with shoes, shirts, shorts, pants, and non perishable food items. I personally am so proud of them and it is so encouraging to see our youth take on these projects and make a difference in the world through the gifts God has given them. Please continue to pray for our youth as we enter this summer and look forward to all God is planning for us.

Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

On May 26, 1959, pitcher Harvey Haddix of the Pittsburgh Pirates made baseball history by becoming the first pitcher to throw more than 9 perfect innings in a game. The Pirates were playing the Milwaukee Braves, who featured the powerful Hank Aaron in their line-up. Haddix's control was phenomenal, as he retired the first 27 batters he faced in the regulation 9 innings and then went on to retire 6 more in innings 10 and 11. In the 12th inning, the leadoff hitter reached on an error and the perfect game was over, but the no-hitter was still possible. The second batter sacrificed the runner to second and then Haddix issued an intentional walk to Aaron. The next hitter, Joe Adcock, hit a pitch out of the park and Haddix lost not only the no-hitter but the game as well. The opposing pitcher, Lew Burdette, had also pitched 12 scoreless innings, giving up 12 hits and 2 walks, but the Pirates had failed to take advantage of 14 men on base and lost the game. There are a couple of pretty obvious lessons to be learned from Haddix's experience. He had pitched an incredible game, but failed to finish it well and he lost. The Bible speaks about running the race that is set before us with endurance so that we might finish the course well. The more apparent problem Haddix suffered was a lack of run support by his own teammates. They squandered many scoring opportunities that should have resulted in a win for their teammate who pitched a perfect game for 11 innings. There is a clear lesson for us here as well about the importance of mutual encouragement and the help that we can offer our brothers and sisters in Christ. All Christians, be they mature disciples or recent converts, need the strength that comes from fellow believers as we prayerfully support and encourage one another in our walk with Christ. Be on the lookout this week for the chance to help a fellow Christian with words that edify and encourage.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian sympathies go out to Agnes Matthews whose great-grandson passed away; to Art Robbins whose father passed away; and to the family of Norma Martin, as Norma passed away.



Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

THANK YOU!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful outpouring of love you showed me at the anniversary celebration this past weekend. The kind words, cards and gifts were much appreciated. I also want to thank the church, as a whole, for the nice love gift that was given to me on Sunday morning.

I am grateful to you for these past 15 years that you have allowed me to serve. You have become a part of my family and I am so thankful for this. I truly hope that I may be able to serve you for at least another 15 years! God bless and I love you!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

August 10- Link Family, Blugrass Gospel

August 17- One Time Blind, Drama Group

August 24- JOURNEYBOUND, Gospel Quartet

KIDS PRAISE MUSIC CAMP

July 28-August 1, 9-11:30 AM

All children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to participate in the Music Camp. We will be praising God through instruments, drama, art and song. The children will then lead in worship on Sunday, August 3 at 6:30 PM. Pick up a yellow flyer on the kiosk and return to the office by June 6. Children must be pre-enrolled to attend. Questions can be directed to Ginger Birch at ginger.birch@fbcls.com.



FIRST ACTS CREATIVE ARTS

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities:

*Reading Session/Casting Meeting for our **Dessert Theatre: *Don't Kick the Turkeys*** coming up on Sunday, July 20. Very important if you'd like to participate in our full-length comedy in October. More information to come.



NEW!! Puppet ministry to launch in September. Learn how to share the gospel through puppetry. A great way to start your First Acts ministry. 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.

Budget Receipts 2008

Needs Each Week	\$28,779.00
Gifts Given 5/18	\$23,062.01
Gifts Given 5/25	\$20,467.51

Needs Year to Date	\$604,359.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$579,241.71

Finish the Work

Given 5/18 & 5/25	\$3,217.50
Total Indebtedness	\$871,991.27

KIDSHEART Africa

Given 5/18 & 5/25	\$2,140.36
Given to Date	\$118,982.96

Featured Homebound Person

Lee Milburn

1720 NW O'Brien Rd., Apt. 203
Lee's Summit, MO 64081-1529

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

	5/18	5/25
Preschool	77	70
Children	54	56
Youth	39	32
Adults	361	315
Total	531	473

**Spaghetti Lunch
Sunday, June 1
Noon
Fellowship Hall**

Come and enjoy a spaghetti lunch and support the youth who are going to Student Life Camp. Donations accepted.



