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Dr. Scott Harrison,
Senior Pastor

Worship Preview

November 25
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Angie Keeting
Doug Driskell

PM Service:
1stKids Choirs
Presentation
"Hanging of the
Green"

December 2
AM Services:
Sanctuary Choir
Ramona Witcher

PM Service:
Youth Choir presents
"God of Wonders"

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS 2007 AT FBCLS



"Hanging of the green" SERVICE

Musical Presentation by 1st Kids Choirs
Sunday, November 25 at 6:30

**"christmas at
uncle phil'S DINER"**
**First Acts presents the 1st Annual
Desserts with Drama**
Sunday, December 9 at 1:30 & 6:30 PM



"GOD OF WONDERS"
Youth Choir Presentation
Sunday, December 2 at 6:30 PM

"A World of Christmas"
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Presentation
Sunday, December 9 at 6:30 PM



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Monday, December 24
5:00 & 7:00 PM

Children

Janis Mansker, Minister of Children

Rotating Preschool Volunteers

November 25, 9:30 – Kelly Carleton

November 25, 10:45 – Jennifer Flint, Rebekah Reece, Becky Warner, Delaney Smith, Desiree Smith, Lance Flint, Marlene Darnell

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

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

Missions Experience For Kids

Wednesday evenings, December 5 and 12, from 6:30-8:00 1stKids have a unique opportunity to experience missions with missionaries Tony and Marlene Darnell. We will meet in EDU rooms 029, 026, and 024 ...the basement level of the Education building as well as the gym. Kids will explore daily life, music, games, crafts, and ways they can pray for Tony, Marlene, and their children.

Great Expectations/Great Blessings

When families are expecting a baby it is an exciting time. And yet it can sometimes be very stressful. These families in our church need our prayers as they anticipate and receive the blessing of another family member. Just outside the church office is a bulletin board with some names and pictures of families expecting additions. It is there to help you know for whom to pray.

If you are a family expecting a baby and your picture or information is not on the bulletin board and you would like to be included, please contact Janis Mansker (children@fbcls.com) or Joni Notestein (publish@fbcls.com) or call them at 525-0700.

THANK YOU!

Thank you First Baptist Church Family for making the OCC Relay Center a success. You collected shoe boxes, packed shoe boxes in cartons, brought cookies and punch, lifted boxes and prayed for the ministry. The FBCLS OCC Relay Center collected 2,717 shoe boxes (267 for FBCLS). This is a great outreach for our community and the kids around the world.

In Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Trilba Hansen who passed away on November 18 and to Bruce Barnes in the loss of his mother.

Education

Allen Baker, Minister of Education/Outreach

FBCLS—A Place to Celebrate Christmas!

Christmas can be a lonely time for many people! They may be far from home, or separated from family in other ways. Invite your friends, work associates, relatives, and neighbors to join your church family this year to celebrate Christmas. Beautiful invitation cards with a schedule of all the Christmas events at FBCLS are now available on the tables in the Worship Center foyers. Pick up several and give them to those you'd like to invite to celebrate Christmas with you at First Baptist!

Bible Fellowship Focuses on In-depth Bible Study

Effective Bible study helps participants apply God's Word to their everyday lives. This is the purpose of the Bible study that takes place every week in Sunday morning Bible Fellowship! Volunteer teachers spend hours every week preparing to involve their class members in the life-changing study of the Bible. If you're not currently enrolled in a Bible Fellowship class, contact me (816-525-0700, educate@fbcls.com) and I'll help you learn about your Bible Fellowship options.

New Adult Bible Fellowship Elective Begun

*A new coed ABF elective study entitled "*The Miracles of Jesus*" has begun on Sundays at 9:30 AM in FLC-015. This video-driven study, facilitated by Clint and Michelle Williamson, will give participants a fresh, unique, and in-depth look at the miracles of Jesus that will open your eyes to their impact on the lives he touched and their significance for us today.

*Another new ABF elective study for all interested ladies entitled "*Transformed Women of the Bible*" will begin on Sunday, December 2nd at 9:30 AM in AUD-046. Taught by Kathy Strickland, this study will introduce you to several women who spent time with Jesus and were never the same. These studies form a practical journey because the lives of these biblical women have great relevance to the lives women live today.



We are offering a free Christmas Day Dinner to the community on Christmas Day from 11:30-1:00 again this year. Sign up sheets will be on the kiosk for anyone wanting to volunteer. Please pray that this outreach ministry will reach many in our community.

**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
OFFERING GOAL
\$10,000.00**

Youth

Meet the Prospective Youth Minister!

On December 1, all youth, youth parents and youth workers will have an opportunity to meet Jeff & Lesli Arnold, the prospective youth minister and his wife. Youth workers will meet with them at 5:00 PM, then Youth and parents can join them at 6:00 for a pizza supper, a short time of worship, and then there will be time for questions. This will all take place in the gym. On Sunday, December 2, the church family can meet them at a continental breakfast in the gym from 8:45 – 9:30 AM.

YOUTH Staff

- Wednesday, November 28, 6:30-7:30 PM – meet & eat at Fazoli's
- Saturday, December 1 at 6:00 PM – meet prospective youth minister, in the gym
- Sunday, December 16 at 7:30 PM - Youth Gathering at the Wrights (video games, air hockey, billiards, and FOOD)
- Wednesday, December 26, 6:30 PM – “Christmas in the Park” bus ride through Longview Park to see Christmas lights
- Thursday, December 27, 1:00-5:00 PM – Hope House service project
- December 31 – January 1, 8:00 PM-7:00 AM, New Year's Eve Lock-in

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

The Personnel Committee has invited Jeff Arnold to come before our church the weekend of December 1-2 in view of a call as our new Minister of Youth & Recreation. At that time you will be given the chance to meet Jeff and vote on whether you believe he is God's person for our church. Voting will be conducted during both morning worship services on December 2.



Children's Ministry Christmas Post Office

The Children's ministry will once again have a post office in the Worship Center hallway for you to drop off Christmas cards for church members only for just \$.25 per card. All money collected will be given to our International Missions Offering.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Richard and Dawn Belske on the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Anne Belske on November 11. She joins big brother Jacob at home.

Music

Randy Buffington, Minister of Music

1st Kids Christmas Music Presentation

Our Children's Choirs will be leading the worship this coming Sunday evening, November 25, as we participate in the yearly "Hanging of the Green". Support our children as they present the gospel AND help us decorate our Sanctuary with the beautiful symbols of Christmas! YOU will be blessed!

DESSERT THEATRE, December 9

I hope you will come and enjoy "Uncle Phil's Diner - No Room at the Diner". This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and remembering what Christmas is all about! It will also be a special time of Missions giving as we will be raising money to benefit the Nick Martin family.

CHRISTMAS STUFF IS AROUND THE CORNER! See the listing on the front page of the wonderful presentations for Christmas.



CAKES NEEDED!

Cake donations are needed for the upcoming Dessert Theatre "Christmas at Uncle Phil's Diner." You may sign up at the kiosk or in your Bible Fellowship class. Please bring all cakes to the church on Saturday, December 8 between 9:00 AM and NOON. Contact Ginger at ginger.birch@fbcls.com with any questions.

Associate Pastor

Dr. Gary Snowden, Associate Pastor

As we approach the Christmas holiday season, this is a time of year when Baptists traditionally turn their attention to international missions. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention provides about one half of the operating budget for the IMB each year. Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) also receives an offering for Global Missions at this time of the year. As you purchase gifts for those on your Christmas list this year, don't forget to think about a gift for missions that can change lives for all eternity. During our regularly scheduled prayer meeting and Bible study time on Wednesday, Nov. 28th, we'll have the privilege of hearing Don and Linda Johnson share about their work and ministry as IMB missionaries to Peru. I hope you'll make plans to come and hear them.

Budget Receipts	
Needs each week	\$28,165.00
Gifts given 11/11	\$23,543.80
Gifts given 11/18	\$23,968.93
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Needs Year to Date	\$1,295,590.00
Gifts Year to Date	\$1,192,089.49
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Building for All Generations	
Given 11/11 & 11/18	\$7,741.43
Given to Date	\$1,089,000.77
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KIDSHEART Africa	
Given 11/11 & 11/18	\$2,896.37
Given to Date	\$93,040.68

Featured Homebound Person

Bill Constable

600 NW Pryor Rd. #F302

Lee's Summit, MO 64081-1104

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

	11/11	11/18
Preschool	85	91
Children	63	69
Youth	47	39
Adults	379	380
Total	574	579



Be praying about the commitment you should make to finish the work we've started. Please turn in your commitment cards.

