

the FIRST Edition

AT THE HEART OF THINGS DOWNTOWN



✘ From the Pastor ✘

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20

Ed Stetzer, commenting on Brad Waggoner’s book, The Shape of Faith to Come, says: “The elephant in the room of evangelicalism is the surprising lack of disciplined believers in all different kinds of churches. We have produced a cafeteria Christianity rather than a robust orthodoxy and Jesus-shaped spirituality.” The command to make disciples is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible. It has been labeled the Great Commission, yet we have failed miserably to obey it.

How is a disciple made? Jesus said in the Great Commission for the church to teach all that He has commanded. It implies personal time with a student. It implies teaching the Word of God. It implies walking through life together. Christ demonstrated this with the twelve.

On Wednesday, September 7, we will have our kickoff for the fall and communicate our new discipleship strategy. We will offer small group classes on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Let me encourage you to come and hear the plan. Then select a topic in which you would like to grow, and commit to being here each week. This would be a great time to invite someone else to join you. We will offer a wide range of classes from apologetics to marriage enrichment. Let’s change the trend and fulfill the Great Commission.

In Christ,
Michael



September 2011 Bible Reading Challenge – Malachi and Philippians

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- 11th (AM) Lord’s Supper
- 11th (PM) Begin Malachi series
- 18th (PM) Deacon Ordination
- 25th (AM) Revival Preparation

Golf Tournament

Watch for more details!





Children's Happenings and Updates

A new school year has begun! It is always a bitter-sweet time for me as the sixth graders move to youth, but we gain a new group of first graders. Promotion Sunday is September 4, and we will be showing the incoming children their new rooms and making introductions to teachers. Some children will be very excited, and others a little nervous during this time. Be assured we will do everything possible to make it a smooth transition. Please let me know any way I can help you and your children with this adjustment.

We are growing and adding new kids every week, largely from our surrounding neighborhood. The new school year and programs provide a wonderful opportunity to invite new children to join us. Just think, if every child brought a friend, we would have fifty kids by the end of the year. That's a goal to shoot for!

Finally, we are looking forward to the Great Escape on September 16 and 17, 2011. This is a yearly retreat for our children where we travel to Branson for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Please let me know by September 10 if your child will be attending. The cost is \$35 per child, but a limited number of scholarships are available. If you are willing to sponsor a child, please let me know.

I am so excited about the coming year! I know the Lord has great things in store for us!

Blessings,
Stacy Adamson



Overflow Student Ministry

I am very excited about what is happening in the coming days of our student ministry. We are kicking off a school year with many opportunities for students to grow in their relationship with Christ and others! I want to take these next few lines to let you know what our plans are for the weekly ministry at FBC. We will be starting a new study for Sunday School called Prime. Prime is a full year curriculum that teaches students about consecration and living a life set apart by God and for God. Using the book of James as a guideline, they will learn spiritual practices that will strengthen and deepen their walk with God. On Wednesday nights we are taking a new approach. Each month we will have a theme that the study, games, and atmosphere will follow. Each Wednesday will be different. One week we will have a worship experience we call "One"; this is a time where we encourage other local groups to come and join us for the evening. Each of the other weeks we will utilize small groups, activities, skits, and devotions to help students grow in their personal relationship with Christ. The theme for September is "Snapshots", and October is "Masquerade". I encourage you to make Wednesday nights a priority for your family. We will also be offering discipleship studies that last 6-8 weeks. The first two studies are split by gender. This will not always be the case. Guys will be using a study called "Chase the Lion" by Mark Batterson. This is a look at a fearless warrior named Benaiah who changed his future by winning a battle with a real lion. This is a study for any guy who is ready to take on life's risks! This study will be held on Thursday nights at Brock's house from 6-8pm. The first week will be September 15. Girls will be going through a study called "True Princess" by Erin Davis. This study will help girls understand what it means to be a true daughter of the King. This study will be on Friday nights from 6-8 at Elaina's house and will start September 16. Our next big event is September 9-11. We are going to Sky Ranch for our fall retreat. A limited number of spots are available. For \$30 your student can stay for 2 nights and 3 days at Sky Ranch and enjoy a zip-line, ropes course, bon-fires, paintball or a trail ride. Contact Brock ASAP to find out if there are spots remaining. Remember to encourage your students to always invite friends and never come to church without their Bible in hand or on their phone!

In His Service!
Brock



"The Wednesday Big Picture" Fall Kick-Off

September 7, 2011, 5:15 –7:00 pm

For all ages in Fellowship Hall

5:15 pm Free Supper (Reservations Required)

5:50 pm Introductory Activities

6-7:00 pm Children's Music & Mission Games

Youth Momentum

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Time

"The Big Picture" 2011-12 theme is from this year's Preschool & Children's Choir curriculum encouraging us to... Connect with God,

...Serve Others with the gifts & talents God gives us,

...Share His love with all people.

Make your meal reservation and come be a part of
"The Wednesday Night Big Picture"!

"Quest for Romance...Intimacy with God"

Registration sheets are on the Ladies' Ministry bulletin board by the Conference Room. Please return with \$25 non-refundable deposit by Sunday, September 18, to Cat Vincel or Sheila Nolte. The total cost of the retreat is posted on the bulletin board as well. Final payments are due by October 9. Please Do Not turn into the church office or through the offering! All payments may be mailed to Cat Vincel at 1230 East Walnut St., 65802, or Sheila Nolte at 4472 East Pearson Meadows Drive, 65802, or hand delivered to these ladies. Don't delay!!

"Ladies' Bible Study to Begin"

Beth Moore's ladies' Bible study, "Here and Now...There and Then", on Revelation begins Tuesday, September 13 from 10:00 am - 12 pm at First Baptist. This study consists of DVDs with very little homework. Book cost is \$9. Please call Kathleen Baurichter at 830-9966 to sign up and for more information.

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REMEMBER, REBUILD...

RENEW, REJOICE!

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

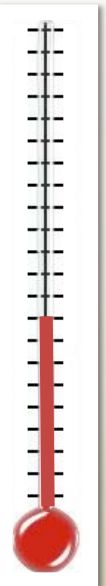
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"The God of heaven will give us success."

Nehemiah 2:20



“Fall Revival, October 9–12, 2011

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. & Monday-Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

For the weeks leading to revival, we are asking members of the church to prayerfully consider participating in a fast following Tuesday dinner. The Chapel will be open at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday for a time of prayer for revival. We will break our fast by 5:30 p.m. as we eat together in Fellowship Hall.

“A Night at the Hill” Saturday, September 24, 2011

Baptist Hill Worship Center, Mt. Vernon, 6:00 p.m., Cost: \$25.00 per person

A Night at the Hill will be an evening of fine dining and great entertainment featuring the girls trio, Pure Heart, whom you may have seen performing at Silver Dollar City. During intermission there will be a quilt auction. There will be a meal, silent auction with theme baskets and other items. Since there are a limited number of seats available, please send your check made out to Baptist Hill with your name, address, and phone to Baptist Hill Assembly, PO Box 491, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712. If you are willing to donate a basket or any items for this, please let them know as soon as possible. You may also donate money for them to put a basket together for you. Call Melissa at Baptist Hill, 417-466-3034. Baskets may be any theme (summer, bbq, sports, gift certificates, etc.).

“Family Night” September 24 6–8pm

Join us for a night of family fun. Bowling will be available from 6-8pm, skating in the gym from 6:30-7, board games, gym games, corn hole, bounce house, and other various activities will be available from 6-8 pm. Invite coworkers and neighbors; everyone is welcome. There is no cost, but please bring your favorite snack or drink to share for the night!

“Senior Adult Retreat” October 3–6

“Faith Is the Victory” is the theme of this year’s Senior Adult Retreat hosted by Baptist Hill Assembly on October 3-6 in Mt. Vernon. The camp fee is \$70.00, which covers lodging, meals, & insurance. Please send a \$20.00 registration fee by September 23, making checks payable to Baptist Hill Assembly, and mail to P.O. Box 491, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712.

“Glorieta in the Ozarks” Tuesday, September 13, 5:30–8:45pm

Ridgecrest Baptist Church. If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact the church office, 866-7202. We have made reservations for 20 people to have this training opportunity. We have 12 signed up now.

“50+ Potato Luncheon” September 15, 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dozen cookies to share and cost will be \$2. We will provide the potatoes and all the trimmings.

“Fall Retreat” September 9–11, Sky Ranch, Quapaw, Oklahoma

Cost: \$30.00 and there are only 15 spots are available. Sign up with Brock by phone, text, Facebook, or in person.

September Birthdays at First

Sept 2	Billie Spencer Cameron Welker	Sept 9	Josh Baurichter Janice Brandenburgh	Sept 15	Eunice Harris Pate Walker	Sept 23	Jane Adamson Emily Stout
Sept 3	Mona Hampton Doris Haynes Eula Shobe		Gabriel McBride James Scroggins Clif Smart	Sept 18	Misty Forrester Jenna Presley Clarence Prudhoe	Sept 24	Karen Miller
Sept 5	Jean Burkey	Sept 10	Maxine Hart		Judy Walker	Sept 25	Mary Ann Baker Janet Fleming
Sept 6	Jeanette Fredrick Carol Pinegar	Sept 11	Marian Self		Sheryl Worrell	Sept 27	Fonya Dashnaw Kathy Gonzalez Lisa James
Sept 7	Lawrence Perkins	Sept 12	Aletha Allen	Sept 19	Gerry Painter		Chris Moore
Sept 8	Dominic Armstrong Titus Armstrong	Sept 13	Bill Duke	Sept 20	Dean Lantz Joanna Miles	Sept 28	Sean McCrary
			Marie Clowers Nancy Dickson Carole Woodall	Sept 21	Deborah Meek	Sept 29	Mrs. Roy Lewis
				Sept 22	Russ Meek	Sept 30	

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Worship with us at 10:45 am & 6:00 pm Sundays

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM - 5PM

Telephone: 417.866.7202, Fax: 417.862.4925

Check us out on the web at www.fbcspringfield.com

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THE RECORD SPEAKS

	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
ATTENDANCE	349	400	404	391
FINANCIAL				
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	\$26,138	\$19,755	\$11,368	\$11,307
MONTHLY TITHES TO DATE.....				\$68,568
MONTHLY BUDGET TO DATE.....				\$80,483
MONTHLY NEEDED TO DATE				\$11,915
RECEIVED YTD.....				\$643,268
BUDGETED YTD				\$635,231
YEARLY NEEDED				\$8,037

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR	MICHAEL OVERTON
PASTOR OF WORSHIP & ADMINISTRATION	DAVID NOLTE
YOUTH PASTOR.....	BROCK KENNEDY
CHILDREN'S MINISTER.....	STACY ADAMSON
COLLEGE PASTOR.....	SCOTT BRYANT
FINANCIAL.....	RON CONN
PASTOR'S SECRETARY.....	JANE ADAMSON
ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY.....	BETTY AUSTIN
RECEPTIONIST/MUSIC SECRETARY.....	VALERIE MCBRIDE
ORGANIST.....	BLYE MOORE
PIANIST.....	JANICE BRANDENBURGH
MAINTENANCE.....	DOUG MCKINNEY
BUILDING SUPERINTENDENTS.....	JACOB JONES & CHARLES GOODWIN
CONTRACT CLEANING.....	JIM SMITH



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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September 2011 Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 -LCFDC Chapel 10:00 AM	2 -1st Friday Art Walk 5:00 PM	3
4 Budget Requests Due No PM Services	5 Labor Day/Offices Clos.	6 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Craft Class 6:30 PM	7 -Good News Club 3:30 PM -Fall Kick-Off 5:00 PM -Prayer/Fasting 5:00 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM	8 -LCFDC Chapel 10:00 AM	9 Youth Fall Retreat -College Cooking Class 6:00 PM	10
11 Youth Fall Retreat -Lord's Supper 10:45 AM -Finance Committee 4:30 PM -LCFDC Committee 4:30 PM -Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM -Deacon's Ordination Council 5:00 PM	12 -Worship Service 6:30 PM	13 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -Glorieta in the Ozarks 6:00 PM -Craft Class 6:30 PM	14 Discipleship Training begins -Good News Club 3:30 PM -Prayer/Fasting 5:00 PM -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM	15 -LCFDC Chapel 10:00 AM -50+ Potato Luncheon 12:00 PM	16 Great Escape Weekend	17
18 -Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM -Discipleship Training begins 4:45 PM -Ordination Service 6:00 PM	19 -Worship Service 6:30 PM	20 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -Craft Class 6:30 PM -Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	21 -Good News Club 3:30 PM -Prayer/Fasting 5:00 PM -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM	22 -LCFDC Chapel 10:00 AM	23 College Get-A-Way School's out	24 -Family Night 6:00 PM
25 College Get-A-Way -Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM -Business Meeting 7:00 PM	26 -Worship Service 6:30 PM	27 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -MOPS 6:00 PM -Craft Class 6:30 PM	28 -Good News Club 3:30 PM -Prayer/Fasting 5:00 PM -Trustees 5:00 PM -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM	29 -LCFDC Chapel 10:00 AM	30	1