

First Baptist Church of O'Fallon
8750 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O'Fallon, MO 63366

8:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m.
Bible Study for all ages
Worship

11:00 a.m.
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The **MESSENGER**
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JOIN THE NETWORK
FINISH THE RACE



*New Sermon Series for February.
See Tom's article inside.*

Celebration Night

Friday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m.

As we enter our 3rd year of the **Touching Tomorrow Together** Campaign we need to finish the race strong. Join us on February 29 as we come together as a congregation to celebrate a major milestone. The night will include inspiring music and a special word from Kenny Qualls, pastor of FBC Arnold.

Delicious Snack and Fellowship Time in the Annex afterwards



Celebrate Recovery
"A Christ-Centered Recovery Ministry"
Overcoming Hurts, Habits, and Hang-Up's!

When people hear the word "recovery" they think it only involves those struggling with drugs and alcohol. But, **Celebrate Recovery** is so much more. We all have issues that keep us trapped and separated from the life God intends us to live, and **Celebrate Recovery** teaches us to apply biblical principles and restore our relationship to Jesus Christ. This is a ministry based on God's Word, and therefore it is different from secular recovery programs.

We meet every Friday night in the Annex.

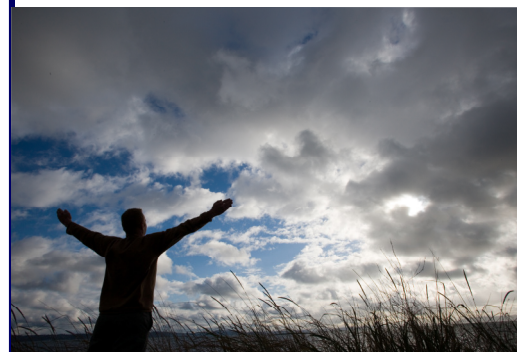
The schedule looks like this:

6 pm – Dinner, \$3 (come anytime between 6:00 – 6:45)

7 pm – Large Group Worship/Teaching/Testimonies

8 pm – Small, Open-Share Groups

9 pm – Lighthouse Café



No matter what your specialty or gift, we can find a way for you to serve at CR. If you like to cook, we need desserts for **Light-house Café** where we gather after small group time. For the more ambitious, we need a **simple dinner** for 20-25 people on Friday nights. We are looking for men who have been through a recovery issue to lead a share group; we even provide training.



Join The Network... Finish The Race

I admire marathon runners. They truly inspire me as I sit in my recliner eating my bag of chips and drinking my DIET coke. A young couple I know (I recently performed their wedding) trained together and ran a marathon in Wisconsin. I listened to them tell about how grueling the race was and how even though they attempted to prepare for all the elements of the race, they failed to prepare for the weather. It was in October, in Milwaukee, and it was 85 degrees the day of the race... go figure. The good news; they made it. How? They encouraged one another as they ran. For six hours they cheered each other on and committed themselves to accomplishing the goal. There's a lesson in life here. First, think twice before you run a marathon. But more importantly...
we all need encouragement in this race of life.

During the month of February we're going to run a race. You'll picture yourself in a stadium running around a track. The track is called, your life, and the stadium is filled with those who have run the race before you. Just picture it, your own *network* of advisors cheering you on to discover and accomplish God's vision for your life. What will they say? What advice will they give? What vision for your life will you discover through this series? How will you respond? The bottom line is, God has a plan for you, He has a plan for our church, and He uses others to let us know how His plan can be accomplished in our lives when we don't give up.

Our church is facing some exciting days ahead. Ministries are growing, families are becoming a part of FBCO and several are discovering a new life in Christ. Let me encourage you to plug in this month. We will not only be talking about a vision for your life, but also refreshing a vision for our church family. *Life's race can be grueling, but when you connect with God and His network you can finish strong. Come and be encouraged, you'll be glad you did.*



Tom Hufty
Interim Pastor

Church Family / Recreation News

Family Night at Renaud Center – February 17 — 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Immediately after evening worship at 5:30 p.m. we will head to the Renaud Center for an evening of fun and fellowship. Activities there will consist of basketball, volleyball, swimming, and games or fellowship around tables. See you there!

3:16

The Numbers of Hope

3:16 The Bible Study
Begins Sunday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

For God so loved the world
that He gave His one and only son,
that whoever believes in Him
shall not perish but have eternal life.

"A twenty-six word parade of hope: beginning with God, ending with life, and urging us to do the same. Brief enough to write on a napkin or memorize in a moment, yet solid enough to weather two thousand years of storms and questions. If you know nothing of the bible, start here. If you know everything in the Bible, return here. We all need the reminder. The heart of the human problem is the heart of the human. And God's treatment is prescribed in John 3:16."

3:16 The Numbers of Hope by Max Lucado

You won't want to miss out on this excellent study by Max Lucado. Books are available for purchase in the main lobby. Please sign up at the table in the main lobby if you plan to attend.

Welcome New Members

By Letter
Bill & Kerri Johnson
Adult III Early

Craig & Martha Alexander
Adult III Early

Lauren Alexander
Grade 6

Megan Alexander
Grade 2 Early

By Baptism
Katie Farmer
College

Justin Forshee
Grade 1 Late

Samantha Gavigan
Grade 10

By Statement
Howard & Linda Flanery
Adult VI Late

Be sure to welcome them
to the family!

New Member Dinner
Thursday, March 13
6:30 p.m.
Watch for details!

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

High School Students to Skyzone
Friday, February 8 at 9:00 p.m.

Middle School Students to
Brunswick Bowling Lanes
Saturday, February 9
We'll meet there 3:30 -5:30 p.m.



Global Missions

Beyond Our Walls — Into the World

"... Jesus said . . . I am not asking you to take them out of the world
. . . I have sent them into the world" (John 17:15, 18).

Two Opportunities for Quarterly, Local Missions Day

February 16 — meet at the church at 8:00 a.m.

we should finish around 12:30 p.m.

One group will travel to LoveINC in Wentzville to do painting, minor plumbing repairs, cleaning upholstered chairs, etc. and one group will stay and work in our Mission House garage painting and building shelves.

Please sign-up in the main lobby so we know you're going!

El Salvador Mission Trip – February 28 to March 4

We will be doing Leadership Training with Children's Workers as well as Personal Evangelism in the town of Jiquilisco.

Pray for these Partnerships as we plan 2008 trips:

El Salvador Partnership with Jiquilisco Baptist Church.

Alaska Partnership with Settlers Bay Community Church.

Ohio Partnership with Living Faith Fellowship.

Mexico Partnership with Focus on Missions.



Pray also for our folks involved in Local Missions!

Hope Food Pantry

Wheels of Hope

World Impact

Jail Ministry Team

Celebrate Recovery Team

LoveINC

Please remember your contribution to the

Faith Promise Missions Budget!

Just check the "Missions" blank on the offering envelope.

Global Mission Celebration April 6-13

Special guests will include
local missionaries as well as
those from all over the world...

Illinois Ohio
Alaska Mexico
South Africa Botswana
El Salvador South Asia
Brazil Peru



How Can You Help?

Would you like to host a missionary in your home?

Do you have extra frequent flyer miles you could donate?

Call Ron Lomax at the church office.

Beyond Our Walls

BECAUSE GOD LOVES THE WORLD 3:16

Winter Bible Study Studies from the Book of Romans

Ron Mills

Evangelist from Blue Springs, MO

January 30 - February 1
9:30—11:30 am



Children's Ministry

New Christians Class

Every Sunday in February at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Taught by Jen Abercrombie

Our desire is to provide your child with the tools necessary to help him/her grow in their relationship with the Lord. This class is for any 1st through 5th grader that has already prayed to receive Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. We will be using the "I'm a Christian Now" materials and will be covering topics like, How to have a quiet time, memorizing scripture, Baptism, what it means to be a Southern Baptist, stewardship, accountability, and much more.

Sparks-A-Rama — March 15 3:30-4:45p.m. watch for details!



Women's Ministry

Apples of Gold Bible Study — *intergenerational mentoring*

Introductory Meeting on February 26, watch for details!

Listening, Loving, Learning, Living

Singles Ministry

neXt — Bible Study for Young Singles and College Students

We meet every other Tuesday (February 5 & 19) 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. Check out our website, www.nextministries.com, for details.

S.A.F.E. — Single Adult Fellowship Event

Saturday, February 9, at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$5

RSVP to the Church Office by February 4.

Hispanic Ministry

40 Days of Purpose

Wednesday Nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning February 13



Renewing Your Marriage Vows — Sunday February 16

Hispanic Ladies One Day Retreat

February 23 in the Annex

You may call Irma Ordonez at 636-293-2034 for more information.

Hispanic Corporate Prayer Meeting

February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in room B205

Midwestern Seminary Extension in Spanish

2nd Saturday of each month at FBCO

We now have 7 students from our Hispanic Ministry attending classes. Pastor Patrick and other Hispanic pastors are teaching the classes. This is a one year program sponsored by the Missouri Baptist Convention Language Department.