

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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Worship

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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.

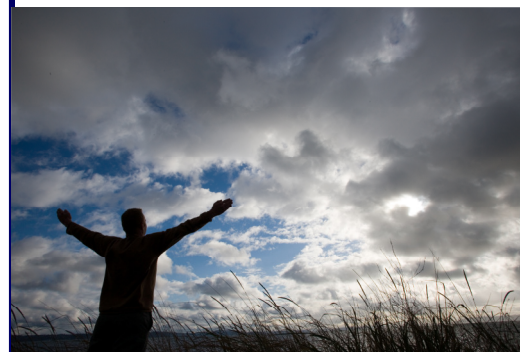
The schedule looks like this:

6 pm – Dinner, \$3 (come anytime between 6:00 – 6:30)

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.

March 2008

The **MESSENGER**
First Baptist Church O'Fallon

What's Happening
This Spring and Summer
at FBCO

Middle School Believe
Conference
March 7-8

Hispanic Third Anniversary
Celebration
March 15

Student Ministry
Passover Celebration
March 21
see inside for details

Global Missions
Celebration
April 6-13

Missions Golf Tournament
April 19

Student Ministries
30 Hour Famine
April 19-20

Student Ministries
Camping / Star Gazing
May 9-10

Middle School
Choir Tour
May 24-26

High School Mission Tour
to New Orleans, Louisiana
June 7-15

Vacation Bible School
June 23-27

Middle School Summer
Camp
June 28-July 2

High School Summer Camp
July 21-26

Children's Camp
July 21-25

3:16

The Numbers of Hope

A Worship Experience Based on the Book by Max Lucado

Presented by the First Ever
Church-wide Worship Choir
at First Baptist Church, O'Fallon

Sunday, March 16
3:00 pm & 6:00 pm

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.

John 3:16

Easter Sunday Worship Services

Sunrise Service
6:30 am at Ft. Zumwalt Park
Lee Sanders

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am
in the Worship Center
Tom Hufty

Easter brings a flood of memories to my mind.

Sunrise services as a kid. Cold, metal folding chairs. Girls in pink and yellow dresses. Boys in little black suits, white shirts and black bow ties. Easter egg hunts in the backyard. The truth is as a kid I got tired of the little black suit and bow tie. I got tired of the cold metal chairs early in the morning. I got tired of losing the Easter egg hunt. But one thing I never got tired of, was hearing the resurrection story. To this day my favorite line is the one the two men said to the ladies at the tomb, "Why do you look for the living among the dead, He is not here, He has risen!" Even though I've read that line, studied that line, and quoted that line hundreds of times, I never get tired of hearing it. Why? It gives me hope. When I see people hurting, trying to fix their lives with dead things like possessions, pleasure, power and prestige, I think of that line. When I see people in destructive relationships trying to fix their lives with new destructive relationships, I think of that line. When I'm tempted, I think of that line. When I'm lonely, I think of that line. When I'm selfish, prideful or hurting, I think of that line. It's a great line. Look at it again. "Why do you look for the living among the dead, He is not here, He has risen!" Are you looking for life? Real life? Stop looking at lifeless things; He's not there.



This Easter I encourage you to dress up, have fun, and enjoy life. Bring a friend to church. Drop off those things that rob life from you before you come. Pick up a friend who is looking for life in all the wrong places. Easter Sunday would be a great time to help a friend find real life in Jesus.

Glad I'm your Interim Pastor,

Tom Hufty

Media Ministry... presenting the unchanging message of the Gospel in fresh new ways!

Media is beginning to play a key role here at First Baptist. For one, it transmits the word of God from our communicators' mouths to the eyes and ears of everyone in the room. But there's so much more potential for this ministry than even just that!

Under the leadership of Jim Caban, our Director of Media Ministry here at FBCO, we are looking at further developing a ministry that works to creatively and consistently provide moments of beauty, clarity, and wonder in order to present the unchanging message of the Gospel in fresh new ways!



Is this you? Do you have more questions?

Call Jim Caban at the church office or email him at jimcaban@hotmail.com

Do you love working behind a lens, a board, or a computer?

Do you want to use your skills and knowledge in this area to make a Kingdom impact?

Do you wonder if you have the skills or maybe you don't know your area of interest?

No Worries. We'll train you or help you decide the media avenue that's right for you.

Video
Sound

Media Shout

(what used to be the Power Point slide presentations)

Graphic Arts

Visual Arts

Welcome New Members

By Letter
Adelin Phillips
Adult VII Early

Jolene Lowery
Adult VII A Late

Charles & Estell Norris
EBBS V

By Baptism
Sarah Coffey
Singles III

Claire Johnson
Grade 7

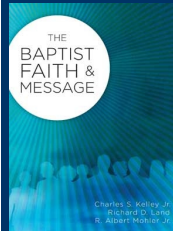
Molly Johnson
Grade 4

Cason Suggs
Grade 2

Be sure to welcome them to the family!

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

Baptist Faith and Message
Curious about what we believe?



We are offering a class in which we examine the 18 key biblical doctrines of the Baptist faith.

Sundays, April 6—May 18
9:30 am in room B205
Tim Smith teaching.

Student Ministry

Passover Celebration — March 21, Good Friday

As we wrap up our Wednesday night teaching series, *Jesus Was A Jew*, we are going to have a Passover meal, prepared from a Messianic (Christian) perspective... as Jesus would have celebrated it. Parents of students and children 1st grade and above are welcome to join us as we learn about the different aspects of the meal.

Childcare is available upon request. Please RSVP as soon as possible by email (efarmer@fbcoministry.org) or by calling the church office.

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).

We have many opportunities for you to get involved in mission work in our neighborhood, state, country and elsewhere. Please check out the **Missions Information Board** in the main lobby for 2008 Mission Trips and Projects!

Global Missions Celebration — April 6-13

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

reaching
the world for
Christ... because
God loves the world

Missouri	Illinois
Ohio	Alaska
Mexico	Zimbabwe
South Africa	Botswana
El Salvador	South Asia
Brazil	Peru
Israel	Papua

How Can You Help with the Celebration?

- ♥ Would you like to **host a missionary in your home?**
- ♥ Do you have extra **frequent flyer miles** you could donate?
- ♥ Can you donate items to fill **Welcome Baskets** or maybe bring personal or ministry related items that can be put in the **Blessing Mart** (a room where our missionaries can "shop" for necessities)?

Call Ron Lomax at the church office.

Missions Golf Tournament — Coming April 19

Start preparing your foursome!

Please remember your contribution to the **Faith Promise Missions Budget!**

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

Beyond Our Walls

BECAUSE GOD LOVES THE WORLD 16

High School Mission Tour to New Orleans, Louisiana

June 7-15 — Cost \$265



All students interested, both in the High School Choir as well as the High School Ministry as a whole, will need to attend an initial information meeting on Sunday, March 30 at 4:10 pm in the youth loft. A non-refundable 10% deposit (\$26.50) will be due at this time to secure your spot on the tour.

Singles Ministry

neXt— Bible Study for Young Singles and College Students. We meet every other Tuesday in the loft. This month we meet March 4 and 18 at 7:00 pm. We'll look for you there!

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

Join us Saturday, March 8 at 5:30 pm for a Movie Night. The cost is \$5. Please RSVP to the church office by March 4.



Children's Ministry

Children's Choir 1-5 grade

On Sunday, March 9, we will meet in the foyer at 9:20 am to go to the nursing home to sing. We will return by 11:00 am. Turn in your permission slips to Ruth Offholter.

AWANA Games/ Sparks-a-rama

Saturday, March 15, at Christian High School Sparks need to be there at 8:15 am. TNT need to be there at 9:45 am.



VBS is coming! June 23-27

Isn't it exciting? Get out your grass skirts and surf boards, and then slap on the sunscreen because *VBS 2008 Outrigger Island* is coming our way. Begin to pray about how you will be involved to impact kids for an eternity. Sign-ups for teachers and other volunteers will start at the end of March. ALOHA!

Game Night! Friday, April 11 — For 1st-5th graders Hola! Bonjour! Konnyeje wa! Hello! Come play games from around the world, where games and missions come together for a night of international fun and ...



of course ... everyone's favorite ... FOOD!