

The MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH O'FALLON



June 23 - 27
6:00 - 8:30 pm

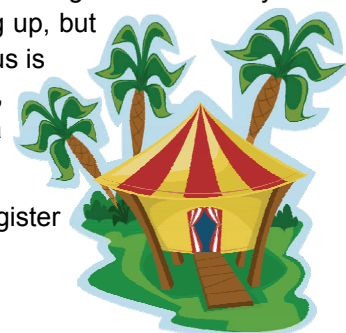
Living God's
Unshakeable Truth
Psalm 86:11

Vacation Bible School 2008

Grab a paddle and jump right in... You won't want to miss out on Vacation Bible School 2008. We need YOU to help recreate the breathtaking beauty of the Hawaiian Islands and participate in the adventure of the summer so we can open our doors to approximately 400 children that will attend.

With the crashing waves of modern-day media, the unpredictable seas of daily family life, and the troubled waters of simply growing up, it is no wonder our children's belief systems can capsize before they even get started. They often don't know what to believe. We cannot change the world in which our children are growing up, but we can equip them to navigate the world with the **unshakeable truth** that God is real, Jesus is His Son, and He is the only way to receive salvation. Knowing God's truth, talking about it, and living it out in their daily lives is what our children need to stay spiritually stable in a world that is filled with unpredictable tides of opinion and waves of change.

Please sign up in the main lobby if you would like to help with VBS. You will be able to register your child on line at www.firstofallon.com during mid-May.



Baby Dedication Mother's Day — May 11



This is a special time for parents to covenant *with* the church family to raise their babies in a Bible based home and teach them the truths of God's Word. As a special gift, parents will receive a Bible to use in laying a solid foundation early in their child's life. Please sign up to participate in the 9:30 am or 11:00 am worship service at the Tape Ministry desk or through your Sunday School Classes.

Awana Awards and Celebration Sunday, May 4 at 5:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join us for our 7th Annual Awana Awards and Celebration Evening. We will be celebrating the accomplishments of our Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T Clubbers. Following the awards, cake and punch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. The Awana Store will be up and running.

Clubbers need to arrive
before 5:15 pm on May 4!



Global Missions Celebration

Thank you to all who helped make this year's event a celebration to remember. We had missionaries in town from all over the world sharing what God is doing in their community. As we develop relationships with those who serve in different communities, countries and cultures across the world, God opens our eyes to their struggles and needs. As a result, we begin to go **Beyond Our Walls**, and do what we have not done before ... and, together, we help spread the news of Jesus Christ to the nations. Of the 17 missionary units that attended our celebration, we are directly involved in the ministry of 6 teams by sending people to their area to help out, and we financially support 2 additional teams.

Those who attended the *Taste and See* Friday night were treated to some "special cooking" from around the world. There was Baklava from the Middle East, Mopani Worms from South Africa, Chai Tea and a Rice Dish from India, Bobotie from South Africa, Samosas from Zimbabwe, Nasai Goring from South Asia, and Ajt De Gallina from Peru. Yes, it was crazy. Tables were filled with displays and the lobby was overflowing with people discovering new things.



Several of our church family were stirred to serve in ways they had not before. One of our host home families commented that they had never considered going on a mission trip until they had a missionary stay in their home. How did God impact you during our Missions Celebration? Is He stirring in your heart today?

REMEMBER YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS BUDGET. JUST CHECK THE "MISSIONS" BOX ON YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE.

"...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).

Middle School Choir Mission Tour

Indianapolis, Indiana
May 24 – 26, 2008

Be in prayer for our Middle School Choir and leaders as we head to Indianapolis, Indiana for our third annual Memorial Day Weekend Mission Tour. It's Indianapolis 500 for thousands, but for our group to finish the race in front of them, only 3 laps will be necessary: Serving, Singing, and Santa Claus (you'll have to ask a student about that one)!

Pray for our group as we join God where He is at work in the Indianapolis area and then join us Wednesday Night, May 28 at 6:30 pm for our Home Concert.

Ready, set ... GO!

Shopping at the Blessing Mart



Senior Adult Ministries

Our Senior Adults are always on the go. They have several activities coming up this summer to keep them busy. Pick up a flyer in Sunday School for more information about any of these events.

April 25-26
Lake of the Ozarks Tour

May 3
1st Saturday Senior Luncheon

May 15
Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO

June 16-18
Carthage, Missouri Tour

Welcome New Members

By Baptism

Henry Gradowski
Adult VI Late

Felisha Gibbons
Grade 3

Griffin Jarrett
Grade 3

Dawn Kohfeld
Grade 11

Jerry Duane Regeon
Adult III L

By Letter

Chris Leininger
Singles I

Be sure to welcome them to the family!

Celebrate Recovery

"A Christ-Centered Recovery Ministry"

Overcoming Hurts, Habits, and Hang-Up's!

We meet every Friday night in the Annex.

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

7 pm – Large Group
Worship/Teaching/Testimonies

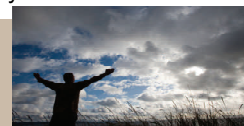
8 pm – Small, Open-Share Groups

9 pm – Lighthouse Café

Helpers Needed:
(Individuals or S.S. Classes)

Small Group Leaders—we need men who have been through a recovery issue; training provided to lead a group.

Dinner, Cook & Serve—to be served from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Friday. (receipts can be reimbursed). Please sign your name on the sheets at the missions display!
Café Desserts—desserts need to be at the Annex by 8:00 p.m., Friday.



Children's Ministry

Kid's Camp '08 — BEYOND

Explore the Limitless Wonder of God

July 21-25 Cost \$170

Strap yourself in and get ready for launch! Discover just how big and amazing God is through exploring the universe. All kids that have completed 3rd grade through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Camp '08 at Whispering Winds Bible Camp in St. James, MO. The launch sequence has already begun, so made plans to explore the limitless wonder of God July 21-25. Look for the registration flyer in the mail or go to www.firstofallon.com.

Get ready for Summer!

Mid-Week Summer Programming Begins June 4

Don't worry about your kids being bored this summer! Our children will be engaged in hands-on, active Bible learning in a fun and safe environment. Preschool and Children's Mid-week Summer programming kicks off on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm.

Dates to Remember

May 14..... Last "Shift" for the school year

May 21..... Children's Choir Spring Presentation

Kids who are not singing will be able to sit together and enjoy the concert.

May 28..... Middle School Choir Presentation

Kids will be able to sit together and be amazed by the students!



Student Ministry

Stargazing Event — Friday, May 9 — FREE

We will have a massive worship service at El Shadai Ranch in Moscow Mills with 100's of students across the St. Louis area. Then FBCO youth will escape away to an observatory reserved just for us to stargaze with some amazing telescopes. We will camp out and return to the church by 10 am Saturday morning. You **MUST** sign up at www.firstofallon.com or in the youth loft by May 4!

Sunday, May 18 is Graduate Recognition Day!!!

As another school year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to another group of students in our youth group. Many of them will go on to college, others to the military or work force. As you see them in the hallways, congratulate them on their accomplishment and encourage them to stay faithful to their commitment to God.

We will recognize our High School Seniors that are graduating on Sunday, May 18 in the 9:30 am Worship Service.



Men's Softball Team

FBCO has 2 men's softball teams. Come out to cheer us on!

DATE	TIME	TEAM	FIELD
May 3	10:00 am	Team A	First Baptist Church St. Charles
May 10	9:00 am	Team A	First Baptist Church St. Charles
May 10	10:00 am	Team B	First Baptist Church St. Charles
May 17	10:00 am	Team B	First Baptist Church St. Charles
May 17	11:00 am	Team A	Mid Rivers Baptist Church
May 27	7:00 pm	Team B	Mid Rivers Baptist Church
May 27	7:00 pm	Team A	First Baptist Church St. Charles
May 31	11:00 am	Team B	Mid Rivers Baptist Church
May 31	12:00 pm	Team A	Mid Rivers Baptist Church



Upcoming Mission Opportunities

We are currently taking applications for 2 mission trips. Pick up a brochure at the display rack outside the Auditorium.

1. Cape Cod, Massachusetts – May 29 – June 3. This is a Vision Trip where we will be doing some Prayer Walking and Encouraging our Missionaries in their Church Plant. We will fly to Boston, drive to Cape Cod and stay in a hotel there.

2. Wasilla, Alaska – June 7-15 (getting back on the Sunday morning in time for church). We will divide into 2 teams while there, one conducting Backyard Bible Clubs with kids in the Settlers Bay community where the church has been planted, and one driving into Anchorage to paint the missionary's house. One day is committed to fishing in the inlet for halibut, and hopefully a cookout the next day! We will fly into Anchorage, drive to Wasilla, and stay with host families from the church.



Basic Training Class — Sunday, May 4 at 2:00-6:30 pm in room B301

Anyone planning to take a mission trip this year must take this class.

You may sign up in the main lobby.

See the Missions Information Board in the Lobby for information on 2008 Mission Trips and Projects!

Beyond Our Walls

BECAUSE GOD LOVES THE WORLD

First Baptist Church of O'Fallon

8750 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O'Fallon, MO 63366
636-272-4838
www.firstofallon.com

8:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study

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

11:00 a.m.
Bible Study for all ages
Worship

Our Church Staff 272-4838

Dr. Tom Hufty, Interim Pastor

Ron Lomax, Associate Pastor

Lee Sanders, Minister of Education

Jonathan Key, Minister of Worship & Arts

Ray Patterson, Minister of Administration

Jennifer Abercrombie, Minister to Children

Eric Farmer
Minister to Middle School Students

Patrick Regalado, Hispanic Pastor

Linda Johnson, Director of Ministry Support

Jim Caban, Director of Media Ministries

Dale Bredbenner, Maintenance Supervisor

Jim Powers, Custodial Supervisor

Christian Academy

Phone: 272-3220
metro 240-3067

Shauna Willis, Academy Principal

in concert

at first baptist church of o'fallon

By his early twenties Michael English had reached the pinnacle in southern gospel—a spot with the Gaither Vocal Band. His fame soared with No. 1 hits like “*I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy*” and “*In Christ Alone*.” But at the same time he struggled with a tension-filled marriage and a selfish desire to acquire more.

Eleven years ago, amidst scandal, sin, and shattered lives, Michael fell from the pinnacle of the Christian music world. Newspapers around the world blared the news of his sin. Michael's life went from bad to worse—public shame, divorce, broken relationships, drug addiction, even homelessness.

But in 2002, God reached out and rescued Michael from himself. Today Michael is whole again, and he tells his story of redemption.



Michael English

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Friday, May 16
7:00 pm

General Admission \$10

In conjunction with our 1st Anniversary of Celebrate Recovery.