

The MESSENGER

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Fall Programs Resume

Adult Choir and Orchestra
Wednesday, August 13

Youth Ministries Back to School Bash
Wednesday, August 13

Awana
VIP Parent Meeting
Sunday, August 17

Class Begins
Sunday, August 24

O'Kids
Back to School Bash
Wednesday, August 20

Promotion Day in Sunday School
Sunday, August 24

SHIFT
Middle School Choir
Children's Choir
Wednesday, August 27

Sunday Evening Programs
September 14



wired 2 serve



Wired 2 Serve ... Who Me?

Now, that's a powerful question. It is the switch that produces purpose. God has wired each of us to serve... to make life contributions... to invest ourselves in others. Only then do we discover His blessing and purpose.

Since God Has Wired You to Serve...

Why not get plugged into a place where you can really make a difference? Don't miss what God wants to do with you and through you. To make the most of your ministry, you need to know where the needs are. You also need the energy of others to help you get connected.

Stop by the Wired 2 Serve display in the Main Lobby and discover the current state of opportunities at First Baptist Church of O'Fallon.



Global Missions Beyond Our Walls – Into Their 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)

Is God calling you to be a member of one of these Mission Teams?

Cincinnati, OHIO – September 12-14

Registration due by August 11 Cost: \$250
Work includes: Block Party as part of a Harvest Home Festival, Prayer Walking, & Missionary Encouragement.

Cape Cod, MASSACHUSETTS – September 16-22

Registration due by August 11 Cost: \$900 (flying)
Work includes: Prayer Walking, Missionary Encouragement, Church-Plant Promotion, & possible Block Party.

Jiquilisco, EL SALVADOR – October 15-22

Registration due by September 1 Cost: \$999.
Work includes Schools Ministry, sharing the Gospel in 2 local schools; and Construction Work, extending the tin roof on the newly purchased house church in La Cruzadilla.



Patrick Regalado in El Salvador

Pray for our folks involved in Local Missions! Get involved!

Hope Food Pantry – Every Wednesday, 7:00-10:30 am

Wheels of Hope – Do you have a car to donate?

World Impact – See Tim Michel for ideas

Jail Ministry Team – See Charlie Langle for interested in this ministry

Celebrate Recovery Team – Every Friday, 6:00-10:00 p.m., Annex

Quarterly Local Mission Day – Saturday, August 23. Listen for announcements!



PRAY for our mission house occupants, Rev. Francois and Daleen Boshoff of the Mailbox Club, Southern Africa.

PRAY for Brett & Nicole (also Jack, Katie, & Grace) Bredbenner as they are in Language School in Costa Rica, preparing for missionary work in Peru.

PRAY for the Gray Family as they prepare to head back to SE Asia.

WE, AS A CHURCH, SUPPORT ALL THESE MISSION TRIPS/PROJECTS AND MISSIONARIES THROUGH OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS BUDGET. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND CHECK THE "MISSIONS" BLANK ON THE OFFERING ENVELOPE.

Welcome New Members

By Baptism

Sam Aulgur
Grade 5

Simon Aulgur
Grade 1

Jon Pierce
Grade 1

Parker Odom
Grade 2

Maddie Westmoreland
Kindergarten

Andrew Willson
Grade 1

By Letter
Betty Joy Kelsaw
Adult VI Late

By Statement
Paul Carver
EBBS VII

Did you know...

We have CD packets available at the **Tape Desk** from many of our recent Worship Series.

Great tool for personal growth and evangelizing!

Men's Ministry

Men's Retreat: "Character That Counts" August 15 - 16 at High Hill Christian Camp — Cost \$50

Retreat Speaker is Rod Handley

A time for equipping MEN to fulfill their calling in their homes, marriages, and professions . . .

To communicate the unique and critical message of character (doing right), integrity (being whole through Christ), and accountability (honestly reporting to one another) into our daily lives.



The cabins and dining hall are air-conditioned, and there is a large swimming pool and lake for activities after the sessions. Bring your own linens or sleeping bag, towels & toiletries.

YOU MAY PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM IN YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OR IN THE MAIN LOBBY. THE DUE DATE IS AUGUST 4.

Men's Fraternity — Meets every Wednesday Night in Room B313 at 7:00-8:15 pm
Join Us!



COMING in the FALL...

Festival of Marriage — November 7-9 at Tan-Tar-A
Cost: \$250 + meals. See Bro. Ron for details.

Children's Ministry

Children's Music Workshop

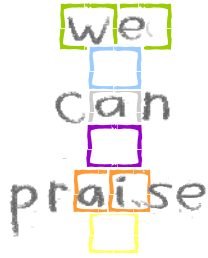
August 4-9, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

For all kids who have completed grades 1-5

Rehearsal — August 10, 4:30 p.m.

Performance — August 10, 5:30 p.m.

Contact Ruth Offholter at 978-5854 if your child would like to participate!



Preschool and Children's Sunday School Training

August 21 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

New Christian's Class will begin in October

— watch for sign-ups in September!

Student Ministry

A group of 47 students headed out to Windermere Conference Center during the week of June 28 through July 2 for the middle school summer camp. We saw God move in great ways as we experienced a great week of camp along side 1400 other students. We had amazing times of Bible study, worship time, and of course some crazy

recreation. During the week, students were challenged to choose the narrow road and to live out the life Christ had modeled for us. We had 5 students accept Christ and over 30 that stood up and made commitments to devote themselves to grow their relationship with Christ. This was a unifying week for our middle school ministry that left us all changed.



middle school camp '08

Senior Adult Ministries

Upcoming Events:

1st Saturday Luncheons

August 2 at 11:00 am — Covered Dish

September 6 at 11:00 am — Annual Fish Fry — cost \$5

Pioneer Days at the Daniel Boone Home in Defiance, MO

Saturday, September 27 at 9:00 am — Cost \$12

Contact Person: Frank & Rosemary Merriman 240-1223

Fall Foliage Trip to Bo's Hollow / Dinner in Rolla

Thursday, October 23 at 8:00 am — Cost \$25

Contact Person: Frank & Rosemary Merriman 240-1223

And Loyal & Faye Lambert 272-4576

You may sign up in Sunday School for all events!

Women's Ministry

Fall Bible Studies Begin September 11

Our Women's Ministry Bible Study is held Thursday mornings. Check out our many options to begin September 11 at 9:15 am.

1 Hebrews II — Precepts Class

Ever wondered how the New Testament connects to the Old? This fascinating study of Hebrews 5-13 explains relationships between the two covenants, the earthly and heavenly tabernacles, and the sacrifices of animals and the Son of Man.

2 Freedom for Mothers — Motherwise Series by Denise Glenn

The Freedom for Mothers Bible study will help you find the source to fill your "love bucket," recognize common mothering traps, experience God's peace in your mothering circumstances, as well as take appropriate steps in guiding your children through the progressive stages of maturity.

3 How To Develop A Quiet Time by Eddie Rasnack

A 40 day journey of structured devotion, guided prayer and personal application. It will serve as an excellent jump-start to anyone who has ever struggled with the concept of a daily quiet time with God.

4 2 Part Option... Conversation Peace by Mary Kaissian

A 7 week study beginning September 11

Mary Kaissian masterfully presents the Biblical principles to help women revolutionize their speech habits and improve their relationships by focusing on ways to positively avoid sharing gossip, throwing negative barbs, or snapping sarcastic replies throughout everyday life.

Followed by... 40 Minute No Homework Kay Arthur Study

A 3 week study beginning October 30

Just 40 minutes makes a difference — 40 minute Bible studies without homework!

5 Do You Think I'm Beautiful? by Angela Thomas

Through her warm and intimate style of teaching, Thomas touches readers with personal stories that will resonate in their own lives and draw them closer to their loving Father

PLEASE CONTACT JULIE KEY (327-4333 HOME OR 544-0389 CELL) IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WOMEN'S MINISTRY AT FBCO.

Women's Retreat

Coming October 10-11

at the Embassy Suites near the Airport
Mark your calendar for this special event!

Brett & Nicole Bredbenner...

...were officially commissioned by FBCO to be church planters in Peru. They first must learn the language of the people, so right now they are on their way to Costa Rica to attend The Language Institute. Their children will attend the Christian Academy nearby. In August 2009 they will head to Peru.



Church Picnic ~ September 7 ~ 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Tickets Available in the Main Lobby for \$5 each

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Sunday Schedule

8:00 am
Adult Bible Study

9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages
Worship

11:00 am
Bible Study for all ages
Worship

Our Church Staff

Dr. Tom Hufty
Interim Pastor

Ron Lomax
Associate Pastor

Lee Sanders
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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



"A Christ-Centered Recovery Ministry"

We meet every Friday night in the Annex
Meeting with peers and encouragers in a small group setting goes a long way in healing hurts and overcoming struggles. We begin with dinner at 6 pm and end with desserts at the *Lighthouse Café* which starts about 9:00 pm. Right now we have several small groups to choose from.

Men's Groups:

- 1 - Addiction-Related Issues
- 2 - Co-Dependency & Non-Addiction-Related Issues

Ladies' Groups:

- 1 - Chemical Addiction Issues
- 2 - Co-Dependency Issues
- 3 - Other Addictions, Grief, & Divorce

