FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

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Join Us in Worship This Sunday

9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Bible Study and K.I.D.Z. Street

11:00 am Worship Service

Dr. Kevin Payne
Senior Minister

Rev. John Alexander
Associate Minister
Students

David Scott
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Taylor Quinn
Music Director

Jamie Copeland
Office Manager

By now most of you have wandered around the old building where our demolition project began last week, and have seen the "fruits of our labors." Let me tell you, it was something to behold! There were at least 30 volunteers rotating in and out of the building over a period of a few days, and all sorts of things happened. There were no injuries (other than a couple of bruises and a few close calls!), and we completely filled a huge dumpster with construction materials and trash.

Our church Library was completely dismantled and moved, and thanks to our Church Librarian, Velma Gipson and her husband JW, many of our outdated books and resources are being recycled, with room being made for new materials. Along with the work on the Library we were also able to move our Child Care Director, Lori Clemens, into a larger and recently remodeled office area. After these two projects were well on their way to completion we were able to begin the "fun" part of the project – smashing down the walls and ceiling! Hammers and sledges were swinging, and everyone was able to work out some anger on an unsuspecting section of wall, including our youngest workers, T.J. and Sammy Scott. Because we had so many volunteers on the job, we were able to completely remove the walls and ceiling, along with the old flooring, by early afternoon Saturday. After a short time of clean-up around the building, everyone went home to take a well-deserved nap. All in all, it was a great effort!

There are so many good things that can come into a church from a project like this. Let me explain:

First of all, when God's people work together to complete a task, they begin to sense that there is a greater purpose to what they are doing. They aren't just building a classroom or remodeling a hallway; they are working to further God's Kingdom! This is what the Church is all about – God's people, working together, to develop ministries that will help people in their daily lives, and bring them into contact with the God who loves them.

Another thing that occurs is the most obvious – people get to know each other, in ways that just speaking to each other in the hallway cannot duplicate. I witnessed this firsthand over the weekend's efforts: A group of people that attend the same church every week gathered to work, and met some of their fellow church-members for the first time. After a few hours of hard work, though, these people were laughing, telling jokes, and sharing stories from their lives. New relationships were established, and older relationships were renewed and enhanced. This is Christian fellowship as God intended!

Finally, when people work together on a project like this, they "buy in" to the church's ministry. This doesn't mean anything is purchased, of course; what this means is that when people work on a project to build a church's ministry, they have a sense of ownership in the ministry. The ministry is not just something a church does, it becomes "personal," and is a way that lasting commitments to a congregation are made.

There is no down side to working together like we have on this expansion. Our church will be able to offer expanded ministries in the future, and some will remember the events of the weekend for years to come. God is working in us, and through us, to bring about His plan for this ministry. I hope you will join us in our efforts here at FBC, and support it any way that you can. The future is bright!

I'll see you Sunday,

Rev Kev

THE LOFT
FBC Student Ministry

NEWS FROM THE LOFT

John Alexander, Associate Minister, Students

SUNDAYS
10:00-11:00 AM IN THE LOFT
WITH KIM ALEXANDER

THEME 2009-2010: "KNOW THE WORD — LIVE THE WORD" James 1:22

Sunday Nights: 7:00 pm In The Loft!

Come join Kim Alexander on Sunday mornings in "The Loft" for the "intersection" Study. 10:00 am ~~ Bring a friend!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
STUDENT MINISTRIES

7:00 pm Student Worship in The Loft

Invite a friend to join you!

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
MARCH 31
"SPRING BREAK"

2010 SENIORS
(High School and College)

The countdown has been begun towards graduation! With a large number of graduates this semester we need an early start — send in your senior pictures and a bio so we can begin to highlight you in the FBC News! Please get them to John ***by April 22*** so they can be published 04/28.

Pics & Bio so **Needed Now**

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K.I.D.Z. KORNER

David Scott,
Children's Ministry Coordinator
Re: King's K.I.D.Z. Ministries, phone 816-803-5289 or email gusscott@sbcglobal.net

http://fbckidz.blogspot.com/

Bible Story/Key Verse: Luke 22:1— Luke 24:12
Bible Memory Verse: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have Eternal Life."
Luke 24:6 "He is note here. He is risen!"
Bible Concepts/Truth: God Gives Us LIFE! God sent Jesus here to bring us closer to God. Jesus is the son of God, not just a prophet or teacher. Jesus was a man—a human, but also divine—from God. The only way to live with God in Heaven is through Jesus Christ. Jesus, through God, had victory over death. Like Jesus, we can have victory over death, if we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior. We can accept Christ and we can lead others to Christ.

NEWS ON THE STREET!

We sing "Our Redeemer Lives!" It's kind of like a coupon or a ticket. It is made good when presented at the store. It is worth something because the owner agrees to it. We are given value by God! We were sinners when he gave Jesus to us. He made us worthy by dying. But he conquered death by raising him on Easter! Now we aren't captured by sin, we live anew in Love!

David Scott

MARCH MADNESS

Points for bringing & keeping Bible with you, bringing friends, knowing memory verses, attending worship (staying in the sanctuary), speaking with Mr. Dave after the Worship Service.

IN THE ZONE: GOD IS WITH US!

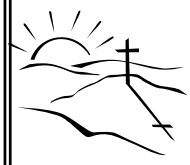
DATE	K-1	2-3	4-6
3/21	Art Avenue	Games	Creation Circle

3/28 ~~All Together—Palm Sunday (Drama) ~Combined Worship (Annual Palm Parade on the Square)
4/04 ~~All Together—Easter Sunday ~~
10:00 am Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Combined Worship Service
4/11 ~~Friend Day!! Lunch & Swim Party AFTER
11:00 am Worship Service

FBC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
HIGH SEAS July 25-29, 2010

Combined Worship Service & VBS Celebration on Sunday, **August 1, 2010**
FBC gets to again host the "VBS Networking" on Saturday, **April 24!** VBS Volunteers and Kids, you can now go on line and sign up for VBS at
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fbckidzstreet.
Contact David Scott or Adrianne Miller if you have questions.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NURSERY, CREW LEADERS, VBS WORKERS, SPECIAL EASTER EVENT HELPERS
Please see David Scott if you would like to investigate how you can fill one or more of these ministry areas!
Just a few of the events going on and being planned that we need extra qualified workers for: Easter Egg Hunt, VBS Networking Party, weekly Sunday morning K.I.D.Z. Street, Nursery during SS and Worship times, listening to the New Testament with the "You've Got The Time" program.



EASTER SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP
10:00 AM—10:50 AM, APRIL 4, 2010
Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Morning, April 4 at 10:00 am for homemade muffins, mixed fruit, juice, and coffee. ~~ No Bible Study or K.I.D.Z. Street, come straight to Fellowship Hall!

FBC EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010 MCCOY PARK
Plastic Eggs and Candy are being collected now!
Contact David Scott, Children's Ministry Coordinator, dscott@fbcindep.org
(or bring them to the FBC office).

FBC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS
RUDY & MELANIE MAYER

(FBCers may remember this as the Katrina House)

"The Real McCoy" newsletter dated March 2010 has featured the Mayer home and their lives. Rudy and Melanie are active members of FBC along with their 2 daughters. You will see them around helping in the Children's Ministries and doing physical labor on the FBC properties. The home they are living in is the 130-year-old Dewitt House on N. Spring and they have made dramatic restoration to this property. The Mayer's have been awarded the McCoy Neighborhood Beautification Award for March 2010.

Please contact Jamie Copeland in the FBC Office 2-3 weeks in advance if you have a project to be designed, produced, stuffed in envelopes, mailed, or copied so that time, staff, and equipment can be planned. (816-252-3377)

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES
PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY
11:00 AM

Our Mission

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~~MARCH 20~~~MARCH 27
RESCHEDULED *TO MARCH 27* ~~7:00 am
FBC Off-Road –Junction City, KS.
Leave from FBC Parking Lot at 7:00 am
Check with John Alexander about loading the night before.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010
8:15 am Instrumental Ensemble Reh. (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Bible Study & K.I.D.Z. Street
10:15 am RNS Reh. (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Worship Service with Baptism

MONDAY, MARCH 22
10:00 am Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
7:00 pm "You've Got The Time" Small Group led by Kevin Payne (Fireside Room)
7:00 pm Students in The Loft
7:00 pm Instrumental Ensemble Reh. (Sanc.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25
9:30-11:30 am "Pursuing More Of Jesus" Small Group led by Jane Howard (FR)
10:00 am Quilting (Quilt Room)

MARCH 27
10:00 am VBS Decorating Party

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010
9:30 am Bible Study & K.I.D.Z. Street
Palm Sunday Parade on the Square
11:00 am Combined Worship Service

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THURSDAY, APRIL 1
9:30-11:30 am "Pursuing More Of Jesus" Small Group led by Jane Howard (Fireside Room)
10:00 am Quilting (Quilt Room)
11:30 am Men's Brown Bag Bible Study (FR)
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
Noon FBC Easter Egg Hunt (McCoy Park)

APRIL 4
Easter Sunday ~~ No Bible Study
10:00 am FBC Easter Continental Breakfast (FH)
11:00 am Combined Worship Service

APRIL 11
After 11:00 am Worship
—Swim Party & lunch at Henley Aquatic Center

APRIL 24
VBS Networking Day

JULY 25-29
FBC Vacation Bible School (evenings)

Budget Report
Weekly Budget Requirements: $ 9,794
Budget Receipts, Mar. 14 2010 $10,593

FBC WEEKLY ATTENDANCE (Mar. 14, 2010)	
9:00 am Worship Service	94
11:00 am Worship Service	88
Bible Study & K.I.D.Z. Street	124

DEACONS OF THE WEEK
03/21/2010
9:00 am Terry Keeton
11:00 am Michelle Houser

03/28/2010
11:00 am Combined Worship
Jim Alexander

03/21/2010
FBC COUNTERS OF THE WEEK
Glenn Colliver
Bill Paschall

HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM
March 21—27, 2010
Robie Matthews
Terry Keeton

GUEST FOLLOW-UP TEAM
9:00 am Glenn & Doris Colliver

03/21/2010
VOLUNTEER NURSERY HELPER
9:00 am **11:00 am**

Please contact David Scott if you can help in this area.

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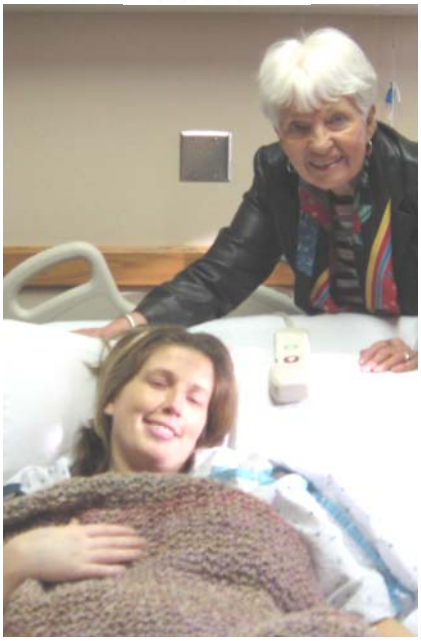


Prayer Shawl knitted by Patty Chadwick, given to Laura Lynn by a visit from Waunita Moore on 03/08/2010.

SOME REGULARLY SCHEDULED FBC ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Each Sunday: 10:00 am Bible Study & K.I.D.Z. Street
(on Combined Worship Sundays, Bible Study & K.I.D.Z. Street meet at 9:30 am)
8:15 am Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:15 am RNS Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

Each Monday: 10:00 am Prayer Group
1st Monday of the month: 8:30 am 40-Days Talk at Denny's by the Stadium

1st Tuesday of the month: 10:00 am Live Wires Executive Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month: 5:30 pm Live Wires Dinner & Program
3rd Tuesday of the month: 9:45 am Missions In Action

Each Thursday: 10:00 am Quilters Group (Quilt Room)
1st Thursday of the month: 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

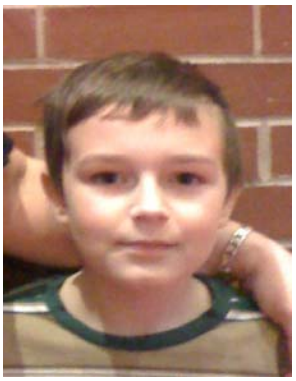
HAPPENINGS AT HILLCREST MINISTRIES
(Transitional Housing)

1. Glee Callen took the new resident of the FBC Hillcrest Apartment and her 2 children, along with Pat Blount and Clydene and Jim Pennington to Pizza Street as a special treat.
2. Richard and Esther McCall gave Hillcrest two small floor lamps for the apartment.
3. Dorothy Dobson shared clothes that will be taken to the Hillcrest Thrift Store in North Kansas City.
4. The Bible Study Class in the Retiree's Department (George Lightfoot, leader) gave $50 to be used as needed in the apartment.
5. The Joy Sunday School Class has continued to provide non-perishable food each month to those living in the transitional housing program.

Thank you FBC church family for supporting this ministry. Please pray for our new resident and her family.

Clydene Pennington

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW FBC MEMBERS



Cody Chandler 02/07/2010
Requesting Baptism

Tina Chandler 02/07/2010
Membership

Naomi Cochran 03/07/2010
Membership

Cheyenne Riggs 03/07/2010
Requesting Baptism

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MARCH 2010 HELPERS, BUILDERS, MOVERS, PAINTERS, ENCOURAGERS TO REMODEL, UPDATE, AND EXPAND FBC