

## FBC-NKC STATISTICS

January 3 – February 28

Total Average Worship 336  
Total Average Small Groups 284

### Budget and Special Gifts

Budget Offering January 3-31 \$ 51,837.06  
Budget Offering February 7-28 \$ 46,013.20  
Budget Offering Goal to Date \$110,076.93  
Budget Offering Given to Date \$ 97,850.26

Thank you for your gifts.

## FBC-NKC CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

### New Members in January and February

Michael Dodson	Dan Friederich
Sue Ann Ferrell	Russ Williams
Jessica Risinger	Ashton Mychalczuk
Savannah Pollard	Donna Levy
Charles & Sandra Neidig	Emmanuelle Stith
Vicki Auxier Lanister	
Corey Smith, Sr.	
Charles Flahive	

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## STAFF

**Tiger Pennington**  
Pastor

**Mike DeVries**  
Associate Pastor-Youth

**Kevin Gibson**  
Associate Pastor-Worship and Senior Adults

**Vivian Howell**  
Associate Pastor-Children

**Mike Parrett**  
Associate Pastor-Education

**Spencer Stith**  
Associate Pastor-Missions

**Luis Mendoza**  
Pastor-Iglesia Cristiana "Palabra Viva"

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Ministry Assistants

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**March/April 2010**



**Spring Discipleship Series**  
**Sundays**  
**March 7, 28; April 11, 18**  
**5:30-7:00 PM**

**Saturday, March 13**  
**11:00 AM**



**Sanctuary Renovation**  
**Town Hall Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 21**  
**5:00 PM**

*Detailed schedule inside*



## Notes from Tiger

2010: A Year of Harvest

In the parable of the sower, Jesus tells of a farmer sowing seed along a path, on rocky places, among thorns and on good soil where the seed produced a harvest, multiplying thirty, sixty or even a hundred times!



I believe we are being led to pray for a year of harvest here at FBCNKC and in fact, we are already seeing God bless us with a harvest. As of this writing, we have been blessed with 12 baptisms in 2010 and the 13<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for next week! We are seeing others join by transfer of letter and statement of their faith and baptism and we continue to see encouraging numbers of first-time guests. We are reaching out to City Union Mission, reaching out in expanded ways to students at North Kansas City High School and we will be participating with Missouri Baptists GPS initiative leading up to Easter. We are enjoying the **PAPA** emphasis, having completed 40 days of **Prayer**, we are now in 40 days of **Action** and will follow with 40 days of **Praise** and conclude with 40 days of **Action**. We will have a High Attendance/Harvest Sunday near the end of the PAPA emphasis.

During this current 40 days of Action, may we all consider ways we can simply dispense God's grace and show God's love. Consider ways we all might do "random acts of kindness" in our daily lives and how we might participate in God's "mustard seed conspiracy of goodness." Look for Random Acts of Kindness "business cards" at church that will communicate "a random act of kindness done just to say, 'God loves you.'" presented by a follower of Jesus who participates in worship at First Baptist Church, North Kansas City."

Now for a few notes of gratitude: Thank you church family for praying for my friend Tommy Barnes and his family and for praying for me as I went to be with him and his family and conducted his celebration of life service on February 19. Please continue to pray for his widow Lindsay and children Carter (7) and Brady (5). Thank you to staff and laypeople who encouraged me to go and took on added responsibilities in my absence. Thank you for being such a wonderful church family.

Thanks be to God for his work among us!

Grace and peace,  
Tiger

## Summer Bible Camp

SADDLE RIDGE RANCH  
Summer Bible Camp  
June 13-17  
6:00-8:30 PM



Saddle Up for Summer Bible Camp Saddle Ridge Ranch: Roundin' Up Questions, Drivin' Home Answers is the theme for this year's Summer Bible Camp. The camp will focus on questions children ask: "Who am I?", "Does God care about me?", "What is God's plan for me?", "How can I be like Jesus?", and "What do I do now (that I know Jesus)?" This week of intense Bible study mixed with gallopin' good fun gives us as a church the opportunity to give children Biblical answers to these questions and to begin building memorable relationships.

### How can you be involved?

**Pray.** Pray for the SBC leadership, for teachers and other adults who will serve in SBC. Pray for the children who will come. Pray that children and families would be moved closer to a relationship with Jesus through SBC.

**Volunteer.** It will take many Ranch Hands to have a successful SBC. See Sara Stepp, Deanna Ezzell or Vivian Howell if you would be willing to teach a small group of kids, help in one of the rotation activities (music/recreation, missions, craft or snack), decorate a room or a hallway, be a classroom helper, prayer walk, help follow up with families we discover who may be interested in our church, or help get the word out about SBC in the community.

**Collect stuff.** Check out the list of things you can collect for art projects and the list of things we would like to borrow. Bring your collected stuff to the office by the end of May. Call the office or tell Vivian what you have to loan.

### Summer Bible Camp Dates

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00-9:00 PM Liberty Manor Baptist Church—Associational Teachers Clinic

Sunday, May 2, 5:00-7:00 PM—Summer Bible Camp teachers' and leaders' meeting/training

Sunday, May 23, 5:00-7:00 PM—Summer Bible Camp teachers' and leaders' meeting/training

You'll be hearing much more about Summer Bible Camp in the coming days, so dust off your saddle and spurs and get ready to rustle up some fun and some serious answers to life's persistent questions.

Meanwhile, would you poke around in your storage areas and see if you have any of the following items to loan us to help set the stage for our adventures? We don't need the items yet, but we'd like to know what's available for our planning. A sheet listing the items will be in the bulletin. Just circle the items you have and put this sheet in the offering plate, drop it off in the office or give the office a call. Thanks for all your help.

Western items such as:

Saddles  
Ropes  
Spurs  
Bridles and other tack  
Cow bells/Dinner bell  
Boots  
Vests  
Barrels  
Baskets  
Horse blankets  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Gear (especially rustic looking) such as:

Indoor tents  
Lanterns  
Canteens  
Cooking utensils  
Tin plates  
Camp stools  
Tarps  
Sleeping bags  
Hay bales (or know where we can get some)

Western theme rubber stamps

Large and small plastic toy horses and other ranch animals  
Stick horses  
Life vests  
Inflatable raft or boat  
Embossed leather items such as belts, wallets, boots, etc. for making rubbings of the designs  
Foam horseshoes



Deacon Work Day  
Attention Church Members! Do you need some help with a household task you cannot resolve—like

having gutters cleaned, bushes trimmed, small home repairs or maintenance? The Deacons are conducting a service day—*Matthew 25 Alive*—on Saturday, April 10. Please contact the church office with your request. You will be contacted by a deacon to see what is required to meet your need.

If you wanted to join "The Parent Adventure" sessions during the Spring Discipleship Series, but haven't yet, it isn't too late. The topics yet to come are:



March 7—Yes Home (Making your home a positive place)

March 28—Let's Talk (Communication within the family)

April 11—Pain Happens (Helping your child deal with the hurts of life)

April 18—Celebrate (Learning to celebrate the moments of life)

## Sanctuary Renovation Town Hall Meeting

March 21, 5:00 PM  
Lower West

On **Sunday, March 21**, we will have a brief business meeting and focus our time on dialogue regarding the Sanctuary Renovation process. Bring your ideas, questions and an open mind and be an integral part of the conversation regarding the way forward.

Here are a few things to think about ahead of time; things the Sanctuary Renovation Committee is “wrestling” with:

- Any renovation must enhance the sense of the transcendent, the holy whereby the “aura” of the space is, “Now that is a church.”
- A goal of renovation is to encourage more participation in worship through flexible seating arrangements, flexible platform location and enhancement of the worship experience through improved acoustics, sound system, lighting, video, etc.
- We are wrestling with the issues of entrances; where is the main entrance now? Where is the “ideal” main entrance? How “welcoming” is the exterior of the Iron Street side of the building? Could we accomplish an improvement in the interior experience of worship, an improved entrance, and an improved exterior by removing the balcony and expanding towards Iron Street?

- We are also looking into various options to increase the efficiency, effectiveness and even distribution of the heating and cooling.

These are the **broad principles** guiding our explorations of sanctuary renovation:

- We desire a space that evokes a sense of the holy and is also a warm and inviting space.
- We desire a space that has a high degree of flexibility and adaptability. In light of this principle, whatever we do now needs to be in harmony with an overall “maximum ultimate potential” plan. (We received an exciting vision for this from our work with Kevin Callahan.)
- We desire a sanctuary that encourages corporate worship as a participatory event rather than a spectator event.



Please mark your calendar and attend March 21 at 5:00 PM.

## Youth News



If you need to earn money for camp, this is the biggest fundraiser of the year. The week of March 8 we will work on the float. We will only work as many nights as it takes to complete our work. On March 13 we will meet in the morning to assemble the float and to collect donations for parking. Remember, only those who log hours building the float and those who collect parking donations earn money for camp.

### Float—UFO: Unidentified Irish Object

Jason and Dave Hart came up with the idea of building an Irish hat that looks like a UFO.

**Work nights**—Monday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 9 from 6:00-8:00 PM. You can come early on Wednesday to work on the float too. Youth will be stuffing tissue pomps in chicken wire that will be used for the hat.

Glorieta, New Mexico  
July 11-17



In addition to powerful worship every morning and evening, students will experience small-group Bible study and team-building recreation led by highly trained FUGE staffers. In the meantime, there will be a chance to refresh and fellowship with leaders from other churches through adult Bible study and recreation. Afternoon track times give everyone the opportunity to participate in a favorite activity or learn something new. Every part of the day is planned and executed by the FUGE staff to eliminate worry about preparing for the next activity. The total cost of the trip this year is \$350. We will leave on July 11 and travel to somewhere in Texas to spend the night in a motel. The next day we will travel on to Glorieta, arriving there early afternoon. Each student should be able to earn most or all of the cost of the trip. Get involved in the various fundraisers and start earning. It looks like we have a total of 35 students and adults going!

### New SWAP Shirts

New SWAP shirts will be available for your purchase. Only \$10 gets you a stylin’ shirt! There are 3 colors to choose from and only limited sizes; so be one of the first to order your color and size.



## Our New Web Site!



Coming Soon!

FBCNKC on Facebook  
Stay in touch, see photos, messages from Pastor Tiger — Become a fan of First Baptist Church, North Kansas City on Facebook!



Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Sunday, March 14

In observance of Good Friday, the church office will be closed Friday, April 2.



**Thursday, March 11 @ 11:00 AM**  
Please join us for a potluck lunch and a performance by the Senior Barn Players. We will meet in the Lower East Auditorium.

**Thursday, April 8 @ 11:00 AM**  
To be announced

REVISED DATES

Spring Discipleship Series  
Sundays, 5:30-7:00 PM  
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**Parent Adventures** - Meets each night of the discipleship series

Location: Lower East

This series coaches, encourages, and equips parents to actively teach Spiritual Truths to their children. Children's pastor Vivian Howell is leading these interactive sessions.

**Spiritual Gifts** - March 7

Location: Lower West

What are Spiritual Gifts? Who has them? How do you get them? What is their purpose? Associate pastor Mike Parrett is leading a study on Spiritual Gifts and will assist you to determine the gifts that you have.

**Testimonies** - March 28

Location: Lower West

Faith stories are our true adventures with God and when shared, they help change and encourage others. Every day God is at work in amazing ways. When God works we need to tell it and hear it. At this gathering we are going to hear faith stories from among us and explore simple tips for telling what God is doing.

**Journaling** - April 11

Location: Lower West

Learn and practice Spiritual Journaling. The discipline of journaling is known to grow us in our relationship with God and others, as well as develop our call to service and ministry. Zeta Davidson, published author, educator and ministry assistant, is teaching this study.

**Serving** - April 18

Location: Lower West

Every Christian is called to serve. Discover, with associate pastor Spencer Stith, what the Bible teaches about serving, and explore the possibilities for you to serve. Some service ideas are simple and some are extreme, but all service can be a blessing to you and others.



PAPA: Action  
Expand-Our-Tent Outreach

**Snake Saturday Servant Evangelism**

Saturday, March 13, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Serve coffee and hot chocolate in the morning.

Serve hot dogs for lunch.

Sign up to volunteer in your Small Group or contact the office.

**Door-to-Door Outreach**

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM, meet in the church office.

March 23 Door Hanger Invitations

March 30 Door Hanger Invitations

You may also adopt-a-block and deliver your invitations at another time before Easter.

**Prayer Walk**

Saturday, April 3, 10:00 AM

Meet in Lower West, then head out to pray over our neighbors block by block.



Small Groups' Breakfast

Sunday, March 21

Lower East

Don't miss breakfast with your Small Group and church family. It's free, it's fun, it's fellowship. Breakfasts are regularly served from 8:00-8:45 AM. You do not want to miss these meal.



**Weekly Email Blast**

Each Friday we send out an update of news and notes. To join this list, email us at office@fbcnkc.org.



Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal

Thursday, April 1

5:30 PM

Service of Darkness

Thursday, April 1

7:00 PM

*Notes About the Service of Darkness*

The origins of this service date back at least to the Medieval Ages. The original format of this type of service was spread out over a period of three days. As this service unfolds, candles are extinguished as the passion account is read. Along with the reading of scripture, this service also includes congregational singing, vocal solos, instrumental music, and the observance of the Lord's Supper. Quite simply, this is one of the most profound worship services that we experience together during the year.

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:45 AM Small Groups' Breakfast

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship & Small Groups

10:30 AM Classic Worship & Small Groups

No evening activities

Children's Summer Camp

at Camp New Hope

*INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE*

Coming to a camp near you!!!

July 19 – 23

At Camp New Hope

In Holt, MO

For children who have completed

Grades 3-6

Cost: Paid before June 28—\$164

Paid after June 28—\$179

Returnees, ask Vivian about the "Bring a New

Friend" discount!!!

For more information check out the Clay/Platte

Baptist Association website:

[www.clayplatteba.org](http://www.clayplatteba.org) and click on "New Hope"

or see Vivian.

**More Junque Needed**

Would you start collecting the following "beautiful junque" items to be used during Summer Bible Camp? Bring your donations to the church office.

Film canisters

Large cardboard boxes—appliance size or slightly smaller

Large pieces of cardboard

Western theme party supplies and decorations

(i.e. leftover napkins, cups, plates, plastic tablecloths and other decorations)

Western theme stickers

Raffia scraps

Animal faux fur pieces

Paper towel tubes

Wrapping paper tubes

Foil pie pans

Lightweight cardboard such as the back of a writing tablet

Shoe boxes

Child-size denim jeans (to make floor pillows)

Bubble packing sheets