

FBC-NKC STATISTICS

September 4-November 20

Total Average Worship 400
Total Average Small Groups 313

Budget and Special Gifts

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| Budget Offering Sept 4-25 | \$ 65,973.05 |
| Budget Offering Oct 2-30 | \$ 69,604.77 |
| Budget Offering Nov 6-20 | \$ 60,743.14 |
| Budget Offering Goal to Date | \$643,947.00 |
| Building Bridges Given to Date | \$811,066.00 |

Thank you for your gifts.

FBC-NKC CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

New Members in September, October and November

Kerri Emig
Robert McClenton, Jr.
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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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Christmas at FBC

Hanging of the Green

Sunday, December 4 @ 6:00 PM

Potters Wheel: A Bluegrass Christmas

Sunday, December 11 @ 6:00 PM

Christmas Jazz Coffeehouse

Sunday, December 18 @ 6:00 PM

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24 @ 6:00 PM

(No nursery care provided so everyone can attend the service. Nursery rooms will be open for parents' convenience.)

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

Fellowship @ 10:00 AM

(Hot beverages will be served.)

One Worship Service @ 10:30 AM

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1

All Small Groups @ 9:00 AM

One Worship Service @ 10:30 AM

Update from Tiger

Wow! What a year of mission and ministry at FBCNKC. We have travelled many roads together as we have been about the mission of Building Bridges. The year began praying together, visioning together, working together and giving together for Building Bridges, Connecting Our Legacy to Our Future. The missional impact of the church is increasing, generosity is growing, ministry expanding, mission renewing and the long anticipated sanctuary renovation arriving. This is indeed a good and beautiful place.

Lives are being transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ as lived and announced here. The ministry "resume" of this body of believers far outweighs our numbers. Even a cursory glance at the mission of the past year leaves one breathless saying, "Thank you, God!" From Building Bridges to Summer Bible Camp, a youth mission trip, a mission effort in Africa, urban ministry, interns Darryl & Stephanie Answer, Macken in May, Community on Mission Sundays, Casas por Cristo in Juarez, Mexico to Feed My Sheep on Independence Avenue in Northeast Kansas City and more. The prayers and mission through this body of Christ have created a spiritual tidal wave!

As further evidence of this church being the body of Christ, a good and beautiful place, consider these words from a heartfelt "thank you letter" we received.

*For a girl in need of a family, I found one here.
For a girl in need of acceptance, I found it here.
For a girl in need of love that doesn't hurt, I found it here.
For a girl in need of redemption, I found it here.
For a girl in need of a safe place, I found it here.
For a girl in need of a Savior, I found Jesus' love.
Thank you from the depths of my heart, thank you.*

2011 brought many blessings and many seeds were sown. I am expecting 2012 to be another year of harvest. The best is yet to come!

Keep praying, loving, living and giving!

Grace & peace,

Tiger

Read the Bible in 2012

Join Pastor Mike Parrett in reading God's Story, the Bible, in chronological order. We will share our insights and encourage one another from time to time on our Facebook page. Pre-order your copy of *Reading God's Story a Chronological Daily Bible* for \$10 by texting or calling Mike at 694-4850. Reading God's Story will take you on a one-year journey through the entire Bible as the events actually unfolded. Plus, you will have access to a free App and daily

chronological audio podcasts to keep you connected wherever you go. We start reading together on January 1!

Winter Discipleship Series ... Call for Proposals Save the Dates

The Winter Discipleship Series is on Sundays 5:30-7:00 PM February 12 through March 18. If you have an idea for a study, or would like to teach a study, please pitch your proposal to Pastor Mike Parrett, 694-4850; call or text no later than Sunday, January 8.

We Have New Cribs!

Due to a new federal law mandating that all day care centers and other organizations that provide infant care use only cribs that comply with new safety standards, we have purchased 5 new cribs for the nursery. We also purchased evacuation kits to add to three of the new cribs so they can be used to evacuate non-walking children in an emergency. Thank you for providing the funds for these cribs through your faithful giving to God's work here at FBC-NKC.



Youth Overnight/Christmas Party December 16-17 8:00 PM – 7:00 AM Cost is \$20

Each student must bring back signed waivers from both the Edge & Jaegerz Laser Tag and a signed parental permission slip. You can get these forms in

the youth room or from the church website. Bring a silly gift. Girls bring chips or cookies. Guys bring a 2-liter of pop. Come at 8:00 PM for the silly gift exchange. We will travel to the Edge and Jaegerz by bus and vans. We will leave the church at 9:45 PM and return at about 3:00 AM. We'll stay the rest of the night at the church and watch movies, eat and play Star Wars.

Wednesday Evening Small Groups

Make Wednesdays a fun-filled night of food, fellowship, and fun Bible study. Fellowship Dinners are served 5:30-6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Then at 6:30 PM there is a Grow Group Bible study targeted to adults who want to grow in their journey with Jesus and a Women's Group for women who enjoy Bible study with other women.

Southeast Asia, SEA Mission Update

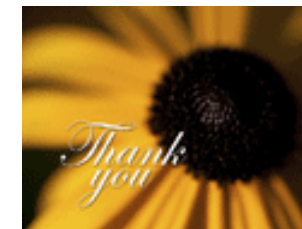
Thank you to everyone who participated in the SEA 2012 Mission Meal and Silent Auction! This gathering increased awareness of the mission and netted nearly \$500 to the SEA Mission fund for medical and hunger relief, as well as evangelism and discipleship in Cambodia and Vietnam. The goal is to raise \$3000 for the mission initiatives, as well as raise funds to assist team members with their expenses which are about \$4000 per person.

Our first fruit of the 2012 Mission was a Vietnamese student who visited our church for the Mission Meal – she made a profession of faith that day! She helped with the stir fry too!

The next SEA 2012 Get Ready and Go Meeting is Sunday, January 8 at 5:30 PM. Anyone interested in learning more about this mission is welcome to attend. Volunteers may still be added to go to SEA until February. The mission trip is planned for July.

Put Courage in Your Home: Own a Copy of Courageous the DVD

Courageous honor begins at home. From the creators of Fireproof and Facing the Giants, this is a story of four everyday heroes who make a difference on the streets but who struggle to serve and protect their loved ones at home. As the police officers discover they are missing the mark and their families are drifting apart, they will look



Thank you to everyone who donated food for Thanksgiving. We were able to provide all that Northland Assistance Center asked, send food to Set Free Ministries for their Thanksgiving meal, provide food for our own Thanksgiving meal and send an extra box of food to Northland Assistance Center.

to God to rediscover their purpose and find the strength to lead once again. Pre-order your copy of Courageous for \$16.00, suggested retail is \$24.95. The DVDs will arrive the week of January 16. For each pre-order our church earns \$10 in coupons from LifeWay to be used for our Book Cart ministries. Place your order by calling or texting Pastor Mike Parrett at 694-4850.



Children's Department Update



Things to Put on Your Calendar

Cookie Decorating for the Homeless

Saturday, December 17
9:00-11:00 AM

Linden Baptist Church
611 NE 69th St., Gladstone
Join families from other churches to decorate pre-made sugar cookies which will be distributed by Uplift to the homeless of Kansas City. RSVP to the Clay-Platte Association office by Thursday, December 15 at 816-792-2227.

Free Storytelling Workshop

January 14, 2012
9:00 AM-Noon

Northgate Baptist Church
800 NE Vivion Road
Jesus used stories to teach His followers. Everyone loves a story because stories often speak to things of the heart. Learn to improve your ability to convey ideas and concepts to others through telling stories.

For anyone who speaks to groups of any age; taught by Becky and David Everly. RSVP by January 9 at 816-452-6511.

Bible Drill and Children's Choirs Holiday Schedule

November 27

No evening activities

December 4

No Bible Drill. Choirs will sing in the Hanging of the Green

December 11 and 18

Bible Drill at 5:00, no choirs

December 25 and January 1

No evening activities

January 8

Bible Drill and Choirs resume

RAs, GAs and Mission Friends Holiday Schedule

RAs, GAs and MF will not meet on the following dates:

November 23

December 21

December 28

Wednesday evening activities will resume January 4, 2012.

Christmas in the NEST

- During November our nursery-aged children collected items to put in an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. They provided two boxes, one for a boy and one for a girl. The teachers will be able to track the boxes and share with our children which country their boxes were sent.

- During Christmas Eve services there is no childcare provided so everyone can attend the service. However, the nursery doors will be open to accommodate parents needing to tend to a child's needs during the evening.

- Christmas Day is on Sunday this year. There will be one service at 10:30 AM that morning. Children from preschool and up will worship with their families. If there are enough workers, there will be nursery care provided. However, many of our regularly scheduled workers will be traveling or otherwise unable to serve that morning. The NEST is asking for 6-8 volunteers to staff the nursery during that service. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please stop by the nursery to sign up or call the church office. Thank you.



Christmas Time at Home

The Christmas season is a perfect time to begin having family worship time if you don't already. If you don't have a child-safe nativity scene, many are available to purchase or find instructions online to make your own. Older children may become very creative when given the art supplies and turned loose to create a crèche for the family. You can tell the story, act it out, play with the figures, sing the familiar songs and make new traditions for your family. After the Christmas season is over, continue your family worship times using some of the many resources available in bookstores or online.

Thanksgiving Thoughts on Children's Workers

I recently received note cards with these words on the front,

When children see the love of God in you,
They know the God of love is real.

These words touched my heart deeply. It is my prayer that every child who comes to our church will experience the love of God in his teacher/caregiver. Of course, the result is that the kids know that the love we talk about is real. They've seen it and felt it.

We are so thankful to have caregivers and teachers in our nursery and children's classes who do live out the love of God to their charges. Consistency is key in conveying the love of God to kids. Teachers who are there every week to greet their children and who get to know each child as an individual live out the dependability of God's love.

Each year more adults are stepping up to the challenge to be there every week for the kids. Currently the only class in the children's department that does not have one adult who is present every week is the 1st and 2nd grade class. My prayer is that in the coming year, that class will also have at least one adult who will commit to being there every week. I would also like to one day have at least one adult in each nursery room who is there every week. I know this is a huge commitment because such a person will give up attending either a worship service or a small group (unless they attend a small group during the week).

I must also voice thanks for those who have faithfully served on a rotating basis in children's and nursery departments in recent years. These adults have served to stand in the gap even when perhaps their main talents did not lie in children's ministry. Others have served who have other service commitments as well, but they made room for one more thing on their calendar. They love the children enough to stretch and serve. As God is sending us people who do feel called to be in children's ministry or the nursery every week, we can be thankful for all who serve in any way.

Most of all, we can be thankful that our children know the God of love is real because they see the God of love in our adults.

Vivian Howell
Children's Pastor

