

FBC-NKC STATISTICS

January 2-February 27

Total Average Worship 412
Total Average Small Groups 344

Budget and Special Gifts

Budget Offering January 2-30	\$ 51,526.08
Budget Offering February 6-27	\$ 51,484.35
Budget Offering Goal to Date	\$115,096.23
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$103,010.43

Thank you for your gifts.

FBC-NKC CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

New Members in January and February

Kyle Brosseau
Katie Brosseau
Amanda Felton
Dustin Little
Chad Ninneman
Dillon Ninneman
Jami Ninneman

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March/April 2011



Building Bridges
Connecting Our Legacy To Our Future

Building Bridges is an **intentional season of spiritual renewal**. During this season, we are being called to reflect the generous heart of God in ministry, mission and sacrificial giving. Over the last ninety-five years, God has indeed done amazing things through His people at First Baptist Church, North Kansas City. We experienced incredible harvest in 2010 as we were blessed with 38 baptisms! The good news is, the best is yet to come.

See inside for details!

Notes from Tiger

God has been faithful in the past, He is blessing us in the present, and He is calling us to a **future of promise**. God is faithful and keeps His promises. The question is, "Will we be faithful in participating joyfully and sacrificially in the future God has for us?" We believe God has a **meaningful mission and vibrant vision** for First Baptist Church. We are strategically located in the heart of metro Kansas City and thus have a unique calling to **be a bridge** connecting the gracious heart of God to the needs of human souls. From uptown to downtown, from midtown to across town, from north of the river to south of the river, First Baptist Church, North Kansas City is a bridge to God. The bridges extend even further to impact lives in Mexico, Southeast Asia, Africa, central and southern Europe and more.

The more lives we impact, the more those lives impact us. We have become urgently aware of the need to fully equip ourselves for the "mission trip" that is **life at First Baptist**. God is calling us to "Building Bridges." Building Bridges is like a revival, an intentional season of spiritual renewal where we commit to live and give as a **reflection of God's generosity**.

Throughout the next two years, we plan on spiritual renewal. Our encounter with God will inspire **accelerated giving** resulting in mission expansion. One of life's greatest joys is to sacrifice something good in order to achieve something better. Similarly, profound joy results from sacrificing something we want in order to bless someone we love with their heart's desire. What would it look like for you and your family to sacrifice something you want in order to give God what He wants? **Will you sacrifice today's good for tomorrow's best?**

Grace and peace,
Tiger



Mark Your Calendars

- Sunday, March 13 at 6:00 PM the church will host an **Awareness Gathering**—second of a series of "town hall" meetings where you can come to learn more about the Building Bridges campaign.
- Saturday, March 19 from 1:00-4:00 PM there will be a **Prayer Walk** at the church to pray for the Building Bridges project. Prayer walk guides and maps will be available.
- Sunday, April 3 marks the culmination of our Building Bridges campaign with a **Commitment Sunday** event. There will be one combined worship service at 10:30 AM (no Small Groups) followed by an all church luncheon. During worship children pre-K through fifth grade will participate in a Stewardship Safari. You will not want to miss it!

Children's Department

Goin' to the Big Apple!

Sunday-Thursday, June 12-16
6:00-8:30 PM

The Big Apple, New York City, is the theme setting for this year's Summer Bible Camp.

Each day during "Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect" children will learn to Connect with Faith, with Love, with Trust, with Others and with Life. Bible stories of Nicodemus, Mary, Jesus and others will help them make real life connections to apply Bible truth to everyday life. Throw in missions, crafts, music, recreation and snacks and you have a terrific adventure—A Big Apple Adventure. So jump on the subway, hail a cab or catch a ferry to New York City for Summer Bible Camp 2011!



(The following is to be read in your best N'Yorker accent)

Hey, yous guys. Ya wanna get in on the Big Apple Adventure? Den ya wanna talk to Deana Ezzell or Joy Hoke 'cause theys the ones in charge a dis here, watcha callit, adventure. See, dey need folks who will teach da kids or help with recreation or da food or all da other things that gotta get done. See dese ladies or call da church office and volunteer. Ya'll be glad ya did.

Children's Stewardship Safari

Sunday, April 3 @ 10:30 AM

For children Pre-K 4's through 5th grade During the worship service on Sunday, April 3 the children will gather in the youth room for a Stewardship Safari. This hands-on learning experience will lead the children to several learning stations in the building to learn about how they can be stewards of what God has given them in time, abilities, material things and life itself. Come enjoy the journey!

SAVE THAT JUNK!

The following items are needed for Summer Bible Camp. Please collect them and bring them to the office by the end of May. Thank you!

- ◆ Cardboard boxes—from medium sized to appliance size
- ◆ Large pieces of cardboard, the larger the better. The inside cardboard from bolts of fabric would be great too
- ◆ Long cardboard tubes such as from wrapping paper—we need lots of these
- ◆ Empty thread spools
- ◆ Old jeans—we need at least 24" of hole-free leg
- ◆ Plastic water bottles, with lids, washed and with labels removed
- ◆ Wallpaper leftovers
- ◆ Plastic lids—such as from margarine tubs and the like, no particular size
- ◆ Grosgrain ribbon
- ◆ Men's small or medium size button-up shirts to use for paint shirts
- ◆ Pie tins
- ◆ Metallic party confetti, like you sprinkle on tables
- ◆ Indoor/Outdoor "grass" carpet pieces

Bible Drill Dates

March 27—Church level drill, 4:30 PM in Lower East
April 5—Associational level drill, 6:30 PM at FBCNKC in the sanctuary
April 17—Last Bible Drill meeting for the year
April 30—State level drill, Plaza Heights Baptist Church, Blue Springs, MO, time TBA

Radius Camp

We are going to Radius Camp in Aurora, IL, near Chicago. Dates will be June 20-25. Students will have the opportunity to serve in a mission setting. It might be a food pantry or painting or yard work or working with kids at a Bible camp. I am planning for a short trip into downtown Chicago at the end of the trip. The cost will be \$250. Each person going needs to have turned in or earned a deposit of \$100 by the end of March. ADULTS—I need several volunteers to chaperone the trip. Talk to Mike D please.

Sunday Night Groups

March is a very busy month in the life of our church. We are starting our Building Bridges campaign. With that, we have several conflicts on Sunday evenings. On March 13, there is a town hall meeting at 6:00 PM explaining the upcoming plan. On March 20, there is another event happening. Leaders and students, if you would like to meet, we need to find some alternate times. Come early or stay late. You can even meet at someone's house. On March 27, you should be able to meet at your normal time. Leaders—please communicate with your students on when and where you will be meeting.

Snake Saturday Parade Saturday, March 12

We will again be building a float for the Parade and, of course, collect donations for parking. The theme this year is "Irish Rock." Our float will look like a concert stage. Our youth band will be playing. One or two players will have large Leprechaun heads. We might have a couple of work nights in preparation for building the float. Possible work nights will be March 8-10. Work hours will be announced at church. Mike will keep track of your hours worked. We will collect donations from parking cars in our lots on March 12. We will need students and adults for monitoring the parking lots.



Opportunities in Children's Ministry

There are several openings for adults to work with children. We need lead teachers as well as helpers. We also can use people who would give their time during the week doing "odd jobs" like cutting things out, organizing materials and equipment, gathering materials and the like. See Vivian Howell or call the office if you would like to help in any way.

As you celebrate St. Patrick's Day, remember the little people. The NEST (our nursery program) needs volunteers to care for our wee ones during both services Sunday mornings. Call the church office or see Jenny Rolf or any of the nice ladies on the nursery committee.



Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal

Thursday, April 21
5:30 PM

Service of Darkness

Thursday, April 21
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 24

- 7:45 AM Small Groups' Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship & Small Groups
- 10:30 AM Classic Worship & Small Groups
- No evening activities



Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday, March 13



Small Groups' Breakfast

Sunday, March 27
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 this meal.



In observance of Good Friday, the church office will be closed on April 22.

Community Blood Center Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 30
4:00-7:30 PM - Parking Lot

A critical number of voluntary donations is required every day to meet the need for blood in our region. Please consider making a donation. To make an appointment, sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office at 842-1175.

