

## FBC-NKC STATISTICS

July 4-August 29

Total Average Worship 383

Total Average Small Groups 315

### Budget and Special Gifts

Budget Offering July 4-25 \$ 45,789.30

Budget Offering August 1-29 \$ 54,059.19

Budget Offering Goal to Date \$428,076.95

Budget Offering Given to Date \$394,093.11

Thank you for your gifts.

## FBC-NKC CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

### New Members in July and August

Darryl Answer Stephanie Shipman

Debbie & Jake Baldwin

Jonathan Burkhart

Brittini Haywood

Charlene Kiger

Ashley Martin

Natasha Martin

Victoria Munoz

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## STAFF

**Tiger Pennington**  
Pastor

**Mike DeVries**  
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**Vivian Howell**  
Associate Pastor-Children

**Mike Parrett**  
Associate Pastor-Education

**Spencer Stith**  
Associate Pastor-Missions

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

**Zeta Davidson**  
**Sherry Kelly**  
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Ministry Assistants

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# THE COMPASS

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## Community on Mission Sunday

*September 5*

*9:00 AM Combined Worship*

*10:15 AM Transition to Service Projects*

*Small Groups' Rally*  
*Sunday, September 12*  
*5:00 PM*



*Fall Discipleship Series*  
*Begins Sunday, October 3*

*Sunday, October 31*  
*5:30 PM*



*Trunk*  
*or Treat*

*See inside for details!*

"A Journey to Generosity"

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Do we live like we really believe that is true? Do we seek opportunities to be generous, opportunities to spend less on ourselves and more on God's work in the world? Do we allow ourselves to sacrifice enough to experience the joy of giving? After all, "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

We are most like God when we give. The most familiar Bible verse speaking the most profound truth begins by saying, "For God so loved the world that He gave..." (see John 3:16) Giving generously to the work of the Lord, providing for kingdom ministry and meeting the needs of others frees us to reflect the image of God and frees us from the tyranny of selfishness, greed and consumption. Giving generously provides an unmatched investment opportunity where earthly market forces do not impact heavenly investments.

This is indeed church budget season in the life of FBCNKC and in addition we are in the exciting conversation and exploration of sanctuary renovation. We are seeing fruits from our labors in 24 baptisms thus far in 2010 with three more already scheduled. Attendance is increasing; there are more first-time visitors, small groups remain strong, mission opportunities abound and people simply love the Lord and each other. In short, it is an exciting and fruitful time of ministry that needs and warrants financial support. Money given to FBCNKC is indeed supporting a good kingdom of God work. But let me emphasize, the primary issue for us is to cultivate generosity rather than extol the virtues of duty. May we all be inspired by the grace and generosity of God and our Lord Jesus Christ who "though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor..." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

The budget for 2011 will be presented soon and the initial design concept for the sanctuary renovation will be unveiled soon as well. If we accept the opportunity to live and give generously, we will exceed our budget and surpass our fundraising goals! And the time to begin the journey to generosity is now! Joy, blessing and fulfillment will well up in the hearts of the generous.

Generosity flows from God and our generosity flows out of our relationship with God and appreciation for what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Generosity reflects the heart of God and opens our heart to God's work in the world and to the needs of others. Generosity begins with acknowledging that "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it," as opposed to 90% to us and 10% to God. Giving generously will mean seeking ways to give over and above the 10% tithe and for some it will mean seeking first to become obedient to the blessing of the 10% tithe. Giving generously requires faith that God indeed will provide and a realization that God only gets to us what He can give through us! Giving generously opens the heart to blessings and frees us to lead a more meaningful and fulfilling life.

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." May we live and give like we know this is true!

Grace and peace,  
Tiger



Sunday, September 19 @ 5:00 PM  
Lower West

Monday, September 5  
Labor Day



Small Groups' Rally  
Sunday, September 12

**Theme:** Cruise On—Wear your favorite cruise attire  
**Cruise Director:** Susan Stith

**Praise:** Judi Mendoza—

Judi leads the praise for Palabra Viva.

**Mission:** Bring bags and bags of individually wrapped treats for Trunk or Treat.

- 5:00 PM Free Simple Supper served...donations appreciated
- 5:20 PM Fun Times, Faith Interviews, Announcements
- 5:40 PM Praise Time
- 6:00 PM Small Groups meet for planning

Fall Discipleship Series  
Sessions meet at 5:30 PM in Lower East.

**Sunday, October 3**  
Prodigal Perspectives: The Younger Son

**Sunday, October 10**  
New Members Class: For New and Prospective Members

**Sunday, October 17**  
Prodigal Perspectives: The Elder Son

**Sunday, October 24**  
Prodigal Perspectives: The Father



Small Groups' Breakfast  
Sunday, September 26  
Sunday, October 24  
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 meals.



Women Reaching Women  
Training Event  
Saturday, September 11  
9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Featuring: Leading author, Brenda Poinsett  
Why women need other women more than ever!

- Schedule:
- 9:00 AM Greetings, Introductions, Coffee & Tea
  - 9:20 AM Why Women Need Christian Women Today—Brenda Poinsett
  - 9:50 AM Kristi Neace—East Central MO Women's Ministry Leader
  - 10:25 AM Girlfriends Unlimited
  - 11:00 AM FORUM—Each attendee bring an idea or need from your church or Women's Ministry/WMU to share
  - 11:45 AM Enjoy lunch by Gift-Wrapped Catering
  - 12:30 PM *The Friendship Factor*—Brenda Poinsett
  - 1:30 PM Challenge, Networking Time, Bookstore & Autograph Session

Cost: \$30.00 per person, includes lunch and a copy of Brenda Poinsett's book, *The Friendship Factor*. For more information go to [www.mobaptist.org/wmu](http://www.mobaptist.org/wmu) or contact Zeta Davidson, West Central Missouri Women's Ministry Leader, Phone: 816-769-8788 E-mail: [zdavidson@fbcnkc.org](mailto:zdavidson@fbcnkc.org).

Upcoming Events for Women  
Renew & Refresh Women's Conference  
October 1-2, 2010  
First Baptist Church, Arnold, MO

Heartcall: Women Sharing God's Heart  
October 29-30, 2010  
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Women of Faith  
Sprint Center  
November 5 & 6, 2010

See Zeta Davidson for more information on these events.



**September 10th** -Serving Pizza outside...no events inside on this date.

**September 24th**  
Come to the End Zone after your high school football game. It all starts at 9:00 PM and ends at 11:00 PM. We will have free food... a slice of pizza and a pop, pool tournament, ping pong tournament, DDR, basketball on the parking lot and lots more. This is an outreach event that is a great opportunity to invite your friends to. See you at the End Zone!



**Volunteer Coordinators Needed**

Seeking coordinators to oversee our local, national and international missions volunteers. Some love to do - others love to organize. We need volunteers with administrative talents who can give a few hours a month to coordinate with a team of individual event/trip leaders to help them get connected to resources, publicize their activities, etc. If you are a good planner, this is an excellent way for you to support our missions programs. Contact Spencer at [sstith@fbcnkc.org](mailto:ssith@fbcnkc.org) for more information.



**Weekly Fellowship**

Meals Return  
Wednesday, September 8  
Serving 5:15-6:15 PM  
**New Prices:**  
\$4 for adults  
\$4 for children age 12 and older  
\$1 for children age 11 and younger  
\$14 maximum per family

Menu for Wednesday, September 8  
Chicken and Green Chile Casserole  
(Kim Bailey's favorite)  
Slaw, Green Beans, Bread  
Low-Fat Chocolate Cake

**Coming Events**

- Sunday Night group contest—October 3
- End Zone—October 15
- Casas por Cristo Trip—October 20-23
- Christmas Overnight Party—December 17



You have the opportunity to be a part of something that is happening all around the world. On Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> you can be a part of See You At the Pole. This is the day that students all

over the world will gather at their flagpole to pray. It is a great witness to other students as they arrive at school and wonder what is going on. You may have the chance to share about your faith to students you are praying for. Show up at 7:00 AM at your flagpole and pray. On September 15<sup>th</sup> we will give away SYATP t-shirts. Come win one that you can wear to SYATP.



Thursday, September 9  
11:00 AM

Join us for Western Day! Wear your boots and hat and have some western grub for only \$3.00. Our program will be provided by historian and fiddle player, Michael Fraser. We will meet in Lower East. Sign up or call Vera Kerr at 842-8439.

Widow/Widowers Banquet  
Sunday, September 19 @ 12:00 PM  
Lower East

R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 10 to the church office or Don Demaria at 222-4270.

Casas por Cristo Mission Trip  
October 20-24, 2010

**Organizational Meetings**

Sunday, September 12, 4:00 PM  
Sunday, September 26, 5:00 PM

Opportunities still exist to give financially or to volunteer for construction, cross-cultural interaction and evangelism.

Contact: Kurt and Ann Engemann [kae@kcnet.com](mailto:kae@kcnet.com) or (816) 734-4973

**State & Associational Meetings**

**Clay-Platte Baptist Association**

Sunday, October 3  
5:00 PM Dinner  
5:45 PM Meeting

Grace Community Church  
Smithville, MO

**Missouri Baptist Convention**

Monday-Wednesday, October 25-27  
Springfield Expo Center, Springfield, MO  
If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office. Messengers will be elected at the Business Meeting on Sunday, September 19.



There are several groups and choirs that resume in September. If you have questions or for information about these different groups, please contact Kevin Gibson at [kgibson@fbcnkc.org](mailto:kgibson@fbcnkc.org).

Sanctuary Choir begins on Wednesday, September 8. This choir rehearses each Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 PM, in the sanctuary. They provide worship leadership for the 10:30 AM worship service. There are individuals from both Sunday morning worship services that participate in this choir.

Northland Senior Adult Choir starts again on Wednesday, September 15. This group rehearses on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM. Last year, there were 40 singers representing 12 different churches in this group.

Preschool and Children's Choirs start again on Sunday, September 12. Both groups meet 6:15-7:00 PM. The preschool choir is led by Stephanie Bowen and is for children who are in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. The children's choir is led by Christy Gibson and is for children in grades 1-5.

Handbell Choir will start rehearsals at the end of October. This group is for individuals who are in high school or older. Marilyn Dameron directs the handbell choir.

9 AM Worship Team rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 PM. As you might have guessed, this group leads worship in the Sunday morning 9 AM worship service. This group includes both instrumentalists and vocalists.

## Children's Department

### Keeping Children Healthy

We love our children and will miss them if they are not here. But, for everyone's health, remember that babies and children with cold and flu symptoms should be kept at home and must be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications before being brought to church. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping all our children healthy.

### Bible Drill and Bible Buddies

Children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade learn Bible verses, how to look up passages and where some key passages are found among other things in Bible Drill (older) and Bible Buddies (younger). These groups meet Sunday afternoons from 5:30-6:15 PM beginning September 12. Be sure your child or a child you know is in on this valuable training.

### Don't Skip Over This

As soon as you know that this article is about the need for adults to work with children, you may be tempted to skip right over it. Please, take a moment to consider that you may have a place in children's ministry. The number of children attending Sunday AM has grown by about 20-25% over last year (a good thing). We need at least 2 adults in each classroom each Sunday (a practical thing). We still don't have the complete staff we need (a sad thing). Look over the list below. Could you possibly be the perfect person to fit one of these needs? Call the church office or see Vivian Howell to volunteer.

#### 9:00 Sunday AM

Assistant teacher(s) 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(1-4 Sundays a month)

#### 10:30 Sunday AM

Assistant teacher in Pre-K/K  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)  
Assistant teacher(s) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(1-4 Sundays a month)  
Leaders in Kidz@Worship

#### 6:30-7:30 Wednesday evening

RA and GA assistant teachers  
Mission Friends teacher and assistant



Sunday, October 31  
5:30-7:30 PM

Trunk or Treat has two purposes. One is to give families a fun, safe place to enjoy Halloween. The second is to give us a chance to make connections with people in our community.

We generally have about 20-25 cars pulled up in our parking lot with their trunks decorated in non-scary ways for Halloween. From each trunk the car's owners will give away approximately 500 pieces of candy (donated by our church folk) and each piece of candy will have a scripture verse sticker on it. Inside the church we have more food and fun.

Put Sunday, October 31, on your calendar now, and plan how you will be involved. From now until Halloween we will be collecting 12,500 pieces of candy. Beginning in early October we'll need volunteers to put 12,500 stickers on the 12,500 pieces of candy. The evening of Trunk or Treat we'll need people to volunteer their trunks, decorate, prepare and serve food, lead games, plan and help children do crafts, and visit with our guests from the neighborhood, and help clean up. What will you choose to do? Watch for more information and sign-up sheets in your small groups.

GAs, RAs and Wednesday Mission Friends  
Back in Session

Mission organizations for children have resumed after the summer break. Make sure your child gets involved in learning about missions, learning about missionaries and learning how to serve others. These mission organizations meet Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 PM.

Girls in Action—Girls 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Royal Ambassadors—Boys 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mission Friends—Pre-K 4s and Kindergarten  
(Pre-K 3s have Mission Friends at 10:30 Sunday AM)

Community on Mission

Sunday, September 5

**9:00 AM Combined Worship Service**  
**10:15 AM Transition to Service Projects**

Service Project Opportunities

**Community Blood Center Blood Drive** – We are taking appointments now in the church office. Appointment times are from 10:30 AM–2:30 PM. Remember to drink a lot of water in advance, and bring your photo I.D. The blood drive is in Lower West.

**Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pick Up** – FBC has adopted a 2.2 mile stretch of Chouteau Trafficway. We are sending a crew to collect the litter along the road.

**Macken Park** – A team will grill and serve hot dogs and pass out cold bottled water. This creates opportunities for people in the park to sit and visit with us. It gives us an opportunity to tell them why we are in the park giving things away; because Jesus loves them!

**Write Letters of Encouragement** – Be an encourager. School is starting and we are going to write letters of encouragement to local teachers.

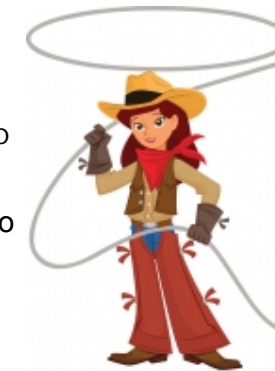
**Bake Cookies** – Some volunteers are needed to bake cookies as gifts for the teacher lounges at North Kansas City High, Northgate Middle, as well as Crestview and Briarcliff Elementary schools.

**Prayer Walk** – Walk as you pray for the local schools, teachers, staff, students and families. Individuals will go to the local schools to walk around them and pray.

Back-to-School Roundup

Thank You

A Texas-sized "Thank You" to all you Partners who helped with the Back-to-School Roundup. We gave out school supplies, gave haircuts, read stories and gave away books, played games, painted faces and made crafts, and ate some wonderful treats from the chuck wagon. Again, Topps the Horse was a big hit. So, thanks to all who had a part in it. The extra school supplies were delivered to Crestview Elementary School and Eastgate Middle School where they will be given to needy students.



FBCNKC Website

- Check the church calendar.
  - See a list of upcoming events.
  - Sign up for the weekly e-mail blast.
  - Connect with Facebook and Twitter.
  - See photos of recent activities.
- Stay in touch by visiting [www.fbcnkc.org](http://www.fbcnkc.org).