

## FBC-NKC STATISTICS

June 5-August 28

Total Average Worship 375  
Total Average Small Groups 321

### Budget and Special Gifts

Budget Offering June 5-26	\$ 71,456.74
Budget Offering July 3-31	\$ 85,020.76
Budget Offering August 7-28	\$ 66,631.33
Budget Offering Goal to Date	\$447,596.45
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$618,054.27

Thank you for your gifts.

## FBC-NKC CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

*New Members in June, July and August*

Patrick Compton

Nan Foster

Jim Lorenzetti

Dana & Bev Strohm

Bryan Sweeney

Bobby & April, Kameron, Korrin & Kayla Williams

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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"

**Zeta Davidson**  
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**The COMPASS**  
*Helping you find direction for life.*

## Update from Tiger

### "Fall.....Down on Our Knees"

Fall is in the air. Temperatures are showing signs of "falling" down, students are "falling" into the routine of school, the PGA tour is into the fall finish, baseball is heading towards the fall classic and football, of course, is the fall passion for many college and NFL fans.

What will this particular fall season signify for us as a church? Let me suggest our own fall finish, fall classic and fall passion. May this season be a season of falling on our knees. It has been said that a person stands tallest when they are on their knees. So let's stand tall this fall and fall to our knees!

Prayer increases our intimacy with God, grows our understanding of God's love for us, compels us to share God's love with others, agrees with God about reaching the lost, overcoming evil with good, practicing forgiveness and more. Prayer keeps the "compass" of our spirit pointed to Jesus, our true north. Prayer focuses our perspective on things eternal and grows the fruits of the Holy Spirit in us. We often seek to go out and do the work of ministry and then pray when prayer is actually the work. James 4:2 reminds us that we do not have because we do not ask God.

So this fall, let's fall on our knees and ask God. Let's ask Him to stir the waters of baptism, to heal disease, to restore relationships, deliver from bondage and addiction, draw new people into life giving relationship and service at 2205 Iron St., to supernaturally provide financial resources for ministry, mission and renovation. Let's ask God to grow us, teach us, inspire us, use us, stretch us, bless us and use us to be a blessing.

This fall at First Baptist Church, North Kansas City, I am calling for a 24-hour prayer vigil on October 8! This will be at church, in the sanctuary spanning the 24 hours of October 8 (Friday midnight to Saturday midnight). There will be 48 time slots for 30 minutes each. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office. Call or come by to sign up for one or more 30- minute windows of falling on your knees and asking God. I already can't wait to see what the Lord will do among us and through us October 9 and beyond.

Fall is in the air!

Grace and peace,  
Tiger

## Africa Mission Report—Kenya '11

Wednesday, September 21  
6:30 PM

Join us in hearing more firsthand from FBC Team Members Evoline Achacha along with John and Marcie Ricklefs as they recount how God used them this summer to reach out to hundreds of people in Kenya.



### Highlights

- ◆ 1,200 + patients seen
- ◆ 500 Bible storybooks distributed
- ◆ 600 Salvation bracelets made and given
- ◆ One cistern repaired and one purchased
- ◆ 61 dresses, 100 shirts and 150 pairs of underwear

## Fall Women's Ministry Event Central, Northwest, West Central Regions



Saturday, September 17  
9:00 AM—12:00 PM  
First Baptist Church  
400 SE 14th Street  
Oak Grove, MO 64075  
Cost: \$12 w/lunch

Fresh Ideas for Women's Ministry

- Being Missional Minded
- Praying Women
- WM Forum-Bring an Idea or Need to Share

Speakers: Valerie Howe,  
Santee Hedger, Marilyn  
Rimmer, Zeta Davidson

### Questions?

Call Zeta Davidson  
816-842-1175 or 816-769-8788  
Email: z davidson@fbcnkc.org

Call Marilyn Rimmer  
660-229-0122 or 660-886-5667  
Email: dalyn@c dsinet.net

## ALPHA Course: A Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith

### Wednesdays

October 5 – December 14  
5:15 PM Dinner (optional)

6:15-7:30 PM Alpha Course

What is Alpha? At an Alpha Course people explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions. The course is low-key, friendly and fun – and is supported by all major denominations of the

Christian church. Alpha is a worldwide phenomenon—run in 163 countries and taken by more than 13 million people.

The Alpha course is free and open to everyone. No question is out of bounds and participants are free to say as much or as little



as they wish as they make up their own minds about the teachings of Jesus. FBC of NKC is hosting the Alpha Course on Wednesday nights starting this month. If you are interested in attending, have a friend you would like to invite from outside the church, or just want more info, please contact the church office or email Alpha facilitator Spencer Stith at stith@fbcnkc.org.

## Youth News



The first End Zone will be on Friday, September 30. 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.

### See You at the Pole

You have the opportunity to be a part of something that is happening all around the world. On September 28<sup>th</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 flag pole 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 flag pole and pray. On September 21<sup>st</sup>, we will give away SYATP t-shirts. Come win one that you can wear to SYATP.

## Music Notes

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.

**Sanctuary Choir** began on Wednesday, September 7. 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 21. 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** started again on Sunday, September 11. Both groups meet 6:00-7:00 PM. The preschool choir is led by Debbie Kuykendall 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.

**Community Blood  
Center Blood Drive**  
Wednesday, September 28  
4:30-7:30 PM, Lower West

To make an appointment, sign up at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, call the church office at 842-1175 or go online to [www.savealifenow.org](http://www.savealifenow.org). Be sure to use sponsor code: firstbaptistnkc.



**Southeast Asia Mission Trip  
Get Ready to Go Meeting**  
Sunday, September 25  
5:30 PM

The SEA Team for mission to Southeast Asia in 2012 is still forming. Join others who are exploring God's call to GO! At the meeting you can fill up on information about the needs in SEA, the work that FBC has done in SEA, and what doors of

opportunity exist for 2012. We are discussing spiritual, physical, cultural, social-emotional, and financial preparation. It is good discipleship for all. If you are not sure that you can go, but think that you want to support the mission from here then come and find out how you can help.

# Children's Department Update

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## Trunk or Treat

### Monday, October 31

Things get to happenin' around here on Halloween night. It is Trunk or Treat night, one of the biggest outreach opportunities we have all year to bring people from the community into our midst. It is a fun evening of giving out candy (which has been donated by generous church folk) to the kids, serving hotdogs and chili (chili donated by church volunteers), playing games (led by church volunteers) and making crafts (helped by church

volunteers). The best part of the evening is chatting with people, welcoming them, hearing a bit of their story and sharing our journey as well.

So put October 31 on your calendar and plan now how you will be involved. We need 13,000 pieces of candy. We need people to put 13,000 stickers (which have Bible verses printed on them) on the 13,000 pieces of



candy. We need 20-25 people to bring their cars, open their trunks and decorate them and give out the candy as the children move through the parking lot. We need volunteers to make it a fun evening while serving, playing games and welcoming people.

Watch for collection buckets for the candy and sign-up sheets for volunteers in the coming weeks. You won't want to miss being a part of this great evening.

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## Children's Mission Organizations

Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action and Mission Friends are the age-level mission organizations of our church. The children learn about missions and missionaries, do mission projects, pray for missions and learn how to have a missions lifestyle...all while having fun and making friends.

### Royal Ambassadors (RAs)

Royal Ambassadors (RAs) is the mission organization for boys, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Jason Ezzell will lead the boys with assistance

from Cy Houston and Larry Bowman. If you know a 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade boy, encourage him to be at RAs every Wednesday evening, 6:30-7:30 in Lower East.

### Girls in Action (GAs)

Girls in Action (GAs) is the mission organization for girls, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 the girls meet in NB03 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade room). If you know a 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade girl, encourage her to come to GAs on Wednesday evenings. We welcome Katie Brosseau as the GA leader for this year and Avalon Bowman will be helping her.

### Mission Friends

Mission Friends is the mission organization for preschoolers. Younger preschoolers have their Mission Friends group on Sunday mornings at 10:30. Older preschoolers and Kindergartners have Mission Friends on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 in the nursery suite. Currently, Vivian Howell is leading this group while looking for a leader and assistant leader. Interested? Call the church office or see Vivian.

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## Bible Drill

Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills begins Sunday evening, September 11. Children 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come learn how to use the Bible. They will learn how the Bible is put together, how to find verses and will memorize verses. Bible Drill is an excellent starting point for parents wanting their children to grow in Bible knowledge. Isaiah 43:10 speaks of a progression of knowing, believing and understanding who God is. Children who are equipped to use the Bible for themselves will have a foundation to build on as they come to know, believe and understand. The classes will meet from 5:00-6:00 PM in the children's hall.

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## NEST News

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It is the desire of the Nursery Committee that our children be loved and cared for any time they are in our care. It goes without saying that safety is one of our priorities. We keep the recommended adult to child ratio in the rooms to provide a safe environment for our precious little ones. In order to maintain this ratio, we need adults committed to love and nurture our wee ones, to volunteer to work in the nursery at least once a month. When you are asked to be in the nursery, please consider very carefully if this is an act of service you will do for our children and their parents.



### Sign-In Changes

In order to better meet the specific needs of our nursery children, the Nursery Committee is working on some ways to ensure the adults serving in the nursery have the information they need about each child. Added to the current name stickers there will be information concerning children who are in the process of potty training and children with allergies. Please watch for these changes as they are implemented. Feel free to update information for the nursery staff as needed.

## Fall Discipleship Series

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**Sundays, 5:30-7:00 PM**

### October 2

#### **The Power of the Resurrection**

Jesus came to save us from our sin, but the resurrection shows us that He is saving us to something significant. This session is from the Rightnow Ministry and features Matt Chandler, Pastor of The Village Church. Mike Parrett, associate pastor, is leading this study.

### October 9

#### **Kids' Discipline 101: Guiding Behavior in a Church Setting**

All kids have behavior challenges from time to time. How do we address these behaviors in a church setting? In this DVD presentation, Jerry Vogel provides teachers and parents ways to redirect childish behaviors with hands-on techniques. His approach is humorous and encouraging to adults as they interact with the youngsters in their lives. Children's Pastor, Vivian Howell, is providing this study.

### October 16

#### **Leading People Beyond Comfort**

There's the narrow road of Christ and the wide road of destruction. In this video-based study from Rightnow Ministry, Francis Chan, Pastor of Cornerstone Church and author of Crazy Love, talks about how some Christians would prefer the "middle road." Chan challenges us to check our pursuits and encourages us to follow Christ even if it is radically different than that middle road. Join pastor Mike Parrett in this challenge and study.

### October 23

#### **Prospective Members & New Members Class**

Pastor Tiger Pennington and associate pastors lead an open dialogue with prospective and new members about our community of faith at FBC NKC. Learn our history and explore our future course. Capture our vision for "Building Bridges," and discover

ways to connect, grow and serve. Come and ask your questions, enjoy the fellowship and even take a tour if you want.

### October 30

#### **Unleashing Caged Christians**

In the Bible, the rich young ruler was a good man who lived a very secure life, but with his own agenda. Today, many "rich young rulers" have fallen into the trap of clinging to their agenda. When we release ourselves from the cage of our own agenda we are free to follow God's plan. This Rightnow Ministry video study features Mark Batterson, Pastor of National Community Church and author of Primal. Mike Parrett, associate pastor, is leading this session.

