

First Baptist Church of Oakville
6741 Telegraph Road,
St. Louis, MO, 63129

FBCO Harvest Festival

October 6th, Noon to 5 pm

Invite your family and neighbors to join us for fun & fellowship.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!
See John Gorse or Ronda Brown if you are willing to help



Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes have been ordered.
 Please take one, pack it, and send it
 with God's love to a child.
 Contact Linda Downs for information.



- Margie Bishop, Denise Willoughby.....1
- Jeremy Jones.....2
- Hayden Bennett, Jill Brumbaugh, Lisa Muser.....3
- Debbie Handrahan.....4
- Frances Lavall.....7
- Ernie Downs.....9
- Teddy Miller.....16
- Jesse & Kaite Kuhlmann.....20
- Robin Sullivan.....21
- Barb Laber.....22
- Jane Menzel.....24
- Janola Rigsby.....25
- David Nappier.....26
- Susan Lauer.....27
- Ed Maness.....28
- Cindy Stack.....29

God Bless You on Your Birthday!

Coming In September

Fellowship Breakfast.....	2
Rich Townsend preaching (AM).....	2
NO Evening Service.....	2
Labor Day.....	3
Kidz Kollege Begins.....	5
Adult Bible Study Resumes.....	5
P.E.P. Club Fellowship.....	6
W.M.U. Meeting.....	8
Steve Brown preaching (AM).....	9
Deacon's Meeting.....	9
Musical Praise Service.....	9
Church Council Meeting.....	16
Business Meeting.....	16
Fellowship Luncheon (George Crafton's trip)	23
David Sheppard preaching (AM).....	30

Welcome Our Newest Members
Jerry & Jackie Williams (by letter)
And the Lord added to the Church . . .



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JOHN'S JOTS

I love September!! I love watching as God turns green to gold in nature. Apples are ripe, pumpkins are growing, and we get to "change gears" from the Summer rush. September is a month of *New Beginnings*. We begin our

new Church and Sunday School year September 2nd. We get to "change gears" from Summer. The weather begins to moderate from the heat of Summer and the leaves begin to change color. Wow! I always enjoy September.

Speaking of New Beginnings—Kidz Kollege, Adult Bible Study, and Choir rehearsal all will resume on Wednesday, September 5th. Sunday night worship will resume on Sunday, September 9th. Johnny & Ernie are planning a Celebration of Praise for that first night, with lots of music.

I have missed the buzz of activity that goes on when Kidz Kollege is meeting. I look forward to seeing the children excited about being in KK on Wednesday evenings, and the enthusiasm of so many faithful workers who do such a great job. See Ed or Pauline Maness if you would like to help (They are always looking for "project" teachers), and pray for all our volunteers as they put together another great year for the kids.

Another event is the FBCO Harvest Festival, on Saturday, October 6th. This annual event will be fun for everyone, and is a great outreach opportunity to our community. Johnny Gorse has done a great job organizing this event with many activities, great food and fun for the entire family. **But we do need volunteers to make it work.** See Johnny Gorse, Ronda Brown, or me to sign up.

Our Small Group ministry has been a blessing through the Summer. I thank Ronda Brown and Rich Townsend for leading out in this experience of Small Group ministry. I am also grateful for the group leaders and hosts who have made this study of *Experiencing God* so meaningful. Watch for other small group experiences that are planned for this Fall.

Please note our Quarterly Business Meeting is Sunday evening, September 16th. Two items on the agenda are especially important. First, the Building Feasibility Team will present their report to the Church. They have been meeting through the Summer, and will have a recommendation to make. Second, the Nominating Committee will present their report of officers and committees for the coming year. Many members serve in many ways at FBC. I appreciate every one of you, and the variety of Spiritual gifts God has given us for ministry. What is your *ministry* at FBC? My job as Pastor is to be an encourager and equipper for all of you ministers. I couldn't be more grateful for that privilege, or more thankful for the work you are doing.

On a personal note, Brenda and I are taking some vacation time. While we are away, Rich Townsend and Steve Brown will be preaching, Wayne Allen will teach my Sunday School class, and Ernie Downs will lead our Adult Prayer & Bible Study. I am grateful and our Church is blessed to have these Godly men to stand in our stead. Please pray for us as we travel. I look forward to being back next month as we share this important Fall season. God has blessed our Church in so many ways—I can't wait to see what God has in store for the next phase of our walk with him.

Gratefully Your Pastor
Pastor John

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GWEN'S Gallery

The Legacy by Michael Phillips

Alannah "Loni" Ford was enjoying her job as a successful financial executive-in-training in Washington, D.C.—until she received a letter from a Scottish solicitor informing her that she'd inherited a title and substantial real estate as the new "laird" of a small Shetland Island.

Now that she's been living in Whales Reef for two months, she finds that she's fallen deeply in love with the local people, the rugged beauty, and the simple, peaceful way of life in this conservative fishing hamlet—and the local chieftain David Tulloch.

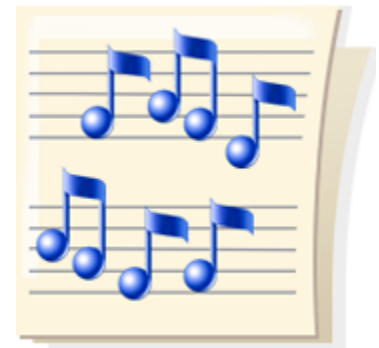
But while she comes to terms with *The Legacy* left to her, life in the Shetlands—and back in America—isn't standing still. Loni must make important choices. She's still a businesswoman at heart, and her career—and the rest of her modern life—won't wait forever!

What Hope Remembers by Johnnie Alexander

Welcome to Misty Willow, a haunting place of love, forgiveness, and second chances. In *What Hope Remembers*, lobbyist Amy Somers moves back to Misty Willow not expecting ex-con Gabe Kendall—her first crush and first kiss—to ride back into her life atop a buckskin mare. Will the memory of that long-ago kiss rekindle romance?



NOTE:
Choir practice resumes
Wednesday, September 5th, at 7:45 pm.



Greetings, Everyone

There are so many exciting things going on at FBCO. Sunday August 19 we had our inaugural morning worship service with the FBCO Orchestra directed by Ernie Downs. I think they greatly added to the music in the service. It is quite a challenge working with musicians that have a wide range of proficiency at their instruments. I believe they did a great job of blending together and enhancing the morning worship service. I encourage any of you that may have played an instrument in high school or for personal enjoyment to come and be a part of the orchestra. Also if you know of anyone that plays an instrument let them know and contact Ernie. Our goal at present is to involve the orchestra in one service a month.

Also God's Choir at Oakville is continuing to rehearse the Worship Cantata entitled *How Great is Our God*. It is a beautiful cantata meant to be presented any time of year with a powerful praise and worship message. Once again, we are blessed to have several singers from outside of our church that will be joining us, along with several new members. It is not too late for you to be a part, and I am sure you will receive a blessing for doing so. Please contact me and I will get you a practice cd and a book. We are tentatively looking to present it in late September or early October. Our next practice is Wednesday evening September 5 at 7:45.

Another big event coming up is our Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 6, from noon to 5 p.m. It is a great undertaking as we outreach to our community through several activities—music, great food and a family friendly atmosphere. We need volunteers to make this a success and I encourage you to be a part. There will be sign up board in the foyer later in September for you to mark where you would like to serve. So many wonderful things are going on at FBCO. Please be a part.

On a personal note, I would like to again thank the church for the great gift that allowed my son and me to take a trip to Miami/Fort Lauderdale and see a couple of winning Cardinal/Marlin baseball games. It was great fun.

May God Continue to Bless Abundantly and I LOVE YOU ALL,

John Gorse



Kidz Kollege

RESUMES WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5th, 6:30 p.m.

KIDZ KOLLEGE is for all kids ages 4 years old through 5th grade. You are invited to KIDZ KOLLEGE each Wednesday at 6:30-8:00 P.M. for: Bible time, crafts and games, praise singing, snacks and lots of other fun activities.

Our first big activity is our walk-a-thon for *Operation Christmas Child* on Wednesday, September 26 at 6:15 P.M. at church. Last year, the kids raised \$597 which they used to fill and provide postage for 26 boxes contributed to *Operation Christmas Child*. We humbly ask for your support as the kids of KIDZ KOLLEGE gather pledges for the walk-a-thon, striving to do their part in our Operation Christmas Child ministry.

Kids, there's no special admission requirements for this Kollege - just COME!!

Ed & Pauline Maness

Kidz Praise . . . Children In Action

September marks a first for *Kid's Praise*. We will be having a youth volunteer training on September 8th at noon. They will be asking for recommendations from our church family which are due to myself or Beth Boxx by September 2nd.

This month, we will be working on our Bible skills. We will be learning the divisions of the Bible, order of the books, memorizing Galatians 5:14, and doing Sword Drills.

We praise God by loving one another, and we show that love through RESPECT.

Cyndi Harmon



*Remembering
September 11th*

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