



# First Baptist Church August, 2011

**Red Cross  
DRIVE**  
  
**Give Life**

**REMEMBER:  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>**

**9:30 am — 2:30 pm**

**Our Church Activity Center**

*Give the gift of life*



## JOHN'S JOTS

*Welcome to August!!* The “H” Days of August are upon us—hot, humid, and hazy!! But that will change. They do call it “dog days”. Our Soccer Camp/VBS has been a real blessing. We are also busy planning for some major Fall activities—Harvest Festival on October 5<sup>th</sup> and our Church’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*School starts in a few days.* We will begin to see the big yellow busses, more traffic, and kids walking to school. Remember to pray for our students and teachers as they return to the classroom. We pray that this will be a positive and productive year for them.

*An important ministry opportunity* is scheduled for Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>—our Red Cross Blood Drive. Your donation helps save numerous lives. (You also lose a pound or two!!) My heartfelt thanks to our WMU leading this ministry, and for all who are blood donors. It really does make a difference.

*Our Fall Schedule resumes in September.* Wednesday evening activities (Kidz Kollege, Youth Bible Study, and Adult Prayer/Bible Study) resume **September 4<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 pm. Sunday evening Worship and Fellowship resumes **September 8<sup>th</sup>**. That night is our quarterly business meeting. I admit that I have enjoyed the respite this Summer—the Summer has been busy. But I look forward to resuming the fellowship and worship on Wednesday and Sunday evenings this Fall.

*I anticipate a new sermon series in August.* I will be preaching from Matthew 5-7, The Sermon on the Mount—next Sunday, the **BE-Attitudes**

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...ands everything. It's all or nothing.

...believing that God wants to send us to safe places to do easy things? That playing it safe is safe? That there is any greater privilege than sacrifice? Jesus didn't die to keep us safe. He died to make us dangerous."

...ing Jesus when, in reality, they have invited Jesus to follow them. Mark He challenges you to go all in and all out by fully surrendering your life to

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...s Hollow might be more difficult than adjusting to her new role as police Especially when her closest friend, the pastor's wife, goes missing and the finds an ally in sheriff's deputy Steve Logan, but as they track down e worries that she's breaking one of her rules and getting too close to him.

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## Kids Praise

We started doing Swords Drills last month. The kids are doing great with them! We have goals with hopes of improvement. We have also started talking about trusting God.

This section of our study is called God vs Fear. We are looking at different times in the Bible where people show fear such as the disciples and the storm. We are learning the key passage Matthew 7:7-12.

**Remember**—We praise God by loving one



# John

Greetings, Everyone,

### WHATS IN A NAME?

I hope everyone is having a great summer. As the title of this article indicates observations I have had over the recent past of local churches. Over the last churches in the St. Louis area have changed their name and have deleted "B there is a myriad of reasons a church would desire to change its name. One reflects a more modern outlook to appeal to a broader society. One could be the connotation in today's vernacular, and by omitting it they may draw more for church with **Baptist** in its title.

I have to say I have mixed feelings upon this. I can appreciate the desire to your identity of your heritage in the process is troublesome but I think the keeping on your message and keeping true to the Bible. Several years back here Sunday School to Bible Study. I believe the thought is to appeal to those that for children. On those same lines I have seen various churches in the area that vices, Traditional Services, Connection Services, and Heritage Services. All that they are focused to appeal to. Contemporary is chorus and newer music Praise Band and appeals to a younger audience. Traditional is more hymn for a experienced audience. Connection would be newer music and appeal to seekers. thinking would be a version of Traditional as well.

How you choose to design a worship service with the music and to whom preference. I do think the danger of different worship styled services within congregations within a church that will only attend their desired service and not of making cliques within the church. We here at FBCO have a Blended Service STEROIDS. That means we do all music styles. We incorporate the traditions many eras (and some that aren't in them) and we have choruses and newer of any song that can uplift the name of Jesus and let the congregation worship is no one is completely happy with the music if they only like one style of music completely dissatisfied with the music because the wider range allows people am reminded of 1 Corinthians 9:19 where Paul states Though **I am free and myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.** In conclusion I'm thinking what type of music or worship style we choose is less important than the message Love One Another, and show God's love to all. Next choir practice is Wednesday

### The Nominating Committee is seeking to fill the following

- Pre-school (Nursery) Sunday School Teacher
- Substitute teachers for Youth and Children's classes
- Publicity Committee member
- Coordinator for weddings, baby showers, etc.