

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



FBCO Harvest Festival



October 5th, Noon to 5 pm

Invite your family and neighbors to join us for fun & fellowship.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!
 See Lisa Muser, 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 love and prayers to whomever needs
 God's love as a child.
 Contact Linda Downs for information.



Lois Durbin.....	1
Kyle Berghold.....	4
Ken Parshall.....	5
Jeff Bennett, Phoebe Vandiver.....	8
Carol Bennett.....	10
Jackie Williams.....	13
Lucas Bennett.....	16
Steve Brown.....	18
Tim Schellhase.....	20
Bob Chapman, Devin Tolcou.....	21
Harve Cornish, Jerry Smith	
Norma McCleod, David LeMunyon.....	22
Larry Barker.....	24
Dan Outman.....	26
Joan Boxx.....	28
Jerry Williams.....	29

God Bless You on Your Birthday!

Coming In October

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Family Photo, Lunch, NO evening service	
Rich Townsend preaching AM.....	27
Steve Brown Preaching PM	27
Missouri Baptist Convention, Branson	28-29

NOTE:
Sunday evenings in October
The Exodus—A Topical Study



JOHN'S JOTS

October is finally here! This is my favorite time of year—cool air, colorful trees, the sights and smells of home. This October is a busy one at FBC, Oakville.

Next Saturday, October 5th, we will celebrate our 6th Harvest Festival. Last year's festival was shortened by rain. We are praying for good weather this year and a great turnout from the community as we reach out to our neighbors and share our Christian witness. One great blessing of the event is seeing so many of us working together—work with us, pray with us, invite your friends, and don't miss the blessing!

On Sunday, October 6th, we will observe believer's baptism AND the Lord's Supper. These two ordinances together remind us of what Christ did to obtain our salvation. I praise God for these ordinances, the sacrifice they symbolize, and the faith they affirm. You will also notice the new Lord's Supper trays—provided by gifts in memory of **Nadine Weir** and **Jim Robbins**, two precious members of the FBCO family that we miss.

October is Operation Christmas Child time. Linda Downs is leading us in this charity emphasis. The familiar green and red boxes are available once again. Be sure to get a brochure with new instructions for packing your box, and a label showing if your box is for a boy or a girl. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ and the joy of Christmas with children around the world. You may never know how your gift will bless a child.

Thank you for supporting the MMO offering for Missouri missions. Offering envelopes are still available in the foyers at Church.



Special Thanks to Barb Mulder for redoing the Scripture signs on our Church trail. After 25 years, the signs needed refreshing, and Barb did that very well. Thanks to Barb for doing the signs, and to Tim for installing them on the trail—two more examples of **Minister Appreciation Sunday**.

First Baptist Church of Oakville first met on October 25th, 1959, when a group of eighty-two people gathered at the home of Buel and Helen Clendinen to talk about organizing a new church. On Sunday, October 20th, we will observe our Church anniversary—60 years. Former pastors Bill Shreve and Tim Richards plan to be with us. Tim will preach that morning. Please help by inviting former members that you know to join us that day. Weather permitting, we also will assemble in front of the sanctuary, so Jan Morris can take a Church family picture. That will be a nice memento of the day. After the picture, we will enjoy a catered lunch together.

Anniversaries celebrate relationships. God has blessed First Baptist Church through the years with some wonderful relationships, and He continues to mature and add to FBCO. We celebrate relationships that make us a Church family. ***I certainly celebrate my relationship as Your Pastor!***

Among the most valuable relationships that I enjoy at FBCO—members of our Church staff—John Gorse, Nancy Stanley, Rich Townsend, and Ronda & Steve Brown. Let's make October **STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH**, and let these precious co-laborers know that you love them, appreciate them, and pray for them. After all, they have to work with me!!

**God Bless,
 Pastor John**

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GWEN’S Gallery

Discerning the Voice of God by Pricilla Shirer

Wherever you are in your spiritual walk, God will find a way to speak to you in a way you will understand. Become acquainted with the Voice that has spoken from fire and a cloud, with visible signs and an invisible Spirit; through a burning bush and burning hearts.

When you hear that "still small voice," are you certain it's the Holy Spirit? In this freshly updated guide featuring personal insights from Beth Moore, Max Lucado, Kay Arthur, and other trusted teachers, Shirer guides you through Scripture to heighten your spiritual senses so you can distinguish the voice of God from imposters' chatter.

The Healing Jar by Wanda E. Brunstetter

Lenore Lapp is an Amish schoolteacher in her late twenties still living at home with her parents and grandparents. She thought love had passed her by until she meets Jesse Smucker, a widower with a baby daughter. She quickly falls in love with them both and accepts Jesse's proposal of marriage, but Jesse breaks off their engagement when he realizes he can't marry her only for convenience. Resigned to living single, Lenore throws herself into caring for her elders. While working in her grandmother's garden, she digs up an old jar. Will Lenore find healing for her broken heart and solve long-buried family secrets by reading the note that is contained inside?

Kidz Kollege

Kidz Kollege is off to a roaring start. We had the most “First Night” attendance we’ve had in 6 years, and had several new kids. Our first big activity was our 3rd annual walk-a-thon for *Operation Christmas Child*—18 kids and 3 adults walked nearly 500 laps—49 miles, and raised over \$700 for the OCC ministry. On October 9th, the kids will go shopping with the money they raised to fill as many OCC boxes as they can.

Tell the world—Kidz Kollege is for ALL kids, ages 4 years thru 5th grade. We meet every Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 pm. A high school diploma is not needed to enroll in this Kollege—just come!!

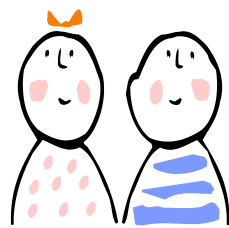
Ed & Pauline Maness

Kidz Praise . . .
Children In Action

We are so excited for Maddie Boxx's baptism, and can't wait to share in that moment with her!

In October, we will also begin a series on Heaven and Hell.

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



Cyndi Harmon



Greetings Everyone,

October is upon us and it looks to be a very exciting month. Our beloved baseball Cardinals are in the playoffs for the first time since 2015, and we wish them well in the quest for their 12th World Series championship. Also, FBCO will be hosting our 5th Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 5th from noon until 5 p.m.

The Harvest Festival is one of our church's creative outreach ministries to our community. The Festival is a wonderful blend of family activities, guaranteed to provide fun for all. We will have an antique car show on the upper parking lot, and children’s activities ranging from a bounce house to face painting to assorted games and a bb gun and bow and arrow range. Did I mention food? We will have a wide range of food from burgers and hotdogs and popcorn and snow cones and pretzels to our signature roasted corn in the husks, and its all free. Did I mention its FREE? There will be a hayride on the grounds and usually a surprise or two as well.

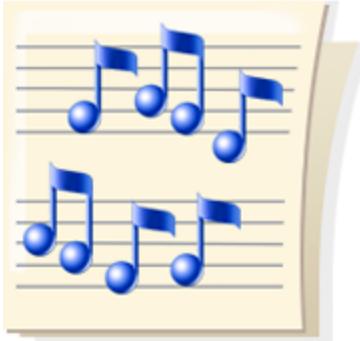
Live music will be provided by the *Pioneer Harvesters*, a home grown band consisting of Brandon and Emily Cockrill, Ernie Downs, Tim Schellhase, Marty Pinson and myself. As you might guess, this takes a lot of people and I urge you to sign up to be a volunteer, because we need everyone’s help for it to be successful. Also please let your friends and neighbors and family know about this special day and invite them to come.

On Sunday, October 20th, our church is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. We are having a special service and luncheon commemorating it. Rich Townsend and the committee have been working hard to make sure it will be a special day in our church's history with music and speakers. Please mark these dates on your calendars and I hope you can be a part.

Finally, I invite you to join God's Choir at Oakville on Wednesday evenings at 7:45, for Christmas Cantata practice and our Worship Service music rehearsal. We would love to have you.

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

John Gorse



NOTE: Choir practice meets every Wednesday, at 7:45 pm.

We are now working on our Christmas Cantata

Welcome to our Newest Members

Mike & Sheila Parker (by letter)

Angela McManus (by letter)

Doyle & Deena Robbins (by baptism)

Maddie Boxx (by baptism)

And the Lord added to the Church . . .

