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**Worship Service Times**  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
*Morning Service*  
Broadcast on WJLT  
(105.3 FM) at 10:00 am  
and on Channel 72  
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

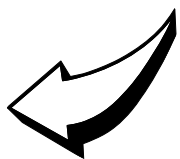
**Sunday School**  
9:45 a.m.

**Minister on Call**  
685-3681

April 13-20  
Mark Slaughter

April 20-27  
Matt Mason

See inside  
this issue for  
more exciting  
news about the  
Church.



## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

For North American Missions  
**2009 Goal: \$65 million**  
**FBC Goal:**  
**\$21,000**

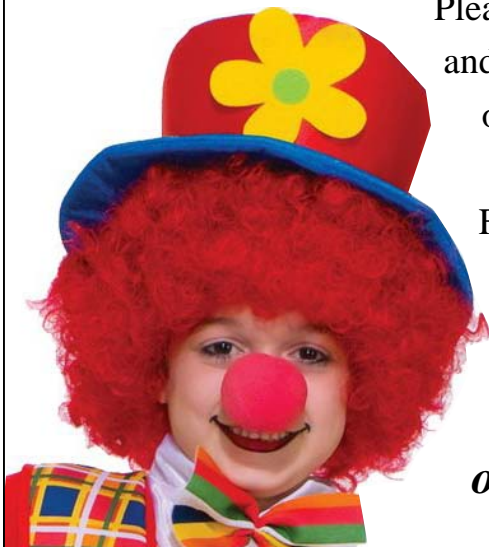
*This is a percentage of our  
FOM offering goal of \$210,000*

## First Baptist Church Family Pavilion

### May 8 & 9

(in conjunction with the BBQ Festival)

## WE NEED YOU!



Please plan to volunteer  
and be a part of FBC's  
outreach ministry  
during the BBQ  
Festival. We need  
everyone to get  
involved.

*More info  
on page three.*

Sign up NOW in your Sunday School Department  
or at the tables outside of the Sanctuary.

## A Word From Our Pastor

**A REFRESHING TIME AWAY!** Thanks for allowing us to be away for some relaxation time. We thoroughly enjoyed the beach even though the weather wasn't cooperating. We saw a number of people from Owensboro and took the opportunity to come back through Petal on the way home.

**SOMETHING TO CONSIDER!** I have spoken about **James MacDonald** a number of times. He is the pastor of **Harvest Bible Fellowship** in Chicago. He recently wrote about his desire for the church to become what he describes as a **Vertical Church**. I really appreciated and was convicted by what he wrote.

- *What if there was a church that believed God actually wrote a book called the Bible and that human souls were profoundly altered in hearing its truths proclaimed with passion and practicality, as the very words of God?*
- *What if there was a church that believed God was actually listening when we prayed, that He considered the pleas of His people when they cried out to Him from their hearts in faith and powerfully moved in people's lives in response?*
- *What if there was a church that believed the fields are truly "ripe to harvest," and that authentically being the hands and feet of Jesus to people in pain was far superior to seeing the gospel as a horizontal transaction of human persuasion and cultural savvy?*
- *What if there was a church where the people had as their first and most fervent focus, the adoration of God's Son? Where worship was not part of the service or part of the week, but the consuming passion of the congregation and its leaders—not for themselves or even for the good feeling it brings, but truly for blessing the heart of God and inviting His presence in the midst of every ministry involvement?*

Harvest Bible Chapel is not all of those things, not perfectly, but it helps from time to time to remember what we are shooting for. We want to be a vertical church. Just that. If we get the vertical right, the horizontal takes care of itself. People who are truly intimate with God the Father will have a genuine heart to transfer that love relationship to those around them. People who have God's heart must have a heart for lost people. People who love the Word of God and seek to obey it will always have a powerful impact on the lost around them. Yes, YES! I believe it with all my heart and I am seeing it before my eyes. Make the focus and consuming passion of your church a vertical one, and the missional elements of ministry will happen as naturally as breathing.

"Yes, when I, even I, the Son of Man am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all peoples to myself" (John 12:32)

I Love You!  
Paul Strahan

  
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## New Church Members

**Sunday, April 12**  
Profession of Faith:  
**Kara Owen**  
**Kris Trogden**

## Student Ministry Information

There will be a "Summer Preview" breakfast on Sunday morning, May 3rd during Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall for all middle and high school students and parents. We'll take a look at everything that will be going on and how they can be involved. For more information, please contact Matt Mason.

Newsletter information must be submitted in writing no later than Friday at 9:00 a.m. for the following week's newsletter.

You may fax your information (683-8067) or email it to myoung@fbcowb.org.

## 58th Annual National Day of Prayer

*Prayer!...America's Hope! Psalm 33:22*

**Wednesday, May 6**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

**Freedom Teen Rally**  
Bridgepointe, Led by LYNC

**Thursday, May 7**

**Noon (May 6)-**

**Noon (May 7)**

(24 hour prayer coverage)

Many churches and groups will be taking one hour to pray for our nation.

**7:00-7:55 am**

**Prayer Breakfast**  
Family YMCA

**11:30-11:50 am**

**Circle of Good News**  
Courthouse Lawn

Over 365 people reading aloud the entire Word of God in 20 minutes. Come at 11:15, bring your Bible and pick up a scripture at the flagpole. Bring a chair and umbrella if needed.

**11:50 am-12:50 pm**

**Prayer/Worship Service**  
Courthouse

**Questions...Call Connie McCoy at 683-2177.**

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE**



## Vacation Bible School REGISTER NOW

**www.fbcowb.org**

**June 22-26**

**8:30 am-12 noon**

Register your child NOW or volunteer at www.fbcowb.org and go to the VBS Registration tab.

This is the one children's event that could have the biggest impact on the lives of not only the children of First Baptist but also the city of Owensboro and beyond. Please pray that the Lord will show you how you can be used for this short five days in June.

## SOFTBALL

Sign ups for the Men's and Women's Softball teams are being accepted in the CLC office until April 26. Cost to play is \$10 for the season.

Contact Wes or Susan for more information or to sign up.

## Calendar of Activities

**Thursday, April 16**

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 17**

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. ....Sr. Adult Breakfast

**Saturday, April 18**

CLC open 9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.

**Sunday, April 19**

CLC Closed

Library open 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. ....Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. ....Bible Study

11:00 a.m. ....Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. ....K-12 Choirs

6:00 p.m. ....Evening Service

7:00 p.m. ....Deacons' Meeting

**Monday, April 20**

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 21**

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

6:00 a.m. ....Promise Keepers

6:30 p.m. ....Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 22**

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m. ....Ladies Bible Study

4:45 p.m. ....Family Supper

5:30 p.m. ....TeamKid & Orchestra

6:00 p.m. ....Bible Study & Youth

6:00 p.m. ....SS Review, Parlor

6:15 p.m. ....Celebration Choir

7:05 p.m. ....Sanctuary Choir

## Ministry Reports

**Sunday, April 5, 2009**

Sunday School .....535

Nursing Home.....32

Jail.....75

**Total.....642**

**D.T. ....404**

### Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements:\$49,293.88

Weekly Budget Offering: .....\$41,716.29

Designated: .....\$ 245.00

STV Offering: .....\$ 1,185.00

FOM Offering: .....\$ 2,985.52

**Total Offering:.....\$46,131.81**

Budget Goal to Date:.....\$690,114.32

Budget Offering to Date:.....\$578,985.97

**Amount Under: .....\$111,128.35**

YTD STV Offering .....\$ 4,386.75

YTD FOM.....\$ 21,155.68

**In the Hospital...**Robert Wade, Barbara Snowden and Anna Donaldson (Kosair).

**Sympathy...**Christian love and sympathy to Todd Houston in the death of his grandfather, **Louis Robertson, Sr.** who died March 31; and Walter Toler in the death of his brother, **William 'Bill' Toler** who died April 5.

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

## Night at the Ballpark

**Evansville Otters vs. Rockford Riverhawks**

Friday, July 31 \* Game Time 7:05

Bosse Field (Evansville, IN)

**Trip Cost: \$10**

**Includes:** Admission to the Game; Transportation (will be leaving the church parking lot @ 5:30pm); and Home Run Picnic at the Game! (Includes one hot dog & one hamburger per person, your choice of two side items, & fountain drinks throughout the game).

**Seating:** Directly behind the Otters dugout!

\*Individuals under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult

**Team Website:** <http://www.evansvilleotters.com/index.html>

**Contact the CLC for your reservations at 683-3505**



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**Friday, May 8**  
**The Doerfels**

*Northeast's brightest young bluegrass family ensemble*

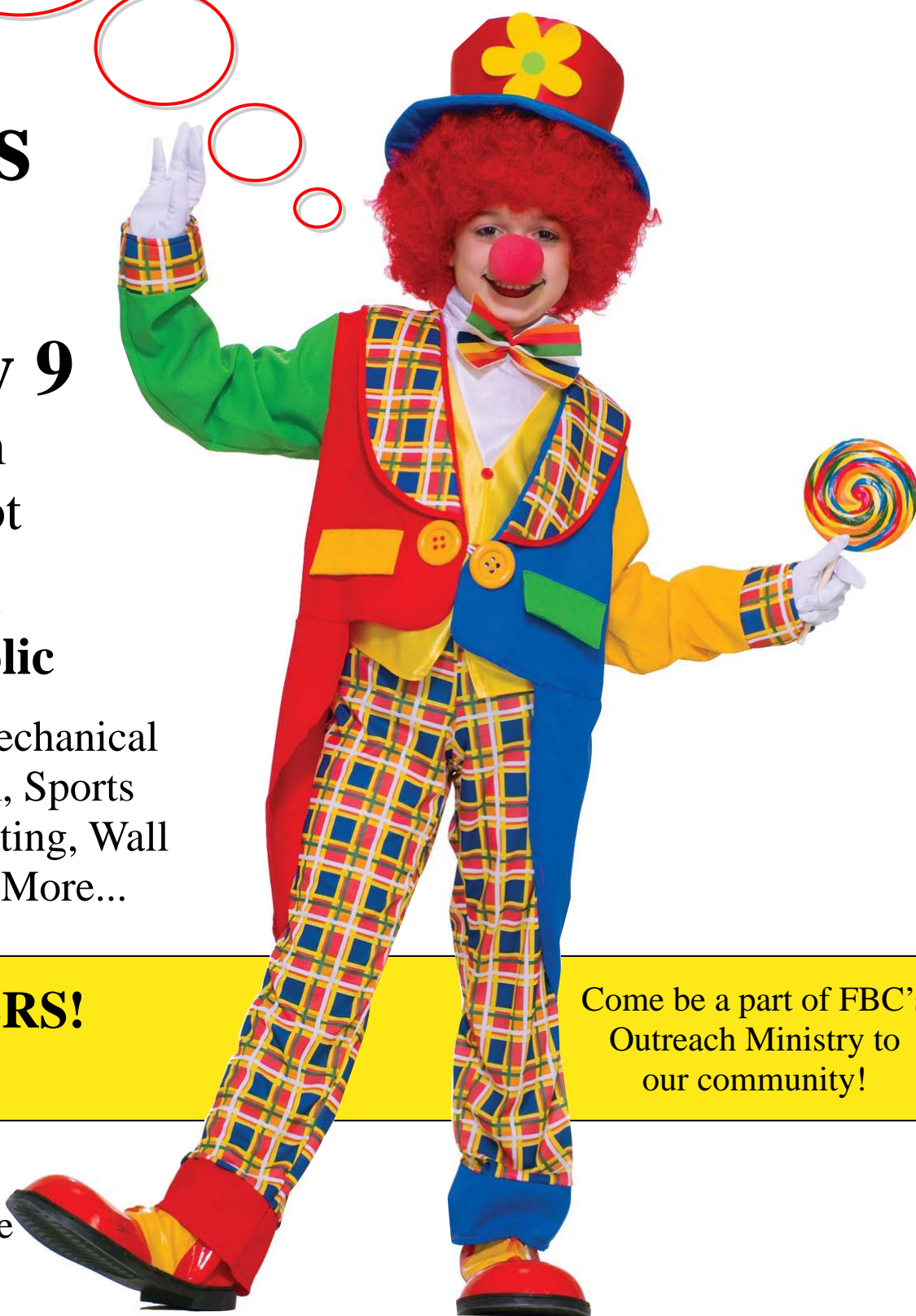
7:00 pm in the Church Back Parking Lot

**Children's Carnival**  
**Saturday, May 9**

10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Church Parking Lot

**All activities listed are FREE to the public**

Super Slide Obstacle Course, Mechanical Bull, Pony Rides, Petting Farm, Sports Center, Moon Bounce, Face Painting, Wall Climb, Clowns, Balloons, and More...



**We need VOLUNTEERS!**  
**We need YOU!!**

Come be a part of FBC's Outreach Ministry to our community!

Sign-up in your Sunday School Class or at the table outside the sanctuary.