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## From Sam Rainer

So much joy comes from pastoring FBC. It's the people that drive this joy. This last week I enjoyed a lunch with an entire family. You know you're accepted when people start treating you like family. I also had the chance to sit down with one of my mentors and just talk. I'm blessed to have men in my life at FBC who help guide me and teach me.

Even the everyday weekly routine is enjoyable. I work with a great staff. Our weekly staff meetings are more like family planning sessions. We laugh, pray, and take a few light-hearted jabs at each other. There is so much joy present in the people with whom I serve.

We've seen much fruit this year at FBC. God saved many people. Our weekly worship attendance is on pace to grow as large as we've ever been in our 165-year history. Baptisms are much higher this year than last. All of these things are worth celebrating. They are primary to our mission. But it just wouldn't feel right without a corresponding level of joy.

Thank you, FBC, for being a joy-filled people. It's a key part of discipleship. And I'm so happy to learn from you exactly how it should look.

## 2011 World Mission

### Offering Goal:

\$110,000

### Received:

\$65,494



Sunday, October 23

4:30 to 7:30 pm

*See inside Manna for details.*

## Student Ministry

..... Daniel Kinkade

Our annual student ministry hayride was a huge hit this past Sunday!!! Following the Bridge (big shout out to Ashlee Edminster and Lauren Erickson for helping lead worship!!!) a group of students, volunteers, and parents headed out to Randy and Cindy Adams' house for a time of fellowship, smores, and of course the... hayride. Close to 60 people were there and we had an awesome time!!!

To wrap up the evening I challenged the students with this question, "Who do you say Jesus Christ is?" This question was asked of Peter by Jesus in Matthew 16 and Peter responded to Jesus by saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." My challenge was that this is a question that every single person has to answer for himself or herself. At the end of the day it's the only thing that really matters. So...who do you say Jesus is?

## Music Notes

..... Jordan Richmond

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And believe it or not it's almost here. We're beginning our prep work for the Christmas Musical this coming week! We're performing *The Gift of Christmas* on December 11th. Whether you play, sing, or dance, there is a place for you.

Come to the choir room at 7:30 this coming Wednesday to get a preview of the musical, rehearse some of the music, and see the game plan leading up to December 11.

Also, let's not forget that this is a community-wide event. Our Christmas event is a special time to praise the Lord for what He's done and to enjoy the company of friends and family. We welcome our friends from other churches to come and participate.

## Kids First

..... Mrs. Amber



If you would like to serve at the Shine Festival, sign up during Sunday School, at the Sunday School desk in the back of the Welcome Center, email Amber, or call the church office.

Ways to serve:

1. Work a game/activity booth
2. Bring food (chili, individually wrapped candy, cookies)
3. Work in the kitchen
4. Serve as helpers for inflatables
5. Set up or clean up



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## FBC Library

The book, *What Is God Like?* by Beverly Lewis, has been given in memory of Lucille Slinker Mitchell, sister of Mildred Newton.

### Feeding Your Mind with Good Books

Before they hit the field, and before they leave the locker room, they huddle together and pray. This football season, be inspired by the faith and talent of three quarterbacks who pass, score, and praise the Lord. Recounting football games and critical decisions, author Mike Yorkey in his new book *Playing With Purpose* shows how Sam Bradford, Colt McCoy, and Tim Tebow used their faith to guide their football careers. Yorkey retells the time when Sam Bradford thanked God for the blessings in his life while suffering a shoulder injury; when Colt McCoy "stood on the Rock" while sitting on the sidelines during his last Alabama game; and how Tim Tebow encouraged fans to read the Bible with verses written on his eye black. Together they are called the "Holy Trinity." They have encouraged their fans to keep the faith and they will encourage you. You find it at your FBC Library.



## Decisions for the Lord

**Steven Treadaway** joined Sunday, October 2 by profession of faith and for baptism. Steven is an 11th grader at Calloway County High School.

**Lily Vanover** joined Sunday, October 2 by profession of faith and for baptism. Lily is the 9 year old daughter of Ryan and Courtney Vanover.



### *A message from the budget, finance and stewardship committee...*

We are so blessed that FBC's church family has a passionate heart for missions!

The BFS committee is beginning the process of preparing the 2012 budget and needs your help.

If your Sunday School class or ministry group is considering a special mission project for 2012, please submit your proposal and funding to Janice Hedges by Wednesday, October 12. You may email her at [janice.hedges@fbc-murray.org](mailto:janice.hedges@fbc-murray.org) or bring it by the church office. If you would like any assistance in planning a proposal or need any information, Janice and BFS committee members will be happy to assist in any way.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dannie Harrison, Chairman

Debbie J. Bell

Chad Cochran

Doug Dieleman

Howard Giles

Darren Jones

Wednesday morning Ladies Bible study began a new 6 week study by Priscilla Shirer on Wednesday, October 5. All ladies are invited to join us at 9 am in room AE 310. SEED is a unique Bible study experience for those who long to dive deeply into the Scriptures. Join Priscilla as she relays distinct spiritual principles. You'll walk away from this study with a revitalized relationship with the Lord and renewed interest for His Word. For more information, contact Oleta Burkeen at 436-2003 or email her at [oburkeen@wk.net](mailto:oburkeen@wk.net)

*Sympathy of the church family is extended to the family of Tom Whisman, to Joyce Underhill on the death of her sister, and to Karen Isaacs on the death of her father.*

## Our Record

### Sunday, October 2, 2011

Gifts Provided on 10/02/2011 \$31,296.73  
(weekly need \$21,748)

Designated  
Compassion \$10.56  
Benevolent \$25.00  
World Missions Offering \$3,152.00  
**Total Receipts \$34,484.29**

**Total Budget Receipts \$875,518.92**  
(total needs to date \$869,920)

**World Missions Offering**  
Goal \$110,000.00  
Receipts to date \$65,494.43

### Land Acquisitions, Construction and Improvements

Gifts Provided 10/02/2011) \$900.00  
Balance to date \$124,498.52

## Attendance

### Sunday, October 2, 2011

8:30 Worship 377  
11:00 Worship 157  
6:15 pm The Bridge Worship 310

**Combined Worship Total 844**

Sunday School 483

### Our Known Hospitalized (as of 10/4/2011)

Thelma Warford - MCCH  
Margaret Wilkins - MCCH  
Debbie Settle (Mrs. John) - MCCH

# Mark your calendar

## Sunday 10/9

Worship	8:30 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Bible Walk	4:30 pm
The Bridge	6:15 pm
Bridge Kids	6:15 pm
Ministry of Motherhood	7:30 pm
Prayer Night	

## Tuesday 10/11

Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
<i>The Inheritance</i>	

## Wednesday 10/12

Ladies Bible Study	9:00 am
<i>SEED</i>	
Prayer Meeting	6:15 pm
Student Worship Service	6:15 pm
Sanctuary Choir	7:30 pm

## Thursday 10/13

Women's Bible Study	9:30 am
<i>The Inheritance</i>	
Home Ministry Visitation	2:00 pm
Louella Beddoe Group	7:00 pm

## Friday 10/14

Women's Bible Study	10:00 am
<i>Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering</i>	



There will be no Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, October 12 . Fellowship supper will resume October 19.

There will be no Children's Choirs on October 12 or October 19. Children's Choirs will resume on October 26.

**Needline Item for October** – toilet tissue. Collection boxes are located in the Welcome Center.



**Operation Christmas Child** will be here before we know it. Kick-off for this event will be in mid-October.

Start now by saving shoe boxes and purchasing items to fill the boxes.

*Dwaine and Margot McIntosh invite you to celebrate Kent's 30th birthday Thursday, October 13 4 to 8 pm 225 King Richard Drive*

A thank you note has been received from the Murray Tiger Football team for the meal FBC provided on September 30.

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## Serving Sunday, October 9, 2011

**October Van Driver: Tom Jonas - 293-3771**

**8:30 a.m. Worship: Tim Fortner, Deacon of the Week (761-5394)**

**11:00 a.m. Worship: Paul Lyons, Deacon of the Week (753-5387)**

**Kids First Volunteers:**

**Kids First Volunteer for 11:00 am service - Tina Myers**