

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 John Gorse, Ronda Brown, or Lisa Muser 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.



September

- Margie Bishop, Denise Willoughby.....1
- Hayden Bennett, Jill Brumbaugh, Lisa Muser.....3
- Debbie Handrahan.....4
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- 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, Kim Emmons.....27
- Ed Maness.....28
- Cindy Stack.....29

God Bless You on Your Birthday!

Coming In September

- Fellowship Breakfast.....1
- No EVENING SERVICE.....1
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- Kidz Kollege & Adult Bible Study Resume.....4
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- Ladies Retreat at Camp Sallateeska.....6-7
- MINISTER APPRECIATION DAY**.....8
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- W.M.U. Meeting.....14
- Deacon's Meeting (5:00 pm).....15
- Business Meeting.....15
- Kidz Kollege Walk-A-Thon.....18
- Jackie Smithhart Wedding.....28

Welcome Our Newest Members

Marjorie (Margie) McBride
Deborah (Deb) Hahn

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 and pumpkins are growing. September is a month of **New Beginnings**. We begin our new Church and Sunday School year September 1st.

The weather begins to moderate and the leaves begin to change color. Wow! I enjoy September.

Speaking of New Beginnings—Kidz Kollege, Adult Bible Study, and Choir rehearsal all will resume on Wednesday, September 4th. 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.

Sunday night worship will also resume on Sunday, September 8th. Rich Townsend has scheduled a movie night for **Breakthrough**, the inspiring story of the boy from St. Charles who fell through the ice, and God spared his life. Invite someone to see an excellent movie—don't miss it.

Our State Mission Offering is in September. The theme this year is *God loves a cheerful giver*. We will share more information as the month progresses, but please pray about what God would lead you to give for important Missouri ministries. We will distribute a prayer guide later this month, and offering envelopes will be available.

Minister Appreciation Sunday is September 8th. That is a new event on our calendar that you won't want to miss! Thanks to Lisa Muser for leading it.

Please note our **Quarterly Business Meeting** is Sunday evening, September 15th. Two items on the agenda are especially important. First, the Nominating Committee will present their report of officers and committees for the coming year. Many members use their spiritual gifts in many ways at FBC. What is your **ministry** at FBC? Second, the Vision Committee will present a report to the Church. I appreciate the work they are doing.

An October event is the FBCO Harvest Festival, on Saturday, October 5th. This annual event will be fun for everyone, and is a wonderful outreach opportunity to our community. Lisa Muser and John Gorse are coordinating this year's festival. Once again, we will have many activities, great food and fun for the entire family. **But we do need volunteers to make it work.** You can sign up in either foyer.

Another October event is our 60th Anniversary. Sunday, October 20th, we will pause to celebrate the family of God at First Baptist, Oakville, and the heritage that defines our Church. We have invited Tim Richards back to preach that morning, and we will have a dinner after Church. Please mark it on your calendar.

I am genuinely grateful to all of you who had a picture made for our Anniversary Directory. The response was outstanding, and the directory will be a valuable milestone in the history of First Baptist Church of Oakville. God has truly blessed our Church in countless ways through the years, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for the next chapter of our walk with Him.

Gratefully Your Pastor

Pastor John

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GWEN'S Gallery

The Rancher's Legacy by Jessica Keller

His inheritance brings him home . . . but will love convince him to stay at **Red Dog Ranch?**

Returning home isn't part of Rhett Jarrett's plan—until he inherits the family ranch from his father. Running it won't be easy with his ranch assistant and childhood friend, Macy Howell, challenging all his decisions. But a long-buried family secret might help Rhett begin to see things Macy's way . . . and allow them to find love—and home—together at last.

Thank you, Ann Gorse, for your donation of The Rancher's Legacy.

The Loyal One by Shelley Shepard Gray

When Katie Steury hires Harley Lambright to remodel her run-down house into a bed-and-breakfast, she does so with trepidation. Though they are longtime friends, they've recently had a rocky relationship, thanks to her being partly responsible for his latest breakup. But while they may not always get along, she needs someone to trust with her secrets, and Harley is nothing if not trustworthy.

Katie has always reminded Harley of a bright hummingbird—she moves a mile a minute, and she possesses a very sharp beak. He's hesitant to accept the job because of his history with Katie. But when he realizes that Katie's been hiding her mother's hoarding, he agrees to help because it's clear she needs someone on her side.

Both soon discover that clearing the debris in an old house can lead to some cleanup in their lives, too. As the house gets a second chance, so does their relationship. Now all they have to do is open their hearts—and pray that their new bond will stand the test of time.



Kidz Kollege

**RESUMES WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4th, 6:30 p.m.**

School is back in session, and that includes Kidz Kollege! We kick off the 2019/20 school year on Wednesday, September 4th, 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

All kids, 4 years old through 5th grade are invited. There is no tuition, pre-registration, minimum grade point average or SAT Score of this Kollege - JUST COME!!

There's Bible story time, crafts, games, singing, snacks, and lots of other fun stuff. Every Wednesday, 6:30 -8:00 P.M. JUST COME !!

Ed & Pauline Maness

Kidz Praise . . . Children In Action

We finally finished our four month discussion of the quest to grow closer to God.

In September, we are going to be learning about Proverbs. There is a ton of great material that we can apply to our lives. We can't wait to dive in.

Also in September, we are saying good bye to our 6th graders as they move into Youth group and hello to our Kindergardeners!

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

Cyndi Harmon



NOTE:
Choir practice resumes
Wednesday, September 4th, at 7:45 pm.



Greetings, Everyone

September is here and with it, as Americans, we celebrate the **Labor Day** Holiday weekend. You may ask how did the **Labor Day** Holiday come about?

As with many customs and holidays, there is a dispute as to who actually started observance of the holiday. Some say it was the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners headed by a man named Peter J McGuire. Others say it was the Machinist Union, headed by Matthew Maguire (no relation to Peter J McGuire) that proposed the first **Labor Day**.

Despite the dispute these are the indisputable key take aways about **Labor Day** that I found in my research. **Labor Day** is a national Holiday that is observed in America on the first Monday of September. **Labor Day** is observed to celebrate the contributions of organized labor and workers to the prosperity of the US economy.

The first Labor Day celebration was held on September 5, 1882 in New York City; but the first state to adopt a **Labor Day** Law as a holiday was Oregon on February 21, 1887. The United States Congress declared **Labor Day** a Federal Holiday on June 28, 1894. Along with the day's historical significance, Americans tend to think of the holiday as the "official end of Summer".

With the end of summer, that means God's Choir at Oakville needs to get back to work. I would like to invite all choir members to our first Fall practice on Wednesday September 4th, at 7:45. I would also like to invite anyone else to join the choir, as we are always looking for new members in our desire to worship and praise God with our music. Please come be a part of the choir, as I know you will receive a blessing for doing so. Hope you all had a great **Labor Day**, and let's all continue God's Work at Oakville.

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

John Gorse



**Remembering
September 11th**

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