

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



## FBCO Harvest Festival



**October 6<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 5 pm**

Invite your family and neighbors to join us for fun & fellowship.  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**  
 See 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.



## October

- 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, Delvin Tolcou.....21
- Harve Cornish, Jerry Smith,  
Norma McCleod.....22
- Larry Barker.....24
- Dan Outman.....26
- Joan Boxx.....28
- Jerry Williams.....29

**God Bless You on Your Birthday!**

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**NOTE:**  
**Sunday evenings in October**  
*A Matter of Life & Death*  
**Wednesday Evenings**  
*Philippians—Called to Joy*



## 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 also special at FBC, Oakville.

**Next Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> FBCO 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 7<sup>st</sup>,** we will observe the Lord's Supper. Also referred to as **Communion**, this memorial meal acknowledges our communion with our Heavenly Father, and with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord's Supper is always a blessing to observe and to share. I praise God for this ordinance, the sacrifice it symbolizes, and the faith it affirms.

**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. Boxes should be brought to the Church by **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Our goal is 150 boxes. We reached that goal last year, and we hope to again. 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 precious child.

**On Sunday afternoon, October 21<sup>st</sup>,** we will host a Child Abuse workshop, led by Patrice Mugg. Child Abuse is a cancer in our society that has infected schools, homes, and even churches. Patrice assists the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, and will lead this workshop, 3-5:30 pm. **Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children** is the name of the workshop, and Patrice will talk about how to recognize and respond to situations of child abuse, and how to be protective and redemptive in working with children. We urge **ALL** of our children's workers to attend, but the workshop is **FREE** to anyone who wants to attend.

**First Baptist Church of Oakville first met on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, we will observe our Church anniversary—59 years. Our choir will sing the praise cantata, **How Great is Our God**, as part of that celebration on that Sunday morning.

**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 is with the 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. Afterall, they have to try to work with me!!

**God Bless, Pastor John**

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## ***GWEN'S Gallery***

### ***The Hope Jar by Wanda E. Brunstetter***

What happens when making an elderly Amish couple very happy means going along with a lie that becomes more complex by the day?

Michelle Taylor is not who her new family in Lancaster County believes her to be. The Lapps were looking for their long lost granddaughter when they met Michelle and she assumed the identity of Sara Murray. Once homeless and hopeless, Michelle has come to love her new Amish friends and even considers the idea of romance among them.

Finding an old blue jar in the barn that is filled with slips of paper with handwritten thoughts, quotes, and prayers by an unknown author encourages Michelle's budding faith—but she also finds herself feeling convicted. How can she tell the truth without hurting the ones she has truly come to love?

### ***A Treacherous Mix by Lee Kathy Herman***

When 24-year-old Hawk Cummings wakes up by Beaver Lake at sunset, all he remembers is a vague dream about a spider spewing venom. Then he realizes that Kennedy—the beautiful young woman he has broken every vow to have an affair with—is gone. He rushes to her house only to find it completely empty. No furniture. No pictures. No sign that anyone ever lived there.

Ashamed and confused, Hawk decides not to report anything to the sheriff. When he finally tells his girlfriend about Kennedy, he still withholds part of the truth. But Hawk later learns that someone else in town knows what happened to his lover. He begins to fear for Kennedy's life—and his own.

This thrilling conclusion to the Ozark Mountain Trilogy will keep you riveted until the final page as it explores the consequences of mortal compromise.

## ***Kidz Kollege***

*Kidz Kollege* had a great walk-a-thon for Operation Christmas Child on September 26. 15 walkers earned over \$600 in pledges. In a few weeks, Kidz Kollege kids will go shopping to fill up *Operation Christmas Child* boxes for kids all over the world. *Kidz Kollege* is blessed to be able to contribute to our Operation Christmas Child Ministry.

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS:**

There will be NO Kidz Kollege on Halloween Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Instead, we're holding a special Kidz Kollege on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. All the Kidz Kollege Kids and their families as well as other kids and their families in our community will be invited for a trunk-or-treat, plus hot dogs and other goodies, plus tractor rides, all outdoors in the black, bewitching, ghostly autumn night. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

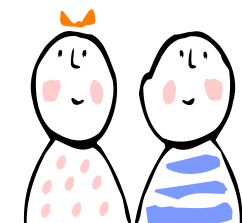
**PASS IT ON** - Kidz Kollege is for all kids 4 years old thru 5th grade on Wednesdays - JUST COME!

***Ed & Pauline Maness***

## ***Kidz Praise . . . Children In Action***

In October, Kid's Praise will be reading through some of the stories in The Jesus Storybook Bible. We will be connecting stories to our lives, and learning new ways to show God's love to others.

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

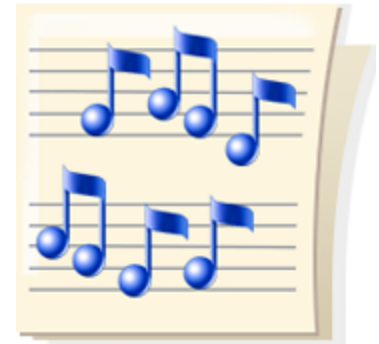


***Cyndi Harmon***



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

We are now working on our **Christmas** Cantata



Greetings Everyone,

Once again, it is *Harvest Festival* time, when we come together as a church family in outreach to our community in a family friendly way, providing a venue of fun activities for children and adults alike, and providing great food and music. *The Harvest Festival is Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>*, from noon until 5 p.m. All things are subject to change or additional items may be added, but the lineup currently includes a classic car show on the front parking lot, many younger children activities in the playground area, supervised by Ed and Pauline Maness, hayrides traversing the grounds of FBCO starting at the basketball court, a representative and exhibit from the Lewis and Clark State Historical Site, a bb gun and bow and arrow target shoot supervised by Mitch Norris, a tomahawk throw. There will be a stage on the basketball court for the music that will feature mostly homegrown talent of Brandon and Emily Cockrill, Ernie Downs, and Tim Schellhase. The food will be hamburgers and hotdogs, popcorn and snowcones and our signature grilled corn. It has the makings of a great outreach to the community but here's the catch. WE NEED YOU.

We need everyone to be a part and volunteer to work for the festival to be successful. The previous festivals have been well received and a success (with the exception of last years rain out) because of everyone working together and the great spirit of teamwork. Please sign up to work.

Also this month, Gods Choir at Oakville will be presenting the Worship cantata *How Great is Our God* during the Sunday morning worship time at 10:45 on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please come and bring a friend to experience the wonderful message in song. That Sunday is also our Church's 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

May God Send More Workers For The Harvest and I LOVE YOU ,

***John Gorse***



## **Opportunities for Ministry and Service**

**If interested in any of the following ministry opportunities:  
Promotions Committee, Recreation/Athletics Director, Summer VBS/Sports  
Camp Director, the Constitution Committee, the Building Committee**

**Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:  
Chairman Ed Maness, Steve Brown, Jim O'Shea, Gail Tolcou,  
Shelba Townsend, or Mark Vandiver.**