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WEEK-TO -WEEK AT FBC

**SUNDAYS:**

8:15am and 10:45am Worship  
 9:30am Sunday School

**WEDNESDAYS:**

5:15-6:00pm Dinner in CAC  
 5:45-6:20pm Preschool Choir  
 5:45-6:20pm Children's Choir  
 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study  
 6:30-8:00pm AWANA  
 6:30-8:00pm Uth Group  
 6:30-7:30pm Voice of Praise



**THIS WEEK:  
 JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3**

**TODAY**

State of the Church Address  
 Divorce Care 1:30pm  
 Fellowship 2:00-4:00pm

**MONDAY**

Staff Meeting 10:00am  
 UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

**TUESDAY**

UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

**WEDNESDAY**

Sharing Jesus 6:45pm

**THURSDAY**

Volunteers 1:00pm  
 Lydia's Sew-ers 2:00pm  
 UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm  
 College Bible Study 7:00pm

**FRIDAY**

No Scheduled Activities

**SATURDAY**

UPWARD Games 8:00am-5:00pm



**The Best 71 Hours of Your Life . . .**

If you're like I am (hopefully you're not), every time you get ready to focus on your spiritual life, there are at least ten million (hyperbole) things seeking to distract you. I'm exaggerating, but you get the picture. It's not easy to focus on spiritual growth, but if I've learned anything through the years it's this: I will never grow as a follower of Jesus unless I spend time systematically/consistently reading (or listening if you're unable to read) the Bible. I don't mean a verse before bedtime or a sentence in the morning; I mean taking some time to actually *read*.

Did you know (and this is an approximation) it takes only 71 hours to read the Bible through at a moderate rate *aloud*?

It takes 53 hours to read the Old Testament and only 18 hours to read the New Testament.

At the risk of sounding like a preacher (and I'm preaching to myself), is your walk with Jesus important enough to invest 71 hours reading His truth this year?

There are all kinds of different reading plans. I'm a pragmatist, so here's what I do. I take my Bible (a new ESV for this year) and simply divide the number of total pages to be read by 12. Genesis through Revelation is 1,252 pages in the Bible I'm using this year. All this means is for me to read the Bible through in one year, I need to read basically 105 pages per month. Now that's not hard, is it?

And what I'm telling you is that those 71 hours of reading will change your life.

Gotta go . . . I still have some reading to do . . .

*Pastor Ken*

### January Scripture

*You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.-Isaiah 26:3-4*

**Help Needed-** Would you like to help promote Operation Christmas Child? Periodic help is needed with this ministry throughout the year, which also includes sorting and organizing items for our boxes. If you are interested, please contact Naomi Messersmith or the church office. Thank you!

### Men's Tool-Time & Chili Cook-off

February 18 at 6:00pm in the Christian Activity Center

This is our biggest men's event of the year.

The night will begin with men and boys sharing tool demos, collections, and hobbies. Besides the tool display, we will enjoy a chili cook-off contest. Bring your best chili recipe. Soft drinks, cheeses, and crackers provided. After our fill of chili, we will enjoy dessert with 3 prizes to be awarded for the best dessert! Pamphlets with all the specifics available in the Fire-side Lobby.

#### TODAY'S NURSERY WORKERS:

8:15 combined: Angela Beasley

10:45 services:

Bed Babies: Angela Patterson, Deana Coats, and Kynera Wolpert

1 Year Room: Rebekah Ryzek and Madilyn Anderson

2 & 3 Year Room: Kasey Watson and Naomi Messersmith

#### NEXT WEEK'S WORKERS:

8:15 combined: Cheyenne Knese and Mariel Pencook

10:45 services:

Bed Babies: Pat Clark, Joyce Yardley, and Sarena Wilson

1 Year Room: Meredith Ewer and Cliff & Myrna Sue Wilson

2 & 3 Room: Kathe Lewis, Marissa Wilson, and Hannah Crain

#### Statistics: Week of January 21

#### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School.....360

Early Worship.....156

Morning Worship.....311

Children's Church.....34

Nursery.....18

Worship Total.....519

Tithes/Offering Received:

\$15,780.45

His Mission...Our Time:

\$2,700.00

The 2017 contribution statements are available and can be picked up in the church office during office hours and on Sunday mornings.

How do you start meaningful conversations about your relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you feel nervous about the thought of talking to others about your faith? In *Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out*, you'll learn how to incorporate Biblical stories into conversations with the people in your life. Join Don Hamlin as he leads this class Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm in room 104.

#### Wednesday's Dinner Menu: Breakfast for Dinner

#### OWLS Events

Thursday, February 15 we will leave the church at 10:30am to tour the Weston Silk Art Museum (no charge) in Weston, MO. We will return to the church after a dutch-treat lunch at the Tin Kitchen. For more information visit: [www.tin-kitchen.com](http://www.tin-kitchen.com) and [www.nationalsilkartmuseum.com](http://www.nationalsilkartmuseum.com).

The OWLS will enjoy a matinee performance of *Sister Act* at New Theatre Restaurant on June 13. A \$35 deposit is due to the office by February 12.

I want to thank my church family for the calls and prayers after the recent loss of my mother, Ruth Blacketer. Dan and I are so thankful to be a part of this church family.  
Millie Shaw

Ladies, Get Ready! Save the Date!  
Spring Retreat April 6-8, 2018  
Details Coming Soon!

Join the Haiti Mission Team Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00pm in the as they share pictures, stories, and experiences from their recent trip. Location listed in next week's bulletin.

With the possibility of inclement weather upon us, we want to make our church family aware that if we need to cancel any services we will post cancellations on the church website: [www. Kearneyfbc.com](http://www. Kearneyfbc.com) and also on local **KMBC Channel 9 news**.