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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:  
MARCH 11 -17**

**TODAY**

Serving at KCRM

Divorce Care 1:30pm

**MONDAY**

Staff Meeting 10:00am

UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

**TUESDAY**

UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

Committee Meetings 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY**

Women's Bible Study 6:30pm

GriefShare 6:30pm

Sharing Jesus 6:45pm

**THURSDAY**

Women's Bible Study 9:30am

Men's Third Thursday JJ's 11:30am

Volunteers 1:00pm

UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

College Bible Study 7:00pm

**FRIDAY**

No Scheduled Activities

**SATURDAY**

UPWARD Games 8:00am-5:00pm



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March 11, 2018

## All Good Things Must Come to an End

The above statement is both true and false. Let me unpack this. First, I debated about how to talk about this (without talking about this). It's a little too hard to actually *talk* right now. I don't want anybody to walk on eggshells around us, but you guys have been so good to us through the years that I have to pass this along so you can walk through this time *with* us. "All good things must come to an end." I know what the statement means but it's not exactly fully accurate. For the believer in Jesus, as "good" as this life might be, the "good" doesn't end; it just gets better. Good becomes great.

Our church family has been so encouraging and prayerful as we've dealt with my dad's health issues. Last Wednesday his doctor put him on hospice care and they've given him three to four weeks until he goes "home" (and I don't mean St. Louis ☺). So, I trust you'll understand if our emotions seem to be a little closer to the surface than usual. I want to do all I can to make my dad's last days the best they can be, so of course I want to spend more time with him.

I have been so fortunate to have had a great relationship with both my parents. They have always been my greatest cheerleaders. When I was a little boy I was my dad's shadow; wherever he went, I went. We went to the store together, to the gas station together, to the donut shop together, to pick up my mom together; you name it, we were *together*. And I'm so grateful for that time. We've watched countless baseball games together, had snowball fights, played with our dogs Rusty, Yum-Yum, and Kubbie (don't judge me for the names). We played catch so much I can't believe I don't have permanent arm damage. My dad was (and is) a great father and there will be a hole in my heart when he's gone . . . but only for a while. One day, I know we'll play catch again.

My dad came to faith in Christ when he was 53, so we'll be together in Heaven one day. Until then, I'm going to miss him greatly. It's so hard to think about saying goodbye. When I look at my dad now, I still see that six-foot-three-inch mountain of a man that I thought could do just about anything. Truth is, I still pretty much think he can. I've determined about the only thing my dad can't do now is take away the pain from my heart. But even that is better because I know there are no words left to say between us and I know where he's going when he dies. I just wish it wasn't right now.

"All good things must come to an end." True and false. It's not so much an ending as it is a temporary intermission. I'll see my dad again. I know it. God, in his kindness, gave my dad almost 90 years on Planet Earth. And God, in his kindness, has given my dad eternity in Heaven. So here's the good news friends . . . all good things don't have to come to an end.

*"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am there you may be also" -Jesus in John 14:3 (ESV)*

*Pastor Ken*

A new young adult Sunday School has started taught by Travis & Clara Black and Isaac & Teresa Keeler. This class meets in room 304 during the 9:30am Sunday School hour.

This Saturday, March 17, another great year of UPWARD Basketball & Cheerleading will come to a close. Thank you to so many of our First Family members for making this outreach possible. Through your support of scholarships and faithful prayer, we have had the opportunity to reach hundreds in our community with the Gospel. You are invited to attend the UPWARD Closing Celebration next Sunday, March 18. The evening will begin at 5:45 and end by 7:00pm in the CAC. Thank you again,  
Your UPWARD Leadership Team & Volunteers

Join Russ Hemphill, Blacklight Chalk Artist and a member of our own First Family, at The Falls on March 25 from 6:00-7:00pm. Russ will perform a presentation of chalk drawing with music and song. The message of love and hope in Christ is portrayed with art and music. A ministry used to glorify God and to show His love and beauty!

**TODAY'S NURSERY WORKERS:**

8:15 combined: Angela Beasley  
10:45 services:  
Bed Babies: Angela Patterson, Sarena Rennison, and Hannah Crain  
1 Year Room: Rebekah Ryczek and Marissa Wilson  
2 & 3 Year Room: Kasey Watson and Cliff & Myrna Sue Wilson

**NEXT WEEK'S WORKERS:**

8:15 combined: Angela Beasley  
10:45 services:  
Bed Babies: Angela Patterson, Joyce Yardley, and Kynera Wolpert  
1 Year Room: Rebekah Ryczek and Avery McNutt  
2 & 3 Room: Kasey Watson and Sue Gallamore

**Statistics:  
Week of March 4**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday School.....406  
Early Worship.....160  
Morning Worship.....390  
Children's Church.....48  
Nursery.....30  
Worship Total.....628

**Tithes/Offering Received:**

\$21,542.83  
His Mission...Our Time:  
\$5,173.00  
Annie Armstrong (to date)  
\$60.00

**OWLS Events**

May 3-5, we will travel to Pella, Iowa for the Tulip Festival and visit the Amana Colonies. The trip will cost approximately \$200 with a **\$75 deposit due today**. (balance due by April 30).

Monday, March 19 we will leave the church at 8:45am to tour the Steamboat Arabia in the KC River Market. Admission is \$14.50 and we will enjoy a dutch-treat lunch before returning to the church.

**Operation Christmas Child - March Items of the Month**

\*Washcloths \*Toothbrushes (no toothpaste)  
\*Combs \*Lip Balm \*Compact Mirrors  
Donations may be dropped off in the red OCC collection containers or in the church office. Thank you!

**Wednesday's Dinner Menu:**

King Ranch Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, & Dessert

A warm welcome to new members Ray & Angie Napper and Cheyenne Wells. If you haven't already had the opportunity, introduce yourself to our newest First Family members.

**March Scripture**

*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud. Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness. Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly. The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious and adds persuasiveness to his lips. Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. ~Proverbs 16:18-24*