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# **SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY**

Life Groups 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am Kids Worship 11:00 am

### WEDNESDAY

Children's Music 5:50 pm Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Kairos Student Worship 6:30 pm Awana (age 3 to 5th grade) 6:30 pm Orchestra Rehearsal 6:45 pm

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# From the Pastor

ver a decade ago, George Barna made this comment concerning the importance of church leadership: "I have reached several conclusions regarding the future of the Christian Church in America. The central conclusion is that the American church is dying due to a lack of strong leadership. In this time of unprecedented opportunity and plentiful resources, the church is actually losing influence. The primary reason is the lack of leadership. Nothing is more important than leadership."

Though it may be an exaggeration to suggest nothing is more important than leadership, Barna's correlation of church leadership to church health and church growth is reasonable. The church will experience her success, or lack thereof, through the hands of capable, godly, and God-fearing leaders. You

would be hard-pressed to find a movement of God (large or small) where He did not use a great leader as the conduit by which He moved and stirred the hearts of His people.

As an example, let's look at many of our ministry teams and leaders here at FBCO. From my seat each week, I get to watch our deacons praying with folks in the hospital. I see men and women making door to door evangelism visits. There is a tremendous group of Life Group teachers helping to explain the truth of Scripture. I see an outstanding AWANA ministry pour into the lives of our children. There are so many who use their gifts, strengths, abilities, and talents to help strengthen God's Church and grow God's Kingdom. Though it is possible each of these leaders' influence will never be recorded in a history book, it is scarcely possible that it won't be felt in eternity.

"The church will experience her success, or lack thereof, through the hands of capable, godly, and God-fearing leaders."

There are so many tremendous leaders across First Baptist O'Fallon. However, we need more! There are opportunities for leadership in our technical arts ministry, children's department, ministry teams, and in our Mission O'Fallon ministry. Across the church, we are praying for more leaders. Would you pray about the leadership role you may be able to take on? Will you begin now, asking God to make you the leader He desires you to be in 2019?



## Lee Sanders, Associate Pastor of Education



20/20 Vision
Praying,
Planning,
& Positioning
for God's Blessing

At the close of each year, I enjoy investing a little time in two personal traditions. The first tradition is looking back to the events, headlines, and personalities that influenced my life over the last twelve months. The second tradition is looking ahead to the opportunities, relationships, and priorities that will require my commitment and lead to God's blessing in the coming year. This is also a valuable exercise in the life of our congregation.

Paying off the church debt, out-giving our church budget, increasing our ministerial staff, seeing increases in baptisms and attendance, and welcoming many guests and former members into the family at First Baptist are all reminders of how God has been at work in our midst and blessing us. It is equally important to prayerfully plan, sacrificially prepare and humbly position ourselves for God to continue to work in our midst, guiding, guarding and growing His people.

1 Kings 4 teaches a simple, yet pro-

found truth concerning God's blessing. A poor widow came to the prophet Elisha, urgently expressing her desperation. Elisha told her to bring her last, small cup of oil and to gather all the empty containers that she could find. Miraculously, God provided enough oil from that small cup to fill all the containers of her home, in addition to those she borrowed from her neighbors. The oil continued to flow as long as she provided containers. When she ran out of containers, God stopped the blessing of the oil.

I believe as long as we strive to strengthen God's church by prayerfully preparing leaders and sacrificially providing space, God will continue to grow and bless our congregation. I also believe if we become content in our wellbeing or more concerned with our own convenience than reaching the lost in our community, God will stop the blessing and growth.

Let us be a people of double vision, gratefully looking back to celebrate what God has done, eagerly looking ahead to serve the Lord and share the gospel. Walk in Victory!





The church, though under the ultimate leadership of Jesus Christ, is guided by the many gifted men and women who have been called by God to serve the body of Christ, both vocationally and voluntarily. Most organizations have one leader at the top, a first chair leader, who focuses on advancing the overall mission and vision. But, the overwhelming majority of leaders in the church are called to be second chair leaders or people "in a subordinate role whose influence with others adds value throughout the organization" (Patterson, Leading From the Second Chair, 2).

Looking back on my last twelve years of ministry, God placed me in a first-chair leadership role as a senior pastor and second chair leadership roles as an assistant professor and associate pastor. Through these experiences, God confirmed His calling on my life as a second-chair leader. He has uniquely gifted me to work under the direction of another leader to advance His kingdom. As a second-chair leader, I must view every situation through the lens of the first-chair leader. It is important to keep the overall needs of the church in mind with every decision I make. If I attempt to do my own thing or go my own way, I may be effective in

advancing the mission of my specific area within the church, but I may also hinder the advancement of the church's mission at-large.

This quarter, I challenge you to pray about how you can add value to the church in 2019. The overwhelming majority of church members will never be in a first chair leadership position, but this does not negate the responsibility and opportunity for every member to lead. Maybe you are like me, uniquely gifted by God to lead under the direction of another. If so, I encourage you to step out in faith and talk to your Life Group leader or one of the pastoral staff. Ask how you can

plug in and serve the body of Christ. We need every believer to take ownership within the body of Christ in 2019 so we can reach as many people as possible with the gospel. Will you join us in this mission?



Dr. Brandon Kiesling, Associate Pastor of Young Adults

February 17, 2019



### Brandon Winkler, Student Minister



Years ago, fresh out of high school and young in ministry, my youth pastor told me, "Brandon, as a leader in the church, people will be watching you. Make sure you set a good example." This was good and valid advice for 18-year-old me

who had a lot of growing up to do (and still does). The truth is, you're not just a leader if you work in the church. All of us lead in some capacity. We lead our spouses, children, siblings, friends, and co-workers. It is important for leaders to remember our decisions don't just affect our lives but the lives of others as well. As people of influence, leaders need to use their roles to point others to Christ rather than away from Him. We who have been saved by the grace of Jesus have been given a new identity; sons and daughters of God! It's important for us to act from this identity! 1 Peter 2:9 is a great reminder to us that in Christ -- and as leaders -- we should live to proclaim Him! Remember, somebody is always watching, and you have a great opportunity to set an example and point others to Jesus.



# Getting to Know...Andrew Scheltens, Children's Minister



BCO welcomed Andrew Scheltens on its staff as the new Children's Minister serving families and their children from infancy through elementary age. Andrew leads a great team of children's ministry staff and volunteers. His goal for children's ministry is to equip leaders to share God's word and Jesus' love with every child who comes to a Life Group, to Kids Life Worship,

Awana, VBS and all events throughout the year. A foundation for Andrew's ministry is an understanding that children aren't the church of tomorrow but the church of today. It is vitally important that we teach them to accept Christ and follow Him with their lives now.

Andrew is married to Jessica, who is truly his partner in ministry. The Scheltens have seven children:

Jessalynn, A.J., Andreanna, Trina, Addelyn, Jay, and Titus.

Andrew graduated from Hyles-Anderson College, Crown Point, Indiana, in 2001 with a bachelor of science degree in pastoral theology. After serving on the staff at a Christian college for seven years, he and his family (with three kids at the time) moved to Ghana, West Africa, to plant a church, where he had his first role in children's ministry. Since that time, Andrew has served in churches in Hammond, Indiana, and Griffith, Indiana, as a minister to children. He enjoys outreach in the local schools and community, finding this as a key to growing the children's ministry in churches. In addition, he enjoys implementing programs to meet the needs of families.

Andrew's life verse is Matthew 18:3: "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Andrew enjoys riding his bike, reading, taking Jessica to Broadway musicals, and watching movies with his family. Favorite movies include The Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, the Lego movies, Pixar films, The Greatest Showman, and action films.

By: Vonda Westmoreland

# **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: 5:50 PM AWANA: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

# **CAMP DEPOSITS**

DUE FEBRUARY 10

# **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

RENAUD SPIRIT CENTER
MARCH 17





hurch, as the Bible describes it, is a family. With so many ministries and possibilities for service, it is impossible for one person to do everything. That's why it's extremely important for



each person to take his or her proper role in the body of Christ. Not everybody can be a foot, hand, eye or ear, but we can be exactly who God has designed us to be for the body.

I'd like to point out some wonderful leaders that help with our children's choirs. I can't think of anything more important than investing in the lives of children and teaching important truths to them about what it means to worship. Our leaders' desire is not to teach kids to be cute or put on a show but to demonstrate worship leadership. Teaching these vital truths to our children at an early age will help them establish a pattern of worship that results in a lifestyle dedicated to giving their lives to Christ daily.

Our awesome, dedicated, children's workers and volunteers lead focused and fun rehearsals as well as work with me to plan events for the kids to sing and lead our church family.

The ultimate goal for me is making our worship service more representative of our church body. That means our church family will be led in worship by children, students, college students, adults, and senior adults. Having an environment that constantly empowers the next generation is an exciting and healthy place to be.

## Brandon Tucker, FBC Academy Principal



Throughout my years as a Christian leader, God taught me much through my routine reading of Nehemiah.

Nehemiah's life and work reveal that successful leadership is about praying, completing simple tasks with

sincerity, as well as quality, and consistency. We must call others to do the same.

Rebuilding Jerusalem involved godly leadership and the faithful work of many doing their part of the work. We read about priests, immigrants, perfumers, sons of mayors and governors, daughters of a mayor, temple servants, goldsmiths, and merchants all directly engaged in the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall. What a team! I envision their proud hands scuffed by stones and dried through handling mortar, and these are my heroes. In later passages, we read about priests publicly teaching God's word, the people returning to their relationships with God, and even families relocating to repopulate Jerusalem. This is a great account of what God can accomplish through His leaders and all His people working together.

I thank God for each person He is similarly using to accomplish the work here at FBCO and the ministry of the Academy. We are involved in a rebuilding work at FBCA, and I am excited about all God is doing through His people. We must make sure we are all leading well and finding our places of service on the team. It will take His blessing and all of us mixing some mortar, lifting stones, and rebuilding our assigned sections.



# January



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

#### 1-4

#### **Passion Conference**

Annual College ministry trip to Atlanta

#### 5

#### Senior Adult Luncheon

Monthly first Saturday meal and fellowship

### 11

#### College & Career Game Night

Games, food, & fun for our college and career ministry

#### 12

#### Men's Breakfast

Breakfast and fellowship

#### 19-20

#### KSM Senior Trip

Student Ministry trip for our senior class

#### 20

#### **Team Orientation**

Orientation for our ministry and administrative teams

### 20

#### GriefShare & DivorceCare

For those suffering from loss or divorce. Class one of multi-week series.

### 27

#### Student & Parent Lunch

Kairos Student Ministries informational luncheon

### 27

# Financial Peace University & Conquer Series

Personal finance class and men's purity class. Class one of multi-week series.

### 27

### Family Conference

Quarterly meeting to review church business

### 31

#### Women's Bible Study Begins

Two studies and time options to choose from

# February

#### 2

#### Senior Adult Luncheon

Monthly first Saturday meal and fellowship

### 3

### Superbowl Parties

Students, College & Career

#### 14

### Valentine's Day

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

#### 17

#### Trivia Night

Team trivia extravaganza benefitting Global Missions

#### 18

#### Presidents' Day

Church office and Academy closed for this national holiday

# March

#### 1 - 3

#### Student Disciple Now

Annual weekend conference for students hosted by FBCO

### 2

### Senior Adult Luncheon

Monthly first Saturday meal and fellowship

#### 9

#### Men's Breakfast

Breakfast and fellowship

### 10

Daylight Savings Time Spring forward!

### 17

### Family Fun at Renaud

A night of fun and fellowship at Renaud Spirit Center 5:00 -8:30 pm



#### 22

#### Senior Adult Trip

Missouri Baptist University Senior Adult Day

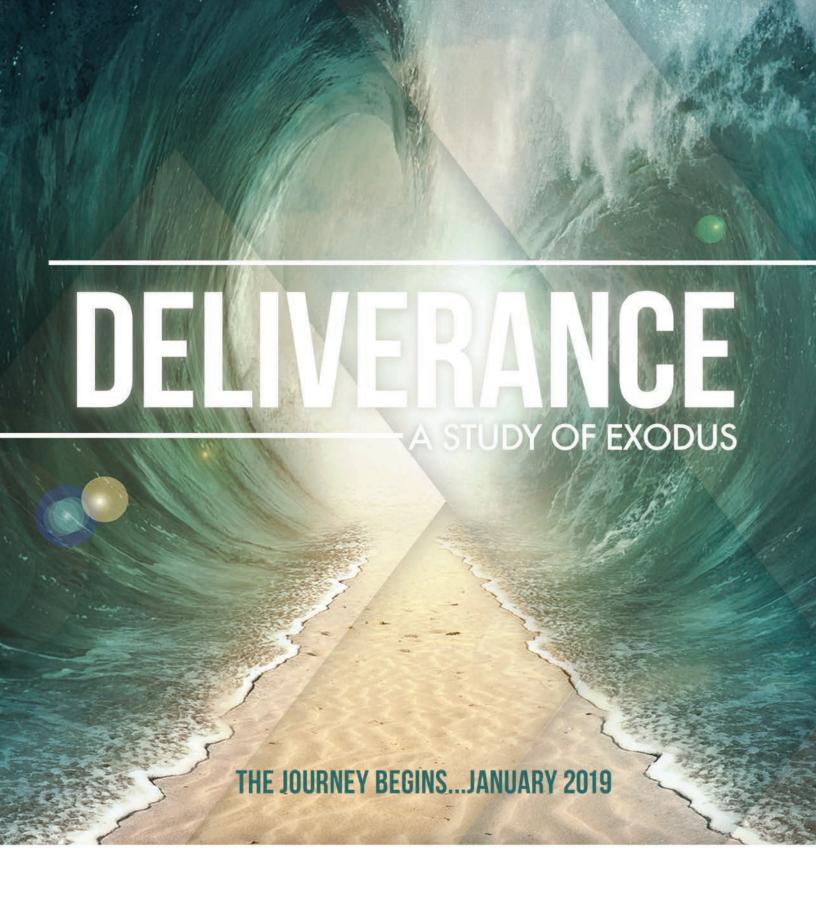
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#### Academy Celebration Service

Annual Worship service featuring our Academy students and staff



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