

# First Baptist Church

## Schedule Times

### Sunday

9 am: Sunday School

10 am: Worship

5:30 pm: Sunday Night  
Classes

6 pm: Evening Worship

7 pm: Cantata Practice

### Wednesday

7 pm: Bible Studies  
(All Ages)

### Friday

7 pm: Lighthouse

## Upcoming Events

Jews for Jesus Mar 7

Week of Prayer Mar 7-13

Team Impact Mar 13

FBC O'Fallon

Youth Lead Mar 14

Sunday

Breakfast for Mar 14

Lunch

3-on-3 B-Ball Mar 20

Youth Tourney

Building Debt Mar 21

Offering

Discipleship Now Mar 26-27

Weekend

GPS Outreach Mar 28

# First Baptist Church

March 2010

# Jesus in the Passover



## Micah Cohen

### March 7<sup>th</sup> - Morning Worship



## Pastor's Pen

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE. They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE. The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it." LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND TO CARVE YOUR BLESSINGS IN STONE.

We do things to mark major events in our lives so that we can remember the events more clearly. The Israelites remembered the night the Death Angel passed over their homes in Egypt just before they left for the Promised Land. Their marker is called the Passover and they share a meal (Seder) together in their homes each year. Every part of the meal has tremendous significance not only for the Jews but also for Christians. On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he celebrated the Passover Seder with his disciples. We call it the Last Supper or the Lord's Supper. I hope that you will be here on March 7<sup>th</sup> as Micah Cohen (missionary from Jews for Jesus) explains the rich meaning behind each of the elements of the Passover Seder and how it relates to our Lord's Supper.

I hope that you will also participate in the upcoming outreach for our community this spring, the "Find It Here" campaign. I need volunteers to be willing to walk or drive along the streets of Ramsey and pray for the people living on each street. I also need volunteers to hang bags (with information about our church and an invitation to come to our church on Easter Sunday) on each door in Ramsey. I have 500 bags to be distributed. I need about 30 minutes of your time on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> right after the morning service to go hang the bags. Let's make a mark on our community.

## EASTER CANTATA

Several churches in the area are working on an Easter Cantata to be presented at our church on Sunday evening, March 28th, at 7 pm and on Good Friday, April 2nd, at 7 pm.

### ***Week of Prayer***

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions is March 7th - 14th. There will be a brochure in the bulletins on March 7th listing some of the missionaries and their prayer concerns.

### ***Special Offering for Building Debt***

On Sunday March 21st, we will take up a special offering to reduce the debt of our new building. Please pray now asking God what you should give.



### **FIND IT HERE CAMPAIGN**

Our church will be participating in this outreach ministry. We ask that you begin to pray for our community and where God would have you serve Him in this ministry. We will go out into our community and put a bag on each door after the morning service, Sunday, March 28th. For more info go to [www.FindItHere.com](http://www.FindItHere.com) or [www.GPS2020.net](http://www.GPS2020.net).

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 13th.

*"To Know  
Christ  
And  
To Make  
Him Known"*

# Breakfast for Lunch

The youth will prepare breakfast food to be served at noon on Sunday, March 14th. Please support the youth with your donations.

## Youth Sunday

The youth are preparing for Youth Sunday which will be held on March 14th. The youth will be in charge of the morning service. Pray for them as they lead us in worship and in song, and come expecting a blessing.

## Host Homes Needed

We are going to be hosting a Discipleship Now Weekend on March 26-27, and we are needing your help again this year. We need help from you by opening up your home on Friday night (March 26th) to a group of youth and an adult. What we need from you is to pick up the youth at the church on Friday night, have a place on the floor for them to sleep, and then drop them off at the church on Saturday morning for breakfast. If you are interested, please sign up on the

No Lighthouse on Friday, March 26th due to D-Now Weekend

# FREE TICKETS

“Team Impact” is a group of ex-football players, wrestlers, and body builders who put on a show displaying their strength. First Baptist Church of O’Fallon is sponsoring this event on March 10-14 at 7 pm nightly. Free tickets are available for anyone. See Luke for your free tickets. Go to [www.fbcofallon.org/teamimpact](http://www.fbcofallon.org/teamimpact) for more information.

## Senior Adults

The senior adults will meet on Tuesday, March 16th, for their monthly get-together. More information can be found in the Senior Men’s Sunday School classroom.

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney

Saturday, March 20th  
8:00 am  
7-12 grades

# Team Impact

On Saturday, March 13th, the youth will be going to First Baptist Church of O’Fallon to see Team Impact. We will leave the church at 5 pm

## Basketball Open Gym

We will have Open Gym each Thursday evening at 7 pm for the men to play basketball. This is open to all men who want to play basketball and get some much needed exercise at the same time. Come join in.

## Ladies' Volleyball

Each Monday night at 6 pm, the ladies comes together and play volleyball. All ladies are invited to play.

## Vote for Newsletter Name

Your suggestions have been narrowed down for the name of our newsletter. Cut out the ballot below, vote for your choice, and put it in the box on the magazine table in the foyer by March 7th. Only one vote per person, please. May the best name win.



- The Link
- The Navigator
- The Connection
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(Write In)

March, 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 9:00 am Sun. School 10:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Worship	<u>1</u>  Ladies' Volleyball 6 pm	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> TeamKids 7pm On Purpose/FUEL 7pm Bible Study/Prayer 7pm	<u>4</u>  Open Gym 7pm	<u>5</u>  Lighthouse 7 pm	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> Jews for Jesus Speaker A.M. World Changers—\$60 Due  Deacons Mtg. 4 pm Classes 5:30 pm Worship/SNAG 6 pm Cantata Practice 7 pm	<u>8</u>  Ladies' Volleyball 6 pm	<u>9</u>  Week Of Prayer	<u>10</u>  For Home  Business Meeting-7pm	<u>11</u>  Missions	<u>12</u>  Lighthouse 7 pm	<u>13</u>  Team Impact FBC O'Fallon - 5 pm
<u>14</u> Daylight Savings Time  Youth Sunday Breakfast for Lunch—noon Classes 5:30 pm Worship/SNAG 6 pm Cantata Practice 7 pm	<u>15</u>  Ladies' Volleyball 6 pm	<u>16</u>  Senior Adults	<u>17</u> Praise Band Practice— 5:30 pm TeamKids 7pm On Purpose/FUEL 7pm Bible Study/Prayer 7pm	<u>18</u>  Open Gym 7pm	<u>19</u>  Lighthouse 7pm	<u>20</u>  3 on 3 Basketball Tourney for Youth—8 am
<u>21</u> Praise Band - AM Spec. Offering Bldg. Debt Nominating Comm. 5 pm Classes 5:30 pm Worship/SNAG 6 pm Cantata Practice 7 pm	<u>22</u>  Ladies' Volleyball 6 pm	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>  TeamKids 7pm On Purpose/FUEL 7pm Bible Study/Prayer 7pm	<u>25</u>  Open Gym 7pm	<u>26</u>  D-Now No Lighthouse	<u>27</u> Weekend
<u>28</u> GPS After Morning Worship Classes 5:30 pm Worship/SNAG 6 pm Cantata Practice 7 pm	<u>29</u>  Ladies' Volleyball 6 pm	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> TeamKids 7 pm On Purpose/FUEL 7 pm Bible Study/Prayer 7 pm			

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