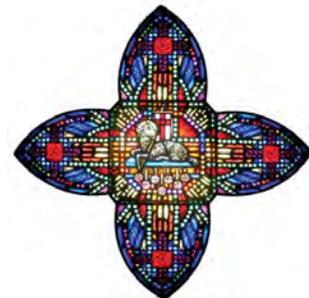


# Third Base

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In the City for Good



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## This Month's Sermon Topics

**July 7**

*Who Needs a Hero?*  
2 Kings 5:1-15a  
Rev. Leslie Limbaugh

**July 14**

*Who are You  
To Judge Me?*

**July 21**

*Accountability  
and Consequences*

**July 28**

Adam Banks

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## Trust and Training

This past month, many of us have had the chance to attend Circus Flora, a one ring, old fashioned European-style circus that occupies a parking lot across the street from us. In my 8 years at Third, I had never attended, until this year.

Under the big tent, I felt like a kid again. There were wonderfully coy and poignant clowns and acrobats, there were trained animals, dogs and horses and even goats. And of course, this circus did not disappoint those of us who enjoy a good “ooh and AAAH” with the high wire folks and the trapeze artists.

There was a company, perhaps a family, who effortlessly and with seeming ease flew through the air only to clasp a flying pole on two ropes in a synchronized air dance. There were of course moments of tension as one member released their grip and for a moment was suspended in midair. Only a few seconds later, they flew into the firm grasp of their waiting partner who was also swinging from one of those contraptions, all this done of course to great applause. Timing is everything.

And then, the Wallenda family was back, showing us how to literally walk a fine line with no visible support. My favorite part was the guy on the bike on the wire, who put a chair on his shoulders, only to be mounted by another person who made it to the chair – and then he did a handstand on the chair, on the shoulders of a man on a bike on a high wire. Yikes was the word that came out of me.

I wonder how they are able to do that – I thought. And the answer came back in two words, training and trust. I have no doubt that the ease with which they performed their acts came from many hours of discipline. They had honed their bodies, they were in great physical condition, they had designed every move, and then they rehearsed in session day after day for hours on end, to the point that very difficult moves appeared effortless to those below. All because of endless training.

But the second component is perhaps more important than the first – TRUST. Imagine the level of trust involved in climbing onto the shoulders of a partner who is on a bike on a wire. Imagine the level of trust necessary to have someone climb on the chair perched on your shoulders while you are trying to maintain balance on a bike on a high wire. The trust had to be reciprocal.



Pastor Hoffman

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## Good News: You Give and You Get

Leslie Limbaugh  
Minister of Students & Communication

We may even be ahead of Wal-Mart this year! On Sunday, July 28 we will officially kick off the Christmas giving season with a luncheon in Fellowship Hall sponsored by our Community Ministries Team. This is to express thanks for past generosity and service as well as to influence your giving and labor this year. Everyone is invited! The suggested "donation" for lunch is a bag of hygiene items as directed by the Women's Missionary Society. A brief program will get you in the spirit for one of our biggest ministries of the year. Although most of the volunteer work will happen December 19-21, your generous gifts NOW will help us determine how many families we can serve with Christ-

mas groceries and toys this year.

Speaking of special gifts, it was as if Santa himself had arrived at TBC by 18-wheeler on Friday, June 14. A truck driver for Tyson chicken was unable to deliver 30 cases of chicken tenders as expected. A second drop-off location also fell through. Finally his boss suggested he donate them to a church – and, "ho, ho, ho" – we were the blessed recipients. Since the very next day was monthly food pantry, we knew exactly what to do with most of it! We also sent a few boxes each to Father Dempsey's and to Food Outreach.

We give thanks to God for providing so many good gifts to us! We give thanks for opportunities to share with our neighbors – both in material ways and with the Good News of hope in Jesus.

May God's rich blessings continue to flow through us. Amen.

## FELIZ NAVIDAD!

The Community Ministry Team invites you to a "Christmas in July" luncheon on Sunday July 28th immediately following worship. Why? To kick off the collection of hygiene items to be distributed with the Christmas baskets in December! We are starting early. Committee members will be stationed at the sanctuary exits to hand out bags with lists of hygiene items (remember? - toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.) on Sundays July 14th and 21st. We ask that you please fill the bags and return them on **Sunday, July 28th**. We will celebrate your donations at the luncheon that day complete with Mexican food, a Christmas tree, music and a piñata for the children! Watch for reminders about this event and please join us for lunch after Church on **Sunday, July 28th**.

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And then, consider the intensity of trust involved as a trapeze artist moves from one trapeze bar to the next: she must leave the relative security of holding on to something solid, something that has her confidence, and keeps her from falling.

Then she must stretch out for the bar that is coming to her. In those milliseconds, which probably seem like an eternity, she is hanging there in mid-air, with nothing. She cannot go back to the security she has known. Nor can he speed the next trapeze bar to her. It is an act of faith.

The life of faith requires both training and trust. As the Apostle Paul said in Philippians 3, "I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on."

We train together in faith as God's people, the Company of Christ, so that we might live out our calling, an action that requires great trust. It is trust in God and trust in each other. And there is no net, only God's grace.

Life can be a real circus, so let's continue our training, trusting God all the way, and then press on.

*Pastor Warren*





A few years ago Third Baptist did a strategic plan that included adding support to our community around Third Baptist. One of the programs to be implemented was Jobs For Life. We wanted a program that would provide more than relief to those in need, but would give the people the resources to solve the need for themselves.

### What is Jobs For Life?

JFL training is distinct in its ability to equip an underutilized resource, churches and community-based organizations, in workforce development to improve employment outcomes for the unemployed, underemployed and working poor. By mobilizing this resource to provide focused training and support in basic workplace principles, JFL training accomplishes the following objectives:

- ◆ Employment rates increase among program participants
- ◆ Job retention rates increase among program graduates
- ◆ Students demonstrate measurable improvements in work-related skills, and increased confidence from experience and knowledge gained
- ◆ Students have identified or overcome the root causes that keep them from obtaining and retaining employment
- ◆ Students are connected to a community of support
- ◆ Students are seeking additional training or are plugged in to future opportunities

Starting in September the JFL program will be implemented. To find more information about Jobs For Life you can go the website: [www.jobsforlife.org](http://www.jobsforlife.org) I am looking for volunteers to help implement this much needed program in our community. For further information you can reach me at 618-806-8774.

In God's Love

*Sue Haverman*



### The Walk (Youth)

*Adam Banks,*  
Minister to Youth

It is almost time to head back to the greatest place on earth... KAA (Kids Across America). Last year we took nine youth and they had a ball. So much so that as we

were leaving, they were already making plans for the following year. Well guess what... It's finally here! June 30 through July 6, thirteen youth and three chaperones will enjoy a week full of fun activities, games, sports, and the presence of Christ in southwest Missouri.



The mentors are taking a break for the summer. I am not sure who enjoys this more, the students or the mentors! As much as we enjoy working with our kids, it is relaxing to take a few weeks and charge up for the New Year.

The last year has had many encouraging moments. Two of our new children came to us very shy and took a lot of coaching to get them to open up. At the holiday party in December neither one participated in the fun and activities. By the end-of-the-year party in May, they were laughing and getting right in the middle of wrapping Evelyn Kurtz and Linda Freiburghaus with wrapping paper, complete with bows!

Looking forward to next school year, we could use a few more mentors to spread the joy. Pray and think about joining the Kids Hope USA team at Third Baptist Church! We have a waiting list for students wanting to work with us. If you are interested in any way, contact me at [lsharpe@third-baptist.org](mailto:lsharpe@third-baptist.org) or 314-566-3992.

Lynda Sharpe,  
Director KHUSA



The Heshbone Sunday School class holds a farewell picnic at Tilles Park for the Townsend family as they prepare to move to Hawaii with the U.S. Navy.



## *Sympathy*

...to Willard Beason, family and friends of Ernestine Beason, who passed away at the age of 84 on June 16, 2013. The Beasons joined Third Baptist in 1974.



If you take photos at any church events or outings, will you please share them with the church office? You can email, drop off a disc, or actual photos. They will be used in preparing our year-end slide show.



## Looking Back...



Betty James, Church Historian

### 1923

July 1

The church voted unanimously to grant the use of our building to the Community Training School for Church School Workers for twenty-six weeks.

July 8

The Baptist World Alliance was organized in London in 1906 with Dr. John Clifford as its first president. The second session was held in Philadelphia in 1911 and our own Dr. Robert Stuart MacArthur was made president. The meeting on July 21-27 will be the third and will be the greatest in numbers... In 1815, there was not a Baptist church on the continent, though there were many in England; in 1850 there were 4,000 Baptist World Alliance members; in 1900 there were 220,000; in 1923 there are between two and three million.

July 22

A great many leaders in BWA in Europe were converted here in our country and went back home to tell the story... There is no difference between home and foreign missions. Let us evangelize the foreigners who come to our country. [Dr. J.S. Kirtley, acting pastor of Third, and Dr. John Herget attended the 1923 meeting in Stockholm.]

### 1933

July 8 -- Big Sunday School Picnic, Forest Park Grounds #1; July 15 -- Third Church Junior League Baseball game, Forest Park, Grounds #7 (also July 22 and 29); July 22 -- SS Picnic, Trinity Farm, 9200 St. Charles Rock Road; July 30 -- The Simmons Cowboy Quartet of Simmons University will give a musical program at the evening service.

### 1943

July 18

An elevator fund was established with the idea that by the end of the war we will have a sufficient amount, about \$15,000, to install the elevator at once.

A unanimous approval was recorded for the purchase of a sufficiently large Honor Roll to hold the names of men and women in service.

### 1953

July 5

The Pastor will be flying down to Rio to give an address at the Baptist Youth World Conference and will preach in one of the nearby churches on its Fiftieth Anniversary.

July 26

We are glad to have with us again this summer Mrs. Earl (Betty) Buck, who will be at the organ and working with the choir while Miss Carmichael is away.

### 1963

July 4

Those who are going to drive their car on vacation will be reminded of a highway sign reportedly outside Holly Springs, GA: Thirty days hath September, April, June, and November -- and any motorist who exceeds our speed limit."

July 25

On the July 14th evening service, the Rev. William Collins of the Antioch Baptist Church and his choir and some of his people worshipped with us. We had well over a thousand people in the sanctuary.

### 1973

July 11

The Music Committee announces that, effective August 1, 1973, Richard E. Phipps of the Oak Park Baptist Church will assume the position of Minister of Music at Third.

July 25

Authorization has been given by TBC to launch a preschool children's day care center... American Baptist Convention World Mission Fund will provide major subsidy during the first two years.

### 1983

July 6

Sing-a-Long #1 -- What a great time we will have together July 10th as we join in fellowship, fun, and inspiration... Of course, we will start out with pink lemonade and popcorn... Featured will be a witness by Al Frost, former coach of the Steamers and now coach at Missouri Baptist College, and Bill Sandback on the bagpipes.

July 27

Bold Mission Taiwan is a three year program to establish churches and strengthen existing ones. Dr. Ian Chapman and Mary Jo Crawford leave in September to help the Missouri Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

### 1993

Twenty-four persons have committed themselves to participate in Third Baptist Prayer Ministry. The basic commitment is to give an hour a week in the Ewing Prayer Room, praying for specific prayer requests and persons listed in the request book.

A new community program for the St. Louis area started in June. Named St. Louis Art Works, it is a program for seventy talented low income youth... It is sponsored by Grand Center, Inc., the City of Saint Louis, the Regional Arts Commission, and hosted by Third.

Happy Birthday, USA!



The Food Pantry request for the month of July 2013 is **TRASH BAGS, FOIL, AND SANDWICH BAGS.**

Thank you,  
Your Food  
Pantry Team



The TBC Food Pantry is in need of financial contributions! We use your financial support to supplement our food supplies with purchases from the STL Food Bank and to help transport the food to TBC each month. Please note in the memo section of your check: for the Food Pantry Fund.

#### Do You Wish To Receive Third Base by Mail?

Please send \$15 for printing and postage to:

Third Baptist Church  
620 N. Grand Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63103

## TBC Chancel Choir NEEDS YOU!

Please consider adding your voice.  
Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



# July

### Recurring TBC Events:

Sundays  
(see Sunday Schedule)  
Tuesdays  
Pastoral Staff Meeting  
TBC Staff Meeting  
Wednesdays  
(See Wednesday Schedule)

### Sunday Schedule

9:00 Prayer—Library Open  
Coffee/Donut Fellowship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:40 Worship Service

### Wednesday Schedule

4:30 Library Open  
5:15 Fellowship Dinner  
6:00 Children/Youth Activities  
Tae Kwon Do  
Bible Study  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### This Month at TBC

- 1 Johnson Hall Renovation (July 1 – 31)
- KAA Youth Camp (May 30 – June 6)
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY  
Offices Closed
- 7 Worship – Leslie Limbaugh, preaching  
Lord's Supper  
Sasser Offering
- 14 Worship w/Children's Message  
Quarterly Team Meetings
- 20 Food Pantry
- 21 Worship  
Council Meeting
- 28 Worship – Adam Banks, preaching  
Coffee Fellowship  
Christmas in July

### Others at TBC This Month

Preclarus Mastery Academy  
Central Baptist Seminary

Articles for the next issue of Third Base are due **July 16**. Please submit articles to the church office, or e-mail to Melissa Sasser at [sasserpm@aol.com](mailto:sasserpm@aol.com).

#### Unified Budget

##### May, 2013

	Actual	Budget
Pledged	\$21,728	\$27,017
Un-Pledged	\$4,855	\$2,701
<b>UNDER</b>	<b>\$3,135</b>	

##### Year-to-Date

	Actual	Budget
Pledged	\$131,511	\$166,926
Un-Pledged	\$47,017	\$18,844
<b>UNDER</b>	<b>\$7,242</b>	

##### Income/Expense

##### Year-to-Date

Income:	\$ 379,541
Expense:	\$ 345,294
<b>OVER</b>	<b>\$ 34,247</b>

Thank you for your contributions.

## CITY ARTS DONATIONS

Our CityArts program, which provides music education for city children who cannot afford private lessons on their own, is running very low on funding. If you would like to make a donation, please indicate on the envelope or check that it is for the CityArts program. Thank you!

# **Johnson Hall Floor Renovation**

Beginning Friday, June 21, 2013, Johnson Hall will be off limits for EVERYONE! The room will be sealed off at all entry points for abatement and then concrete grinding and polishing. Please DO NOT try to enter Johnson Hall during this process! Thank you!

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