

# First Baptist Church

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## News Release

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### FIRST BAPTIST'S HALLOWEEN JUDGMENT RETURNS

An estimated 6000 people flooded into the doors of First Baptist Church Halloween weekend to endure Judgment. After a two year break from its annual Halloween Judgment House presentations, First Baptist revamped the production and returned with a vengeance. This year's Judgment House was dubbed Judgment House 2 to set it apart from years past. The production was promoted as 1 room, 1 hour, 1 life. This was the description that drew many people back to the event that had been awaiting its return. This year's production boasted no waiting as in years past. In past productions groups of ten to fifteen people were lead from room to room to view scenes of the story. This method led to long lines and weary children. The Church, now comfortable in their only four year old sanctuary, decided to pack the 1800+ seats and do only four stage productions.

October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> the Commerce Street Sanctuary, known as The Grace Building, was filled to capacity at two out of four performances. What had taken three weekends and a total of almost 90 hours of performances in the past was accomplished in only four hours on two nights. Those who attended this year's event were very pleased with the new performance, several stating, "I was able to actually pay more attention and enjoy the performance better, when I wasn't having to walking around." The parking lot of First Baptist was filled with buses and vans from communities as far away as Bowling Green, KY.

"Judgment House won't be taking another two year break for awhile", stated director and Media Minister, Daniel Doss. Using every audio/visual tool at their disposal Team Media, First Baptist's Technical Ministry, helped to engulf the audience in the story unfolding before their eyes. They were able to take the audience from a family's living room to a car that had run off a cliff in seconds. This production like years past, the script for Judgment House was written by Rossview High School theatre teacher, LuEllyn Wilcox.

Judgment House is currently scheduled for Halloween weekend 2005. "We always welcome ideas, comments, and volunteers", Doss says when asked what people can do to get involved in next years production. Call 931-503-3208 or e-mail [jh2@fbct.org](mailto:jh2@fbct.org).