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First Baptist Church
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We Gather Together
Building up the Church in Worship

Worship and Small Group Series for All Ages

**Begins
January
29th**

For several years, the First Baptist staff has dreamed of having all ages, from preschool to adults, studying the same topic for a period of time. Last summer, we came across a 5 week curriculum, with lesson plans for preschool, children, youth and adults, written by the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky and the Kentucky Cooperative Baptist Fellowship on worship called “When We Gather Together: Building Up the Church in Worship.” Since worship is so central to our life together as a church, we can’t imagine a better topic to study together!

Our hope is that our depth of understanding and spiritual growth can be enhanced by the opportunity to learn about worship in the small group setting and then, to hear our Pastor Carol McEntyre preach about worship during the 5 weeks of the study. We hope that this intersection of discussion can lead to intergenerational conversations about worship at lunch on Sundays after church and all week long.

If you are not part of a Sunday Morning Small Group, we hope you will consider joining one for the We Gather Together series. Adult small groups meeting at 10:15 on the 2nd floor on Sundays include:

- Discussion class (parlor)
- Faith Forum (E-2 next to the elevator)
- Community Small Group (conference room)
- Young Adult Small Group (library).

Additionally, a sermon discussion group meets every other Sunday immediately after traditional worship in the 2nd floor conference room (next meeting: Jan. 29).

Pending Approval for the Pastoral Residency Ministry

Over the past year, you have heard about the work being done on the possible creation of a Pastoral Residency Ministry at First Baptist. On January 16th, the Church Council unanimously approved a motion to begin this ministry for a trial period. Now, the Serving Team is bringing that request to the church at the Business Meeting on January 22nd, asking for your blessing and support. The Pastoral Residency Ministry is an opportunity for our church to shape and train a recent seminary graduate seeking to enter the pastorate. The resident will serve at First Baptist for a 2-year period where he or she will learn, with the support of the church staff and the congregation, how to be a pastor. The Serving Team believes that this is a mission and ministry in which our entire church can participate. Below are some of the important steps that have been taken to bring about this opportunity.

- Feb 2015- Idea of a Pastoral Residency Ministry is first discussed by the Serving Team at a visioning meeting on Leadership Night.
- April 25-27, 2016- A preliminary team from the Serving Team attends the Pastoral Excellency Network Workshop in Indianapolis designed to help churches discern the calling to residency ministry and provide coaching and support from churches that have started such ministries.
- May 15th- The idea of a Pastoral Residency Ministry is first presented to the church at the Church Business Meeting. The church approved \$15,000 of Endowment money to be set aside as seed money for the ministry pending church approval of the ministry.
- May 2016- The Serving Team forms a sub-team, the Pastoral Residency Team, to begin work on creating a proposal for a Pastoral Residency Ministry at First Baptist. Team members include: Mark Thomas (chair), Michael McEntyre (staff liaison), Dave Bennett, David Chang, Ken Hammann, Bob Russell, and Khaki Westerfield. This team begins to meet monthly.
- Sept 29th, 2016- Pastoral Residency Team presents initial proposal to create a Pastoral Residency Ministry at First Baptist to the Church Council.
- October 27th, 2016- Pastoral Residency Team submits grant application to the Pastoral Excellence Network. The team is awarded a \$25,000 grant to help start this ministry at First Baptist pending church approval.
- Nov 13th- The Pastoral Residency Team presents the proposal of a Pastoral Residency Ministry to the church at the Church Business Meeting and opens the floor for discussion.
- Nov 29th- The Pastoral Residency Team conducts a churchwide listening session with guests Dr. George Mason (pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, TX) and Rev. Jason Edwards, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Liberty, MO.
- Dec 2016- Jan 2017- The Pastoral Residency Team sent out testimonials via churchwide emails regarding the work and process of the Pastoral Residency Ministry.

As you can see, much work has gone into this idea. Below is the motion that will be voted on by the church on Sunday. The motion comes to us from the Missions Team and has been approved by the Church Council and the Finance Committee.

The First Baptist Serving Team moves that the church approve the establishment of a Pastoral Residency Ministry at First Baptist Church. This new ministry/mission will be designed to shape and prepare young pastors for a successful lifetime of pastoral ministry. To start on August 1, 2017, we move that the Pastoral Residency initially begin with one resident who will serve as a ministerial staff member without portfolio for a period of two years. We request that this ministry be approved with ongoing evaluation to determine its feasibility and effectiveness.

By mentoring young pastors, we have a chance to help create and keep great leaders in the church. What an incredible way to serve God by shaping those who will lead God's church for years to come. We believe this is a ministry that everyone can be involved in and it is our desire that church support this ministry by voting yes and then by getting involved with your time, attention and prayers!



Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

February 19th - March 1st

First Baptist is hosting Room at the Inn February 19 through March 1, 7 pm - 7 am. Volunteers are needed, and whether you're brand new to Room At The Inn or you've been with us a while, it's always a good idea to get a refresher of how it all works. Join us for a training session to learn more about what exactly you'll be doing as a Room At The Inn volunteer on January 21st, 9:00 am at Missouri United Methodist Church, 204 S 9th Street.

If you're planning to work at Room at the Inn, shifts are as follows:

Setup: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Evening: 6:15pm - 9:30 or 11:30pm

Overnight: 11:15pm - 5:30am

Morning: 5:15am - 7:30am

Restoration: 7:30am - 9am



In addition to hands-on help, donations are a critical part of RATI operations and your generous gifts of both goods and money will have great impact. Checks can be made out to the "Columbia Interfaith Resource Center" with a note/memo for "Room At The Inn Columbia" and can be giving through the church or sent to the following address: Columbia Interfaith Resource Center, ATTN: RATI Donations, P.O. Box 272, Columbia, MO 65205.



Above: the Fellowship Hall is transformed into a safe, warm place for the homeless to spend the night.

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:35-40 NRSV



Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All-Church Laser Tag and Chili Cook-off Saturday, February 4th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

On Saturday, Feb. 4 from 4-6 pm, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun with laser tag, and a tasting of home-made chili, well-seasoned with your competitive spirit. Kids can also compete in the cook-off with desserts, fun veggie dishes, and sandwiches.

Sign-up sheets for the chili cook-off and the kids' cook-off are available at both worship services. Please sign up by Feb. 2nd!



Shown with their game faces on:

Nicole Rieken, a former college student, Michelle Kasmann, and Sam Henley enjoying laser tag.

Don't miss our College/ Young Adult Retreat Feb. 10-12th



Join us for a spiritual retreat at the beautiful Windermere Conference Center. It's a space for college students and young adults to meet new people, renew focus, and draw closer to God. It's a pause from the hustle-and-bustle of life to find meaningful worship, engaging conversation, and new friends. Our theme is "Sharing our Stories: the art of life-giving conversations." Wanda Kidd, Collegiate Ministries Specialist for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, is the featured speaker for the event. William Jewell College Praise Team will provide worship leadership. The cost is \$20 for the weekend. Please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia) to register.

Upcoming Events



Wednesdays 6:15-7:30pm,

the calling

Students 6th- 12th Grade

The Calling / Studio 1B

All students 6th- 12th grade are invited to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:15pm in the youth suite for The Calling. The Calling is our mid-week Bible study designed for students grade 6-12. Join us each week.

College and Young Adult Winter Kick-Off

To start our winter semester, we will meet at Lazer Lanes Sunday, January 22nd (6:00-8:00pm) for bowling and laser tag. The cost is only \$5 for the night (including pizza). As always, friends are welcome. Please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia. Looking forward to a great semester!



Jabberwocky for Kids Friday, January 27 6 - 8 pm

We have a great night planned at Jabberwocky Studios, located at 1308 Grand Avenue on Friday January 27th from 6-8 pm. We invite kiddos ages 4-12 to join us for a night of music and movement and lots of fun. You may drop your child(ren) off, or you can stay for the fun!

If parents want to have a night out, we are also offering child care for children ages birth to 3 at First Baptist Church, in the nursery, for the duration of this event. Pizza and juice will be provided for the kids in both locations.

Jabberwocky Studios is a nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to build community among disparate segments of the Columbia community through the arts. They teach hip-hop, jazz, tap, ballet, African and Indian dance. Please RSVP to Children's Ministry Director, Yvette Chambers, at chambers@fbc-Columbia.org by January 24th.



Concerts



Saturday, January 21 at 3 pm **Kids@Heart: A Children's Concert- Kindness & Diversity**

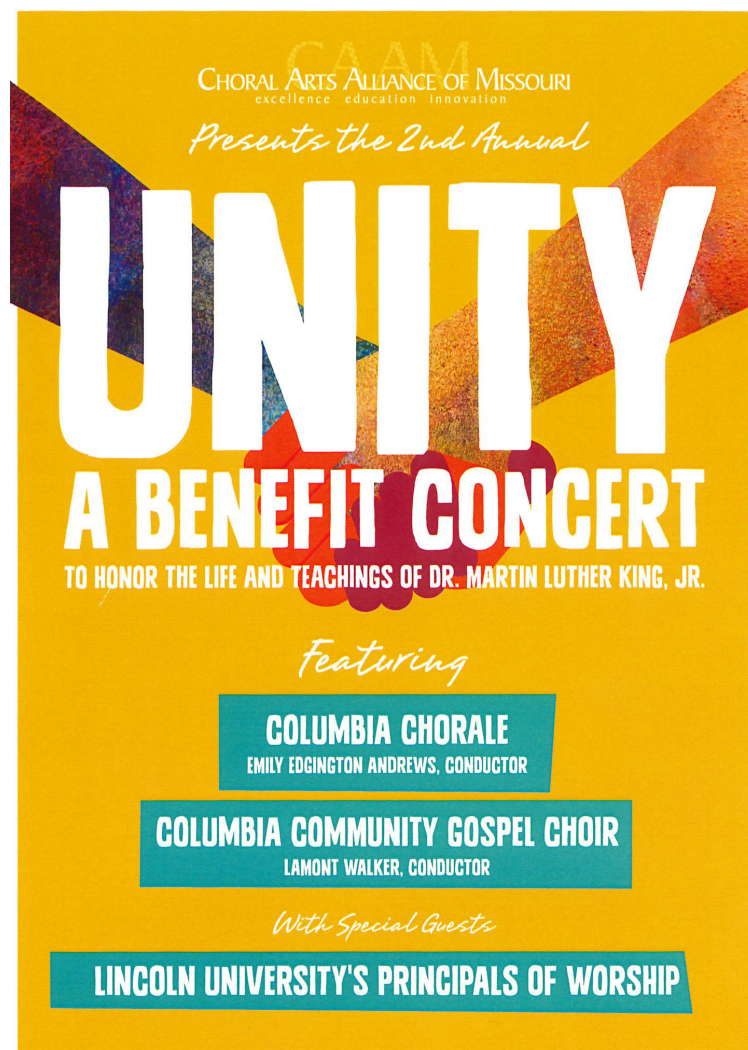
~~Rescheduled from last week~~

In collaboration with the Children's Grove and the Columbia Youth Choir, this year's Kids@Heart concert takes a more thoughtful turn in touching upon two important issues in our society: Kindness and Diversity. Through a program featuring music, speech and visual arts, the three organizations bring awareness to our community. The concert takes place in our sanctuary.

Saturday, January 21 at 7 pm
in our sanctuary

UNITY Benefit Concert

The Columbia Chorale and other local artists gather in First Baptist's sanctuary to present the 2nd annual Community Gospel Choir in a benefit concert to honor the peaceful teachings of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's central concert theme is inspired by Dr. King's profound quote: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Entrance is a free-will donation, with all proceeds to benefit Granny's House.



Upcoming Events



Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room
following the 11:15 service

This group provides an opportunity to dig deeper into scriptural texts or topics from the day's sermon that you found intriguing, challenging, illuminating or confusing. Everyone is welcome! The group meets next on January 29.



Leadership Night

Monday, February 13 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall everyone who serves on one of First Baptist teams (Congregational Care, Teaching Team, Worship Team, Mission Team, Telling Team and Administrative Team) is invited to a Leadership Dinner. We will eat together, orient you to your work, talk about the expectations of our leaders, worship and sing. We are serving Lee's chicken. Please RSVP to Administrative Assistant, Janet Deneke, at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org and be sure to tell her it is for the leadership dinner!



Identifying Family Photos

As we continue to dig into our history, we have uncovered a treasure trove of wonderful and historic photographs. Unfortunately, most of them are not labeled and we are having difficulty identifying many of the people in them as well as a time frame and the event. Beginning the week of March 13, hundreds of pictures will be spread out in the 2nd floor conference room and we are asking for your help in our efforts to identify them. The room will be open between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00pm and 1:30pm and 3:30pm. Someone will be there to help you. You do not need to call ahead, just stop by and help us with this important endeavor and be prepared to experience a few memories.

Prayers & Concerns

Those of Our Church Family in Need of Prayer:

Charles Hunter, on the recent loss of his son, David.

Barry Kausler, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Trish Blair, who undergoing treatment for cancer.

Marjorie Bay and other memory patients at Provision Living, who have been relocated due to a water line break. Currently Marjorie is living with Park until repairs are complete.

Celebrations:

Congratulations to Cynthia Crowe upon her recent retirement from the Columbia Police Department after 25 years of service to our community.

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9:15 am Combined Worship, Brunch and Business Meeting
Jan. 22, 2017



Join us this Sunday!

We will start the morning with a combined worship service at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brunch prepared by our host team of biscuits and sausage gravy, hash brown-egg- cheese bake, fresh fruit and blueberry coffee cake! After brunch we will move into our annual business meeting, where we will celebrate all that God has done through us in the past year, and we will hear from our ministry teams about what they are planning for 2017. We will also vote on the 2017 church budget and the motion from the Missions Team to begin a Pastoral Residency Program.

Preschoolers and children will be on their normal schedule. The nursery will be open during worship, the brunch and the business meeting. Following worship, Children's Ministry Director Yvette Chambers and other adult volunteers will take the preschoolers and children to the 3rd floor for First Kids Sunday School. The children will be fed brunch upstairs or in the nursery.

The Youth (6-12th Grade) will participate in worship, brunch, and the annual the business meeting.