







Saturday, February 4th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall



Captured on camera: Michelle Kasman, Sam Henley, and one of our college students enjoy last year's games



Spiritual Growth



Pastoral Residency Ministry

Our church recently received a grant of \$25,000 from the Pastoral Excellency Network to help our Missions Team get a Pastoral Residency Ministry started here at First Baptist. A Pastoral Residency is a two-year placement, in a local church, where a recent seminary graduate can learn, with the support of the church staff and the congregation, how to be a pastor. I am excited about the possibility of this ministry and I believe that we are a church that could wholeheartedly embrace the role of teaching and training a young ministry. Let me tell you why.

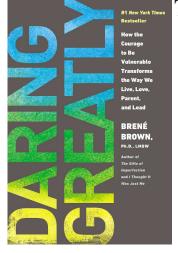
Occasionally, when I am with other pastors we talk about certain congregations that are known for chewing up pastors and spitting them out! They have a history of being hard on their ministers and every couple of years, their pastor burns out. Unlike these congregations, First Baptist, you are really good to your ministers. I feel supported and loved by you. In addition, as a staff, we get to be creative. I never hear anyone say, "We have never done it that way before," which is the mantra of many congregations. Also, I don't sense the power struggle here that is unmistakable in so many churches where nothing happens without the permission of one or two people or families. I also admire how willing you are to allow young adults and people who are new to the church to lead and serve. All of this is to say, First Baptist is a healthy congregation, which makes this an optimal place for a new pastor to learn. I know you will be caring. I know you will be open to the fresh ideas they will bring. I know you will allow them to lead and serve.

Finally, on a personal note, I have had the good fortune of having good mentors. While I did not participate in a pastoral residency, I had the benefit of serving in large churches, early in my ministry, that had seasoned ministers on staff who were willing to serve as mentors. While these relationships were informal, the knowledge, advice, emotional support and modeling that these a mentors shared with me was transformative. When Dr. George Mason spoke to us about Wilshire Baptist Church's residency ministry, he talked about how in certain denominations up to 40% of pastors quit ministry within the first five years. Alternatively, up to 96% of ministers who go through a pastoral residency stay in ministry, with 90% of them remaining in a local congregation. By mentoring young pastors, we have a chance to help 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. You will be hearing more about the Pastoral Residency in the next few weeks. I hope you will catch the vision and help make this dream a reality for our church.

Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room following the 11:15service

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 again on January 15 and 29.



Teaching Team Book Discussions

Remember that fantastic book you read during the summer and have been waiting patiently to discuss? The Teaching Team is hosting discussion sessions in the coming year. The first is Saturday, January 14, 10 am-noon in the Parlor. Kim Siegenthaler will facilitate a discussion on "Daring Greatly" by Brene Brown. If you have already read the book, please take time to give it a quick review prior to the discussion session. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend, churchinto@fbc-columbia.org or 442-1149.

For the New Year...



The Calling/ Studio 1B will start back on Jan 11th with a trip to Laser Lanes for bowling and fun. We'll have details in the worship bulletin on January 8th. Hope to see you there!

Students 6th- 12th Grade



College / Young Adult Retreat February 10-12

Join us for a spiritual retreat at the beautiful Windermere conference Center, a space for college students and young adults to meet new people, renew focus, and draw closer to God. It's a time to pause from the rush of everyday life to find meaningful worship, engaging conversation, and new friends. Our retreat leader, Wanda Kidd, is Collegiate Engagement Coordinator with CBF North Carolina and brings a wealth of perspective to all participants. Cost is \$50 for the weekend. Please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia to register or to obtain more information.

Winter Approaches!

If snow, ice or other inclement weather occurs over the weekend and it is necessary to alter our Sunday morning worship schedule notification will be made by email, on the First Baptist Facebook page, and at these local media stations:

- KFRU (1400 AM)
- KPLA (101.5 FM)
- Zimmer Radio Groups,
- KOMU-TV8
- KMIZ-TV17

We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.



Remembering Our Baptism

This Sunday, in worship, we will be talking about the baptism of Jesus and remembering our own baptism. Baptism is an important part of our faith. It is an act that signifies our commitment and loyalty to Jesus. It is a public declaration of our faith. It symbolizes our sins being washed away, the burial of our old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is the way we are adopted into the family of God and become part of the community of faith. Consequently, before worship on Sunday, we encourage you to tell the story of your baptism to your kids, your partner or another First Baptist friend! Here is the call to worship for Sunday; use it as a prayer this week:

Call to Worship:

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

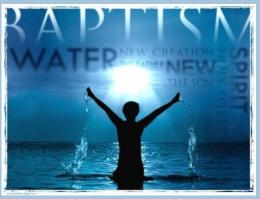
And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased." Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed. Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

~ written by Caela Wood





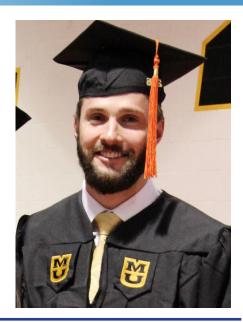
Community News



Congratulations to Our December Graduates!

Nathan Little graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. Nathan is the son of Paul and Lynita Little.

Madeline O'Meara, scholarship singer for our Chancel Choir the past two years, graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia with a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance.



Prayers & Concerns

Those of Our Church Family in Need of Prayer:

Barry Kausler, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Trish Blair, who undergoing treatment for cancer.

Carol's mother, Rita, who continues with cancer treatment in Tenessee.

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.

Nelda McCrory, who has moved to Lenoir Woods Winwood, 3801 Miller Drive, Columbia MO 65201.

Other Prayer Requests:

Christine Chang's step-father, Jim Jones, who is recovering from surgery for melanoma and is undergoing therapy.

Oleta Forsee's brother-in-law Don (Lora), who has lung cancer.

Joyce Hulett, friend of Joanie Sorrels, who has breast cancer.

Barbara Miller's son, Rich, who is hospitalized in Kentucky with complications from surgery.

Cheri Sapp, friend of Monica Fulkerson, who has bone and blood cancer.

The father of Bryan Mayhan (Renee is one of our CDC teachers and a Chancel Bell member) died of a stroke earlier this week in Arkansas.

Celebrations:

Chelsea Wells' latest scan showed no sign of cancer. She will continue chemo every three weeks for another year.

Coming Up...



Jabberwocky for Kids Friday, January 27 6 - 8 pm

We have a great night planned for kids ages 4-12 planned at Jaberwocky Studios, Friday, January 27th from 6 - 8 pm. It will be a night of music, movement, and lots of fun! We will also be serving pizza and juice. You may drop your child off, or stay for the fun yourself!

This fun event takes place at Jabberwocky Studies, 1308 Grand Avenue in Columbia.

If you have any questions please contact Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry, at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

January 14, 2017 – Saturday 3pm, FBC Kids@Heart: A Children's Concert – Kindness & Diversity

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.



Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

Feb 19 - Mar 1



We are once again taking our turn as hosts for the homeless. Room at the Inn (RATI) provides a warm place to sleep for those in need from 7 pm - 7 am. RATI will be based at First Baptist Church Feb. 19 through March 1. Volunteers are asked to attend at least one training sessions before attending, and you don't need to wait! Visit http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/ for training times and to find out specific ways to help.

Ski Trip Informational Meeting

For those who have signed up for the spring break ski trip, there will be an important informational meeting following the business meeting on Jan 22nd.



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"Every church worships. Large, small, farming community, suburban, sanctuary, converted Walmart, cowboy, liturgical, liberal or conservative, every church gathers for times of formal worship. Worship enables us to hear and respond to God's call to surrender ourselves to God as God's people, individually and together."

~ Bob Fox and John Essick, "When We Gather Together."



Sunday, January 29, we will begin a new worship and Sunday morning small group series for all ages called

We gather together!

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.