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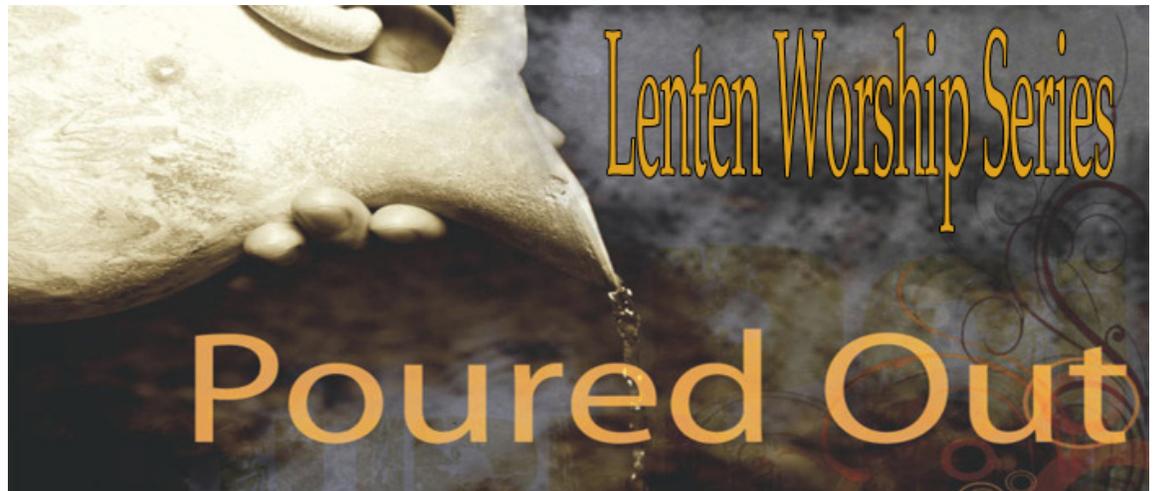


First Baptist Church
columbia



**Join us for our
Ash Wednesday
Worship Service
March 1st
6:00 pm**

*“For God so loved
the world that
he gave his only
son.”
John 3:16a*



Lent is the Season of the Church year that, for 2017, begins on March 1 with Ash Wednesday and ends on April 17 with Easter. Our Lenten Worship Series is entitled Poured Out. It focuses on the “elements” (oil, water, wine, blood, and tears) that show up in the story of the week leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion.

- Mary, friend of Jesus, anoints him with *oil* ~ John 12:1-11 (March 5)
- Simon Peter has his feet washed with *water* ~ John 13: 3-16 (March 12)
- Judas shares a cup of *wine* with Jesus ~ John 13: 21-30 (March 19)
- Roman centurion sheds Jesus’ *blood* ~ John 18:1-14 (March 26)
- Jesus’ mother Mary sheds *tears* for him ~ John 19:25-30 (April 2)





Pastoral Residency Ministry to Begin at First Baptist Church

In the Business Meeting on Jan 20th, our church unanimously voted to become one of a handful of Baptist churches around the country that are investing in the lives of young pastors through a Pastoral Residency Ministry. This opportunity will allow everyone in our congregation the chance to help shape the life and ministry of a young pastor who is entering the ministry. I am proud of our church for stepping out in faith to support this work. I am also proud of the Residency Team and the Serving Team for their vision and perseverance in working to provide meaningful and lasting missions opportunities for our church.

In the weeks ahead, we will be contacting seminaries with whom we have ongoing relationships to share with them this new ministry opportunity and begin taking candidate applications. Our team will continue to meet and work to craft the scope and curriculum for our incoming resident. In the months to follow we will recruit our Lay Leadership team and prayer partners for this endeavor. Our Pastor, Carol McEntyre and the Resident Director, Bob Russell will work together to lay out a plan of council and evaluation to ensure the ministry's successful start.

In March, our Residency Team, in concert with the Pastor, will sort through applicants and begin to interview prospective residents. We expect initial rounds of interviews to take place in March and April with final rounds to occur in May. We hope to have our selection process completed by the end of May for presentation to the church in June. Our Pastoral Residency ministry is set to officially begin August 1st, 2017.

Indeed, these are exciting times at First Baptist. We ask that our church body begin praying for all those working to make this ministry successful and for our first residential candidate. If you are interested in being a part of this work, please contact Mark Thomas, Mission Team Chair, at thomasme@missouri.edu, or Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions, at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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!



Preaching and Teaching Series

Fulfilling a long-time dream of having all ages studying the same topic for a time, on Sunday, January 29th we began a 5-week series on building up the church in worship. All Sunday morning small group sessions, including First Kids, as well as the sermons, are focusing on this topic. If you aren't currently participating in a Sunday Morning Small Group, it's not too late to join one for the remainder of the series (or beyond)!





Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

February 19th - March 1st

You don't have to wait until February 19th to help with Room at the Inn, sign up today. Click on the Rotator on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) to sign up for volunteer slots. Room at the Inn is a winter shelter designed to provide a warm place to sleep for those in need from 7:00pm- 7:00am through March 1st.

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.

At left: cots in our Fellowship Hall await those who need a safe, warm place to spend the night.

Supporting our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Heartland Partnership



On Feb 20-27th, Michael McEntyre (our Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions) will be traveling to Romania to serve as a guest faculty member for the Gypsy Smith School (GSS) MOBILE to help train leaders among the Roma Christians. This trip is part of the ongoing partnership that CBF Heartland has in Romania and will mark the 7th trip to Bucharest and the surrounding areas. Michael will be joining with Aaron Hoffman from FBC Lee's Summit and Harold Phillips from CBF Heartland to lead 3 full days of training at various churches. Please be in prayer for Michael and this team as they share in the work of Christ in Romania.



Youth, College & Young Adults

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 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

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



The art of life-giving conversation.

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. The cost is \$20 for the weekend. Please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia) to register.

College / Young Adult Ministries

Our college and young adult ministry is an outlet for those in the midst of becoming independent adults to pose their questions about faith and all areas of life. We have multiple events throughout the year that promote free discussion, fellowship and fun. From February-May and September-December the group meets most Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 pm on the 3rd floor to explore our faith and grow in our walk with Christ and each other.

On Sunday, February 5th, we will have a Superbowl party - details to come soon. The group will not meet on Sunday, February 12th - we hope all can join the retreat instead!

It's NOT back?!?

You may notice something missing from our hallways this month. For the past two years, February has the time for our Youth Envelope Challenge. The Envelope Challenge has been a way to support our students to help keep the cost of events such as camp and retreats affordable for everyone. Because of your generosity over the past two years, we still have sufficient money available in this scholarship fund to cover our projected expenses for 2017, so you won't see any envelopes this year. I thank you for your support of our student ministry, and while we aren't asking for money, I do hope you will continue to pray for our students and make it a point to get to know the fantastic youth we have here at First Baptist.

Many blessings.

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor for Youth,
College and Young Adults, and Missions





Upcoming Events

HEATHERS the musical



First Baptist Fellowship Adventures
Sunday, February 19 - 1:30 p.m.
Columbia Entertainment Company

Heathers: the Musical is the darkly delicious story of Veronica Sawyer, a brainy, beautiful teenage misfit who hustles her way into the most powerful and ruthless clique at Westerberg High: the Heathers. If you have ever seen the 1980's movie Heathers you will understand why this play is intended for mature audiences only! The cost is \$10.00. For more information contact fellowship adventure coordinator Paula Thomas, at paulalou52@gmail.com. To reserve your ticket, contact Administrative Assistant Janet Deneke at church@fbc-columbia.org or call the church office at 442-1149.

Odyssey Chamber Music Series presents



in our sanctuary

Enjoy a hearty combination of Bach's Cantata with works composed in 1916! This matinee concert offers J.S. Bach's Cantata, "O eternal fire, o source of love," BWV 34 performed by the Bach Collegium Choir led by director R. Paul. Crabb. Arnold Bax's *Elegaic Trio* is performed by Alic Dade, violist Leslie Perna, and harpist Maria Trevor. Maestro Kirk Trevor directs Odyssey Chamber Ensemble in Schreker's lush *Kammersymphonie*.

First Baptist @ Play

ROC 7K



Some people we know started the new year with a challenge at the ROC 7K Trail Run! The 7K (4.3 mile) run took place on Cosmo Park's Rhett's Run on Saturday, January 28th. Ken Hammann and Nick Kieffer are pictured above. Summer McNellis, Yvette Chambers' daughter, also participated.

Kids' Night Out (Parents too)

On Friday, January 27th our children's minister, Yvette Chambers, arranged a night out for kids at Jabberwocky Studios, while parents also enjoyed a night out. The kids enjoyed learning dance steps with glow sticks and, of course, pizza!



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“Return Service Requested”



This Saturday, February 4th
Laser Tag
Chili Cook-off
Games
5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Above: two teams gear up and prepare for battle.



Above: Colleen Ostercamp enjoys Scrabble with her niece and nephew, Makenna and Michael Gortmaker.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall this Saturday for an evening of food, fun and games. We'll taste and vote on homemade chili, as well as sandwiches, veggie dishes and desserts made by children. If possible, please sign up for the cookoff by contacting the church office at 442-1149 or churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

