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Lent is a 40-day period of fasting and repentance as we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. In 2017, Lent begins on March 1 with Ash Wednesday and ends on April 16 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.

Jesus' life poured out for us - John 3: 1-16 (March 5th)

Mary, friend of Jesus, anoints him with oil - John 12:1-11 (March 12th)



Simon Peter has his feet washed with water - John 13: 3-16 (March 19)

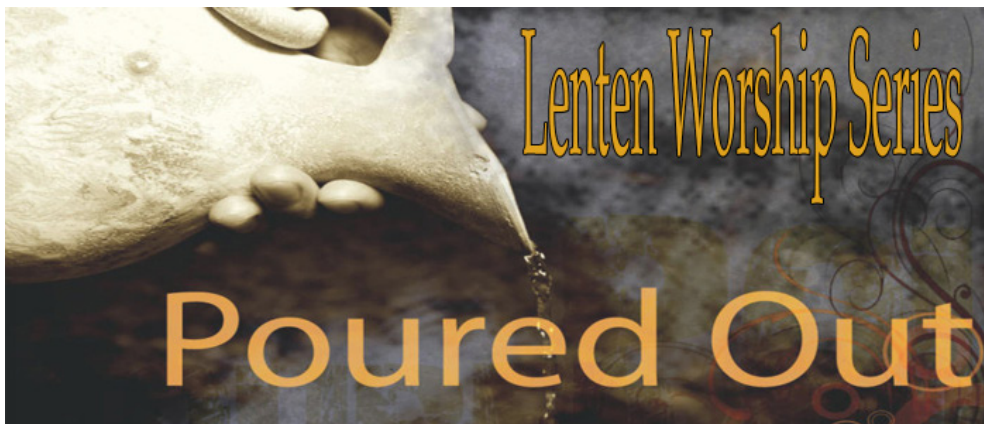


Judas shares a cup of wine with Jesus - John 13: 21-30 (March 26th)



Jesus' mother Mary sheds tears for him - John 19: 19-27 (April 2nd)

Roman centurion sheds Jesus' blood - John 19: 28-42 (April 9th)



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son.”

John 3:16a





The Season of Lent

Lent is the forty days prior to Easter, which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1 and ends on Easter, which is April 16. Giving special attention to the Lenten season is a way to prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Christ.

Where does the practice of Lent come from?

At Jesus' baptism the sky split open, and the Spirit of God, which looked like a dove, descended and landed on Jesus, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, My Beloved, with whom I am pleased." Afterward, Jesus was sent by the Spirit into the wilderness, where he fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning his public ministry. Perhaps Jesus needed some time alone with God to sort through the major changes happening in his life. Maybe he needed to get away from family, friends and the familiar routine in order to see God (and himself) more clearly. Like you, he wanted some intentional time with God as he searched for direction and answers. Like Jesus, we need to take some serious time to pray and listen for God.



In earlier times, people used Lent as a time of fasting and repentance. You can fast by cutting out certain foods or some things in your life that distract you from God like Facebook or television. Some Christians take something on for Christ during Lent. You could collect food for the needy, or volunteer with a local non-profit once a week. Serving others is one way that we serve God. Christians also use Lent as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray while you walk, create music or art as a prayer to God, or set aside a time of quiet listening. All of these can be ways of becoming more in tune with God.

The question you might ask yourself when considering what spiritual practice to utilize during Lent is: What do I need to let go of, or "fast" from, in order to focus on God? What clutters my calendar or my life? How can I simplify my life in terms of what I eat, wear or do, and spend that "free" time with God?

Carla McEntyre

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.*

Psalm 51:10

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.

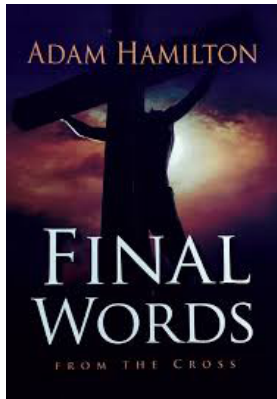
Celebrations:

Congratulations to Scott Dahm, Emily Stoll Dahm's husband and the son-in-law of Deb Carr and Rollins, on his recent promotion to Major in the United State Air Force.



Two New Sunday Small Group Opportunities

Since 2013, First Baptist Church has hosted 6 Financial Peace University classes. We want you to be a part of the seventh, beginning on Sunday, March 5 at 10:15 am! Ramsey Solutions has introduced a new FPU format that allows churches to offer more flexibility to individuals and couples that want to become debt free and take control of their money. Class members will watch video lessons at home during the week and then participate in a small group discussion setting class on Sunday mornings during the 10:15 hour. Coordinators Amanda Jacobs and Caryn McClanahan would like to personally invite any FPU alumni back to take the class again as a refresher of the tools and also look forward to many first time attendees being a part of this life-changing journey! Amanda and Caryn will be reaching out to individuals and families with personal invitations to join the class, but you don't have to wait for them! Simply visit <https://fpu.com/1038339> to register for the course. The cost of class materials is \$102.30 (only one registration is necessary for couples) or if you already have class materials you will not need to purchase them again. Please email Amanda at Amanda@jacobsrealty.com with any questions you may have. Financial assistance is available if needed, please inquire with Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



On Sunday March 5, the Discussion Class, which meets in the Parlor on the second floor of the education building, is beginning a new series on the book Final Words From the Cross by Adam Hamilton. Each session will include a 10 minute video of the author discussing the final sayings of Jesus. Moving through each chapter, you will begin to understand and respond to Jesus' final words at the cross while learning about those who were eye witnesses to the crucifixion. In the final chapter, Hamilton moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection. Bob Russell will be leading the series.

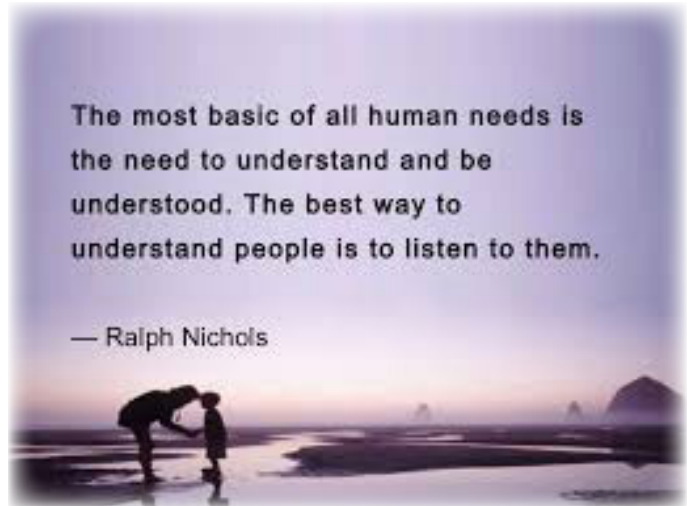
Listening Circle Beginning

Many people in our congregation have approached me to talk about the deep divisions in our country, which have led to feelings of uncertainty and fear. We want to provide space to support one another. Bob Russell and I will be co-leading two listening groups. The first meetings will be Wednesday, Feb 15 at 1:30 pm and Wednesday, Feb 15 at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the group is to listen, to support one another, to pray, and to talk about how to respond faithfully. To RSVP, or to inquire about future dates, please email me at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Caryn McEntyre

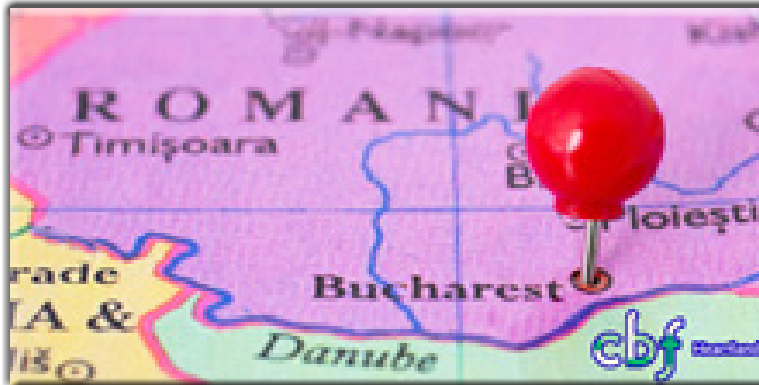
The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.

— Ralph Nichols





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. Michael will be commissioned for this trip during worship on February 19.

College / Young Adult Ministry

Calling All Cooks!

If you would be willing to cook a meal for our weekly Sunday night College and Young Adult Bible Study one Sunday, please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org). We usually eat at 5:30pm each week and ask our chefs to stay, eat with us, and share a bit about yourselves. Our students love to meet new people and this is a fun way for them to get to know our congregation.

Cooperative Baptist Church Pause College Retreat

Our College and Young Adult Ministry had a great time at the CBF Pause College Retreat Feb 10-12th. Our students joined with other CBF college ministries from around the state for a weekend of worship, Bible Study, and fellowship. The weather was beautiful and our time together was a treat. Our students explored how to share their story and their faith with others. Their honesty and authenticity were humbling.



The Calling is taking a field trip!

Next Wednesday, Feb 22nd, the Calling, our mid-week student Bible study for 6th-12th grade, will meet at the Hoell's house! Michael will be in Bucharest, Romania with CBF Heartland so all the youth are invited to Lillian, Stephen, and Grayson's house for a night of fun. Our meeting time will be the same, 6:15-7:30pm. Details will be sent out next week.



Overall, we had a great weekend. Thanks for your prayers and support!



Looking to volunteer with Room at the Inn? There are many needs that you can help fulfill. Check out the list below and go to <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org> or the church website to sign up. Remember, volunteers during Evening and Morning shifts must be 18 or older, and 22 or older for Overnight shifts. For Setup, Restoration, and Transition shifts, youth volunteers aged 16-17 are allowed, but must be under the supervision of an adult. The adult-to-youth ratio should be 5:1. All volunteers are to sign in at the start of their shift and wear a name tag (first name only).

Shelter Shifts:

Setup Hosts 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm nightly (need 5 people)

1. Set up cots and prepare linens for the nights.
2. Set up food table, prepare snacks and drinks and set them out.
3. Set out games, cards, books and other entertainment materials.
4. Make sure area is clean.
5. Assist manager and in-take coordinator as needed.

Evening Hosts – Short Shift 6:15 pm – 9:30pm nightly (need 2-3 people- minimum age 18 years old)

1. Greet and help guests check in as they arrive.
2. Coordinate with the guests to set up their sleeping area.
3. Monitor food table and replenish food and drink as needed.
4. Visit with the guests and assist as needed.
5. Assist manager and in-take coordinator as needed.

Evening Hosts 6:15 pm - 11:30 pm nightly (need 4 people - minimum age 18 years old)

1. Greet and help guests check in as they arrive.
2. Coordinate with the guests to set up their sleeping area.
3. Monitor food table and replenish food and drink as needed.
4. Visit with the guests and assist as needed.
5. Assist manager and in-take coordinator as needed.

Overnight Hosts 11:15 pm - 5:30 am nightly (need 3 people - minimum age 22 years old)

1. Visit with the guests and assist as needed.
2. Inform manager of any disruptive behavior.
3. One overnight volunteer may sleep while the other two remain awake. For safety, two volunteers must be awake at any given time.
4. Make coffee in the morning as people begin to wake up.
5. Assist manager as needed.

Morning Hosts 5:15 am - 7:30 am daily (need 4 people - minimum age 18 years old)

1. Awake guests.
2. Set out breakfast food and drink.
3. Arrange cots and linens in an orderly fashion.
4. Clean up food and drink tables and mop floors.
5. Assist manager as needed.

Morning Restoration Host 7:30 am - 9:00 am daily (need 3 people)

1. Pick up, sweep, and mop sleeping area and kitchen.
2. Place dirty laundry in designated area in preparation for pick-up.
3. Notify the laundry coordinator with information on laundry needs.

Laundry (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) - see website sign-up for details (<http://www.roomattheinncomo.org>).





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 churchinfo@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 flutist Alice Dade, violist Leslie Perna, and harpist Maria Trevor. Maestro Kirk Trevor directs Odyssey Chamber Ensemble in Schreker's lush *Kammersymphonie*.

First Baptist News

Welcome New Member Leah McKinney



"I have been back in Columbia for almost 2 years. I lived here for 10 years when my sons were growing up. One son, Sean McKinney, is married, is father to my beautiful granddaughter and is a member at First Baptist. My other son lives in New York City. I started attending the Awakening service last spring. I am a volunteer at Boone Hospital. I enjoy reading, puzzles of any kind and crocheting. I also love music and have started ringing in the handbell choir."

Room at the Inn is coming to First Baptist February 19th through March 1st. Since our guests will occupy the



Fellowship Hall overnight on those dates, your help is needed in order for us to share the Awakening worship space.

We will need you to assist on February 19th immediately after worship to help prepare the Fellowship Hall for Room at the Inn to move in later that day; and early on February 26th to prepare the space for worship after the guests have left at 7 am.

Please see page 5 for the many other ways you can help with Room at the Inn.



Cook-off! Games! Laser Tag! We did it!

About 60 people enjoyed an evening of competition at First Baptist Church.

Congrats to Janet Kieffer, Lili Vianello, and Mark Thomas, pictured below, right to left), who took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for their chili; and to Grayson Hoell (not pictured) for winning the children's cook-off.



Pictured at above in full laser tag battle gear, are Lillian Hoell, Joe Fulkerson, Benjamin Fulkerson, Patrick Fulkerson, Stephen Hoell, Lexie Kieffer, Monica Fulkerson, Grayson Hoell, and Nate McEntyre. Unofficially, Stephen Hoell took the prize for best game face.



Above: Monica Fulkerson and her son, Benjamin, engage in a game of high-level intrigue (aka Candy Land).

From a safe distance, future competitor Gideon Hartsfield takes it all in. Be warned: no one's title is safe for long!



Melinda and John Adams scientifically evaluate one of the chili offerings. Steve Potter relaxes in the background.

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

