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Holy Week at First Baptist

In a matter of weeks, we will be traveling from Lent into Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Holy Week is the most significant time of remembrance and celebration of the church year. In this troubling week, Jesus enters into Jerusalem, shares a meal with his friends, prays in the garden, is denied, tried and crucified. It is a reminder of the tragedy that Christ endured for all people. This is a time that we must experience anew if we are to understand the joy of Easter. Please plan to join us as we gather in worship, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



PALM SUNDAY
—HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST—

On **Palm Sunday, April 9**, we will attend the Downtown Palm Sunday service. Done in conjunction with the other downtown churches, this special service takes place in the middle of the street on Broadway! Meet at 10:20 on the front lawn to walk together. Awakening and Traditional Worship will meet as usual on Palm Sunday.

On **Good Friday, April 14** at 6:00 pm, we will gather for an interactive worship service in the Fellowship Hall. All the characters and the elements from our Lenten Series, Poured Out, will come together for a unique worship opportunity.



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

On **Sunday, April 16**, Easter worship begins with the Sunrise service led by our youth and other First Baptist lay leaders, on the front Broadway steps, at 8:15 am. After this, we will share our annual Easter brunch, followed by our worship services at 9:15 am and 11:15 am.

We look forward to a wonderful day of celebration.



Please invite a friend to come with you, as we worship the risen Lord.

Easter celebration for the whole family!

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Eighteen years ago, First Baptist began a unique relationship with Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS), Columbia's Reform Jewish congregation. CBS was founded in 1974 and for years met in the Hillel building on University Avenue, which mainly serves university students. However, by the end of the 1990s, that space was getting too small for CBS gatherings, especially during the High Holy Days (the 10-day period from Rosh Hashanah, the start of the Jewish new year, to Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement). CBS members needed another place for these special services. They approached First Baptist and asked to use our sanctuary. From 1999 to 2007, CBS met in our Sanctuary for their High Holy Days and used our Fellowship Hall as needed. Every Christmas Eve, members of the Jewish Community still bring us desserts and hot apple cider as a way to say "thank you."



This winter, there has been a rash of threats and vandalism against Jewish communities across our country. Federal officials have finally arrested a man accused of making 122 bomb threats to Jewish organizations in three dozen states. In addition, there have been several acts of vandalism at Jewish cemeteries. This includes a massive act of vandalism at one of the oldest Jewish cemeteries in the state of Missouri, where vandals toppled more than 170 gravestones at Chesed Shel Emeth cemetery in St. Louis. I cannot imagine how deeply troubling and scary this must be to all members of the Jewish community. Our faith calls us to stand against such acts of hate and violence. As followers of Jesus, we stand for God's vision of Shalom (peace) for the whole world. As such, we wanted to reach out to Congregation Beth Shalom. Last weekend for their worship services, First Baptist sent CBS an arrangement of yellow flowers, symbolizing our friendship and care. Here is the note that accompanied the flowers:

To our friends at Congregation Beth Shalom,

The First Baptist Church family wants you to know that we are thinking of you during these difficult times. We have been appalled at the senseless threats that are being made against Jewish Community Centers and we are heartbroken at the acts of vandalism against Jewish Cemeteries. In the face of such hatred it is tempting to feel helpless, but we refuse to merely bemoan these acts or accept them as normal. Our resistance begins with remembering our friendship with you over the years and holding you up before God in prayer. In addition, please let us know how we can stand with you and support you during this time.

In friendship and solidarity,

Pastor Carol McEntyre and First Baptist Church Council

We will continue to stay in touch with CBS and offer our love, support and faith action if needed.

Thank you, Carol McEntyre

Pastoral Care

During Spring Break, March 27-April 1 Associate Pastors Ed Rollins, Michael McEntyre and I will all be away on the church-wide ski trip with 25 other First Baptist folks. If you need pastoral care or if you have a pastoral emergency of some kind while we are away, we have two ministers who have agreed to be on call.

You can contact Gary Ostercamp at 573-673-8244. Gary is a long time First Baptist Church member and a chaplain at University Hospital. You can also contact Dennis Ferguson at 573-228-1110. Dennis began attending First Baptist last fall. Dennis has 22 years of pastoral experience. He has served as a pastor and associate pastor in churches around mid-Missouri. If you have a need, please don't hesitate to connect either Gary or Dennis.

~Pastor Carol McEntyre



First Kids **CAMP**

We are Excited! First Baptist is hosting our inaugural day camp for children, 3-year-olds through those going into 6th grade!

First Kids Camp will be held Monday, July 31- Wednesday, August 2.

First Kids Camp will give children the experience and joy of following Jesus through worship, Bible stories, crafts, and recreation. First Kids will also meet a need for working parents who need child care during the summer. Mornings at First Kids Camp will be filled with kid-friendly worship, Bible studies and games. In the afternoons, we will switch gears and have special activities and guest speakers. For example, Myra Hutchinson will be doing yoga with the kids each afternoon. In addition, Jabberwocky Dance Studio will be coming one afternoon to put on a dance party. The morning will be staffed with First Baptist volunteers but in the afternoon we will have paid workers to help out. The morning (from 9:00-1:00) is free, but to offset the cost of paid workers and afternoon activities there will be a fee of \$25 per child for those who attend all day.



Daily Schedule

7:30 am	Early drop off for parents who work
9:00-Noon	Worship, Bible Study, crafts, recreation
12:00-1:00	Sack lunch and quiet activities
1:30-5:30	Special activities (such as Jabberwocky Studios)

Spring Break week begins Sunday, March 26! There will be no children's choir on that day.

The Calling for youth will not meet on Wednesday, March 29.



The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for summer 2017 and the 2017-2018 school year. Our summer program will be June 5-June 29 and July 6-July 27. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. Our hours are 7:15-5:30 Monday-Friday. For more information contact Ms. Debby at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org.



For Kids!

Children's Ministry Lenten Project

Research shows that the most important factor in a child's faith formation is their family. Accordingly, First Baptist strives to equip parents and caregivers to talk with their kids about faith. To do this, we are utilizing special times during the church year to focus on children's faith formation at home. This Lenten season, we want to put resources in parents' hands so that families can talk about faith by learning about and celebrating Lent at home. We are making Pockets magazine available for our kids and their families. Pockets includes daily devotionals, memory verses, questions and answers, and games and activities related to Lent. In addition, the children's ministry is focusing on giving during Lent. Giving to God is a core value of our faith and so is serving those in need. Children are invited to bring gently used toys on Sunday morning and place them in the basket outside the Children's Ministry area. The toys will be donated to Rainbow House, for children who are displaced without a parent; and the True North Shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.



For more information or to get your copy of Pockets contact Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry, chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

Save the
Date!



April 15
10 am - Noon

Upcoming Event

Odyssey Chamber Music Series presents



With the program titled "MODyssey," the Odyssey Chamber Music Series continues the 2015 initiative to mentor and provide real work experience in music administration to young professionals. A few outstanding musicians will have the opportunity to create and produce their own Odyssey concert, with the guidance of the Artistic Director and a supervising Board Member. The title reflects the more modern, "MOD" Odyssey for younger musicians, while the capitalization pays homage to our state. The program is on Friday, March 17th at 7 pm in our sanctuary.



First Baptist Church Welcomes New Members!

In the summer of 2016, after a long search and her second visit to the Awakening Worship service at First Baptist, Misty Phillips realized the church was the right fit for her and her son, Jackson (2 ½ years old). She greatly values the entire package of First Baptist – the pastor’s message of Jesus, great music, warmth of the people, the wonderful preschool, and the value placed on service. Jackson started at the First Baptist Child Development Center in September 2016, and Misty was baptized on February 26, 2017.



Misty is originally from Mexico, MO and moved to Columbia after accepting a position with Columbia College in 2007. She has an interdisciplinary educational background and has worked in higher education for 16 years. She currently teaches as an adjunct and serves as Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Accreditation Liaison Officer, and Ombudsman for the college.

Misty loves being a mom, spending time with family and friends, and mentoring women. She is passionate about the early integration of social-emotional behavior and breaking down barriers to provide access to resources that will support higher education attainment. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, writing, photography, swimming, hiking, bicycling, Pilates, and yoga. Jackson is obsessed with Mighty Machines and Legos. In addition, he enjoys learning at CDC, play dates, painting,

Play-Doh, playing in his sandbox, swimming, and riding his bike.

Liz Tidwell retired to Missouri after almost 16 years as a house guide at Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. She knew all of two people when she moved to Columbia: an arborist at MU and a CPA. In Columbia she is closer to family members, most of whom are just outside Dallas, Texas, with others living south of Houston. In joining First Baptist, Liz is moving her membership from Lake Christian Church in Palmyra, Virginia.

Liz’s biggest discovery since arriving in Columbia on January 10? “Playing piano is not like riding a bike!” After 22 years without a piano, she bought a Clavinova (a sophisticated keyboard) and found herself asking, “What bass clef?” and “That finger goes where?” But thanks to a borrowed hymnal, she finds her abilities are coming back.

Liz was born and reared in Dallas, Texas. She attended college at Oklahoma Baptist University, and also obtained degrees from the University of Oklahoma and Michigan State University. Liz says, “I am not related, that I know of, to the famous Tidwell of Baylor, not even by marriage.”





Church-wide Mission Trip June 10-15 Lakota Reservation- Bridger, South Dakota

What: Church-wide Mission Trip to Bridger, SD to work with the Lakota people.

When: We will leave early in the morning on Saturday, June 10th and start back on Thursday, June 15th.

Who: This trip is open to our entire church family. While our main efforts will be in construction, there are lots of opportunities to be involved. We need cooks, conversationalists, construction workers, kids to play in the community, horse wranglers, photographers/videographers, fence post drivers, medical care givers, and more.

How much: The trip will cost \$110 per person. A \$50 deposit is due by April 16th. Money pays for food at the site, transportation, project fees, and utilities/accommodations (Reminder, we sleep in the church and fellowship hall on the floor. You will bring your own mattress and/or sleeping bag. Weather permitting, camping/sleeping outside is possible. Participants are responsible for food while traveling).

How do I sign up: If you are interested, please register on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) or email Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Celebrating 25 Years of CBF and our Mission's Emphasis Month

On Sunday, April 23rd our church will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, or CBF. As a part of that morning, Michael McEntyre, First Baptist's Associate Pastor for Youth, College & Young Adults, and Missions, will be sharing about the many ways CBF life impacts our congregation, and talking about his recent trip to Romania with CBF Heartland.

This corresponds with our CBF Mission's Emphasis Month, April 2nd-30th. We hope you will join us for this event as we celebrate the work of Cooperative Baptist and what God is doing in our midst.



OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS



A New Approach to Summer Camp: QUEST FAMILY CAMP, July 2nd-7th

One of the main goals of our Student Ministry is to develop our ministry to and with families. Parents are still the number one factor for influencing the faith of their kids. We strive to help equip parents and students with the tools and support needed to grow in faith together as a family. We also recognize that the roots of youth ministry need to extend deep into childhood and grow beyond graduation. That is why we are excited to offer something a little bit different in the way of camp this year. Our student ministry is inviting all of our families with kids from preschool to college to join us for Quest Family Camp.



What is Quest Family Camp? Think of it as a youth camp, kid's camp, an adult retreat, your family vacation, and a place to get away and be with God all rolled in to ONE!

How will that work?

- * Students grade 6-12 will have the Quest experience with separate rooming, Bible Study tracks, evening events, etc. All of this will still be directed by the Quest staff as it was last year.
- * Concurrently, Quest will offer tracks for adults, college students, and elementary school kids, as well as childcare for infants and toddlers.
- * Youth and kids will have time with their own age group as well as times of corporate worship and play with everyone.
- * Adults will find time for quiet prayer, relevant Bible Study experiences and group discussions on parenting and faith, opportunities to enjoy the facilities including hiking, time on the lake, or even a round of golf, and more.
- * As an added bonus, the camp is incorporating a date night just for adults, giving couples time to reconnect while their kids enjoy planned activities.

How much will it cost?

To show that we value this shared experience for our families, we are lowering the cost for adults and young children to attend.

The cost of camp for youth/college students is the same as last year, \$230. (This is already reduced from the \$279 registration cost for Quest Camp). We are reducing the cost for parents down to \$200 per person in hopes that you will seriously consider investing your time in this endeavor. On top of that, kids ages 6-11 will only pay \$150 per person, and kids under 5 are FREE (the camp does include childcare during scheduled parts of the day).

As an added incentive, no family will pay more than \$750 total for registration.

To give some perspective to this offer, Passport camp the same week at Furman University would cost \$405 per camper. A 2 night cheerleading camp at Mizzou this summer cost \$329 per athlete. You couldn't even book a room at the Quality Inn at lake of the Ozarks that week for under \$450. When you include travel, meals, lodging, and activities for the week, this is a great deal.

Not only does this promise to be a great camp experience, but will give our church members the opportunity to build shared memories and grow together in faith and support. We hope you will make every effort for everyone in your family to join in. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. We are excited to see what God is up to with this brand-new opportunity for Quest Family Camp!

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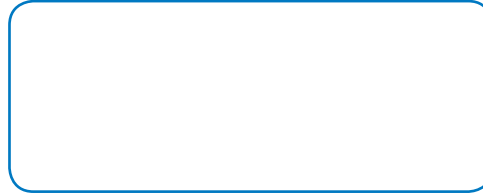
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Save the Date!
April 29, 2017
ForColumbia
Serving Columbia, side by side.

The Serving team is excited to announce our partnership with ForColumbia 2017, a city-wide, multi-church service opportunity on Saturday, April 29th. First Baptist will serve alongside 48 other churches and close to 2,300 volunteers as we work together to share the love of Christ in our community. We are working with coordinators for the event to organize and plan our sites, but we already know of two opportunities that First Baptist will oversee, and they will require a bit of forethought and planning.

One of our projects will be to adopt a room to refurbish at True North shelter. True North is a ministry in Columbia that provides shelter and care for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Our goal will be to give this room our own version of an extreme makeover. We want to create a space that feels safe and secure, a space that brings hope and encouragement. We need a team (8-10 workers) willing to help plan, paint, decorate, furnish, and fill this space with items designed to promote healing and restore dignity and value.

Another project will involve working at Russell Chapel to renovate their food pantry area. This project will involve clean up, painting, and construction of shelves to hold food items. This project will need 15-17 volunteers to work on various areas at the same time to facilitate the work.

We are still working on several other projects, including a family-friendly event, and work at the Wardrobe; these will be announced in the weeks to come. We hope to have a record turnout this year of volunteers. In addition to receiving a free t-shirt, lunch will be provided for all volunteers on Saturday, as well as childcare for infants-5th grade from 8:30-1:30 p.m. You can sign up for this event at the church or online beginning April 2nd. For the most up to date information, be sure to watch the church website, fbc-columbia.org.