

April 5, 2017

the SPIRE



First Baptist Church
columbia



Easter Sunday at First Baptist

Sonrise Service 8:15 am
on the front steps

Annual Easter brunch
after Sonrise Service

Awakening Service 9:15 am
in the Fellowship Hall

Traditional Service 11:15
in the Sanctuary



Please invite a friend to come with you to worship the risen Lord and enjoy a wonderful day of celebration!

Easter Egg Hunt

Toddlers through 5th grade

Saturday, April 15th 10 am - noon

Bring your own basket!

Enjoy games, crafts and treats in the Fellowship Hall,
then join the egg hunt.



Pastoral Residency Ministry Update

At the January church business meeting, First Baptist approved the Mission Team's proposal to begin a Pastoral Residency Ministry. Just as a reminder, in taking this step First Baptist is beginning to identify itself as a "teaching congregation," just as some hospitals are "teaching" hospitals with medical residents. The rigorous training afforded in seminaries and divinity schools focuses primarily on essential academic and biblical knowledge. What's missing is practical teaching about the work of the church. First Baptist is seeking to fill that gap by offering recent seminary or divinity school graduates two years to learn the ropes of local church ministry in a safe and healthy practicum.

Following the January business meeting, the Pastoral Residency Team immediately began sending information about our residency job opening to seminaries and divinity schools.

We are excited to announce that we received eight excellent resumes. In comparison, Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, which has had a residency ministry for 15 years, typically receives 8-12 resumes per year. Consequently, we were elated at the response that First Baptist received and impressed with the quality of the candidates. This speaks to the positive reputation of First Baptist Columbia in the wider Baptist world. The resumes included three men and five women from three different seminaries. The residency team has narrowed the pool of candidates to four. In the next two weeks, we will be checking references, listening to sermons, and doing interviews with these four candidates. We hope to bring the final candidate in for a visit in the next couple of months. Please be in prayer for the search process.



Carla McEntyre

News for Students

Attention all Graduates - High School, College, and Beyond!

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 14th. Graduates will be recognized in both of our worship services and there will be a light brunch between the services in the Children's Building hallway. We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church no later than Sunday April 23rd so it may be featured in the Spire. For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school graduating from, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans. Information may be brought to the church office or emailed to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



Congratulations to all our grads!

~ Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions

Scholarship Opportunities

Every year, First Baptist awards scholarships to individuals pursuing higher education. These scholarships are made available through the generosity of former members of our First Baptist Church family. Graduating First Baptist high school seniors, college students, and graduate students can receive an application online. Please visit www.fbc-columbia.org (click "Resources" then "Forms and Policies"), or send an email to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org. The scholarships available are the Lionberger Scholarship Fund, the Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Luebbers Scholarship Fund.

The deadline for returning the application to the church office is **May 1**.



First Baptist Church Welcomes New Members!

New members Denise and Dennis Ferguson have been residents of Columbia for over 35 years and consider it home.

Denise is a retired Special Education teacher. She taught the severely handicapped here in Columbia, in Middle School for a few years in Boonville, and finished up at Smithton Middle School in Columbia. She still subs today, mainly in the primary grades. She enjoys all sorts of crafts and being in the great outdoors.

Dennis is a retired minister who has pastored all over Missouri, with 22 years of pastoral experience. In addition, he has spent considerable time doing chaplain service. He enjoys reading, music (jazz mostly), and film.

Denise and Dennis have two grown children, Chad and Candice, both musicians (she is a drummer for 1st Baptist in north Kansas City), and they both live in Kansas City.

Dennis and Denise are excited about becoming a part of the First Baptist family - they are pleased to have found a community that shares their vision and core values.



Dave and Julie Walker moved to Columbia from Jackson, MO in July of 2013 to be closer to their three children and grandchildren. They started attending First Baptist a year ago, initially drawn in by the wider welcome and top quality worship options.

Julie and Dave have been United Methodists for most of their lives. Julie has served on the staff of four UM churches as worship leader, director of various choirs and musical ensembles, Program Ministries Facilitator, and Connections Director. Dave has served on several hospitality teams, and as an usher, trustee, head of finance and men's group programming coordinator. Both have been active in the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis Community.



They have been married for over 35 years. Julie retired from teaching Gifted Education in 2010 and is currently employed part time at Love INC of Columbia. Dave has worked as a Long Term Care Administrator of skilled nursing homes for over 30 years and just retired in July from MU's Sinclair School of Nursing where he served as a Long Term Care Leadership Coach,

working with administrators and management teams to provide better outcomes for residents.

Dave does consulting work, creates art out of scraps of fabric (fabricscapes) and participates in art shows while maintaining a small gallery in their home. Julie enjoys composing and producing music, and has recorded two albums of original and familiar songs. Julie loves to walk, talk and play tennis. Both enjoy playing bridge (just for fun—lots of table talk!), traveling, reading, dancing and live theater.

Prayers and Concerns

Marilynn Lee passed away at her home on Saturday, April 1, less than a month after the loss of her husband of over 50 years, Robert Lee. Marilynn was 76. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Lynn Lampe requests prayers for her husband, Rob, who begins treatment for prostate cancer in June.



The First Baptist spring break ski trip to Colorado was a blast. Mark your calendars and save your money - we are hoping to take another ski trip in 2019!

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

Be sure to turn in your \$50 by April 16th. Total cost for the trip will be \$110 per person. 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. If you are interested, please send in your \$50 registration fee (be sure to indicate SD Mission Trip in the memo line) and sign up on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) or email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



**Cooperative Baptist
Fellowship**

**Celebrating 25 Years of CBF
and our
Missions Emphasis Month**

This year the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is celebrating its 25th anniversary. First Baptist Church is a part of this fellowship of Baptists and is proud to join with churches around the world to recognize the founding and future of CBF. On Sunday, April 23rd, we will host a special service to celebrate this milestone. 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 time of recognition also coincides with our annual CBF Global Missions offering. As such, we have invited Ralph and Tammy Stocks, former CBF Field Personnel to Bucharest with Project Ruth, to share about how your missions offering helps to make the work they have done possible. 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.



**Sign up now for
Serving the City
with ForColumbia,
Saturday April 29th.**

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 2300 volunteers as we work together to share the love of Christ in our community.

Projects will include:

Adopting 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 need a team of 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.



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.

Serving at the Wardrobe.



The Wardrobe is a non-profit corporation run by volunteers that helps clothe those in need in Columbia. This project, requiring 7 - 9 volunteers, will involve sorting donations and stocking shelves, as well as some possible light cleaning.

Helping with set up for SAFE Kids at the Hearnese

Center Fieldhouse.

Each year we seek to include a project specifically designed with kids in mind. While you are welcome to bring your young ones with you to any of our sites, we realize that most of these volunteer activities are not exactly kid friendly. Those helping with the SAFE Kids Day will arrive early to help with setup, man booths during the event, possibly help lead games, etc. But there will also be times when you and your kids can explore the carnival-style activities and see what the event has to offer for your family.



www.muhealth.org/safekids

SafeKidsCoMo

We hope to have a record turn-out of volunteers this year. In addition to receiving a free t-shirt, lunch will be provided for all volunteers on Saturday.

Sign up now for this event at the church or on our website, fbc-columbia.org.



The Plowman Chamber Music Competition



Saturday, April 8 at First Baptist – 9-5:30

Sunday, April 9 at the Missouri Theater – 1:30

Hear some of our nation's finest musicians this weekend in the Plowman Chamber Music Competition. Fifteen groups will perform twenty minutes of music for adjudication in our sanctuary on Saturday. On Sunday the five best groups meet head-to-head at the Missouri Theater in competition for \$10,000 in prize money. It's an amazing weekend with amazing performances!! Saturday tickets run \$10 for the entire day. Tickets for Sunday can be secured for \$25 at the theater. Come cheer on these fabulous musicians.

First Baptist Adventures

Join First Baptist Adventurers for a fun-filled day trip to Pike County, Missouri on Saturday, April 22. After leaving First Baptist's parking lot at 9:00 am, we'll stretch our legs at St. Louis University's amazing Henry Lay Sculpture Park, located four miles north of Louisiana, Missouri. We'll build up an appetite touring the 20-acre gardens, then drive through the historic river town of Louisiana on our way to lunch at the Village of the Blue Rose. The Village of the Blue Rose is a six acre not-for-profit property staffed by young adults with Downs Syndrome. The Village's bluff-top restaurant and B&B frame a spectacular panoramic view of the Mississippi River. There will be bird watching, and a rustic flea market and antique shop, oh and yes, the view! Our final stop will be at Louisiana's historic (and outstanding) Stark Brothers Nursery, which sold its first fruit trees in 1816! Our well-stocked, happy Adventurers will return to Columbia around 5:00 p.m. Please sign up as early as possible so transportation arrangements can be made. Email Paula Thomas, fellowship coordinator, at paulalou52@gmail.com or call 442-1149 to register.



One of the pieces we'll see at the Henry Lay Sculpture Park.



Register Now for Quest Family Camp

July 2nd-7th (Deposit due April 23rd)

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, a kid's camp, an adult retreat, your family vacation, and a place to get away and be with God all rolled in to ONE! To register, send in your \$50 deposit per participant by April 23rd and register on our church website (enter Family Camp in the search bar at fbc-columbia.org).



Child Development Center
at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

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 ccddirector@fbc-columbia.org.

2017 Operating Budget Update

The 2017 pledge total for our operation budget was projected to be \$280,000. The Finance Committee is pleased to announce that the actual pledge total is \$287,944! The committee is also updating the budget to reflect additional expenses that were overlooked in our initial vote of the budget:

- Pastors' reimbursables
- Staff continuing education
- Accountant fees

Even with these expenses added back into the budget, there is good news: after two months, both income and expenses are right on target.

New Sunday Morning Small Group for Women

Several First Baptist women are interested in starting a Sunday morning Small Group just for women! We hope that this will be a place for women to develop deep friendships, share joys and concerns, support one another and study scripture together. The inaugural meeting will be convened by Pastor Carol McEntyre, Sunday, April 23 at 10:15, with breakfast, in the hospitality room off the Sanctuary.



Singing Our Lives



Sunday, April 30 we are planning services in both Awakening and Traditional Worship devoted to music and singing! Singing is a deeply rooted Christian practice. The Christian Church was born singing the songs of ancient Israel; the Psalms formed the heart of prayer in the early Church. The gospel of Luke barely gets through two chapters without bursting into song: Mary sings that her soul magnifies the Lord, Zechariah sings blessings to the Lord of Israel, the angels sing "Glory to God in the highest, and the old prophet Simeon sings his farewell song of peace. Christians have been singing ever since. Join us for this special Sunday devoted to glorifying God through music!

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in our world."

~Martin Luther

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“Return Service Requested”



Holy Week at First Baptist

Palm Sunday

This Sunday, April 9, is Palm Sunday, the Christian feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter and commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is a joyous and special day at First Baptist. We will have processions with Palms in both services. You are also invited to 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 (9:15 am) and Traditional Worship (11:15) will meet as usual on Palm Sunday; children are invited to take part in a Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both worship services. At the annual palm Sunday processional—children line up at the back of the church, they are given palms and when worship begins they parade down the aisle! Parents, please arrive a few minutes prior to worship so your children can join the fun.

Good Friday

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.