

April 19, 2017

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First Baptist Church
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Easter Weekend:

Joy breaks out at First Baptist!

After the moving drama of Good Friday we enjoyed games, treats, and an Easter egg hunt on Saturday morning. We had incredible turnout with a front yard covered by children and their families.

Easter morning began with the early Sunrise service, where worshipers



celebrated the Resurrection outdoors before moving into the beauty of the sanctuary.

The worship spaces saw a gradual transformation throughout the season of Lent, with changing colors to reflect the elements that were poured out. On Easter morning worshipers were greeted with not only all the

colors, but also the beauty of lilies and spring flowers, and the transformation of the cross into a thing of beauty.



Lillian Hoell, David Jacobs, Eli Marchbanks, Stephen Hoell, Karlye Jeffries, and Anne Bills played the roles of various characters from the first Easter morning.

Many thanks to all who helped bring the “Poured Out” series to life throughout the Lenten season.





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**.



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. The summer program will run from June 5-June 29 and July 6-July 27. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. CDC hours are 7:15-5:30 Monday-Friday. For more information contact Ms. Debby at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org.

Endowment Requests Reminder

Our ministry teams, boards and committees are currently in process of developing Endowment requests for June-December of 2017. Request forms were recently sent out to team and committee leaders. If you would like to make a request and did not receive a form please contact Janet in the church office, 442-1149. Just a reminder that requests are due by May 1 and should be delivered to the church or emailed to churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.



PENTECOST

Sunday June 4th - All Church Worship and More!

10:15 am - Regular Sunday Morning Small Group sessions

11:15 am - Combined Worship in the Sanctuary, celebrating the birth of the Church

12:15 am - Lunch and business meeting to vote on 2017-2018 Endowment recommendations.

Annual Church Picnic at the Twin Lakes Pavilion June 11 at 3 pm

All are welcome to join us for games, fishing, biking, walking, running, and playing!
This year's egg toss championship is up for grabs. Who will scramble to the finish line
to take on the yoke of victory?

At 4 pm we will enjoy a special treat - the Pepto Bismol Men's Bake-off and Auction for Missions!
Men, bring your best baked treats - and everybody, bring your checkbook.
It's a sweet way to raise money for missions.

At 5 pm dinner is served. The main dish (Lee's fried chicken), drinks, and place settings are provided.
Please bring food for 12, according to the first letter of your last name:

A-G Veggies
H-S Side Dishes
T-Z Desserts



At left, contestants line up for the egg toss while Kim Siegenthaler, right, eggs them on.





Register Now!

Volunteers still needed for Serving the City / ForColumbia Projects

**Sign up now for
Saturday April 29th.**

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the project at Russell Chapel. We need people who can help with painting and light construction work. We are also looking for painters who might be able to help early (Thursday or Friday before the project) at both Russell Chapel and True North. Please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) if you can help.



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

Register Now!

\$50 deposit is due by April 30th. Total cost for the trip will be \$110 per person. Sign up on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) or email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



**Register Now for
Quest Family Camp**

July 2nd-7th (Deposit due April 30th)

Sign up on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) or email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



Baby Dedication on Easter Morning



Congratulations to Noah and Abby Hartsfield on the dedication of their son, Gideon Rakestraw Hartsfield at Easter worship.

Gideon was born November 21, 2016.



New Sunday Morning Small Group for Women

A new small group just for women begins this Sunday at 10:15 in the hospitality room off the Sanctuary. 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. Breakfast will be served!



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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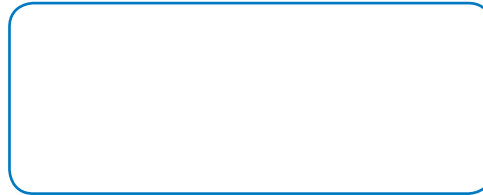
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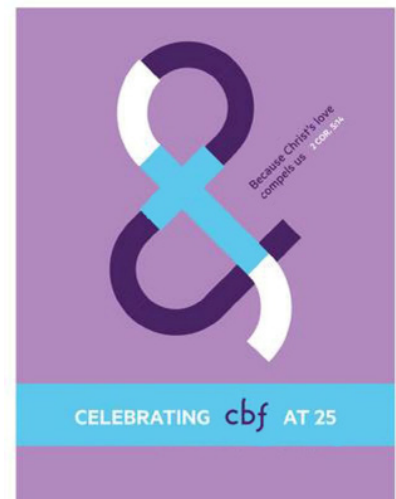
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Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship on Sunday April 23rd

This year the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is celebrating its 25th anniversary. First Baptist Church is a part of this fellowship and is proud to join with churches around the world to recognize the founding and of future of CBF. On Sunday, April 23rd, we will host a special service to celebrate this milestone. As a part of worship 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 will be 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 do 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.