

June 14, 2017

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First Baptist Church
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Come, Holy Spirit!

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4,
we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit
during our combined worship service
in the sanctuary.

What a joy to have a beautiful visual
representation of the Spirit's presence!
Many thanks to Brenda Rice
for helping us to visualize
Pentecost through art.

Giving Thanks for Glenn Owings' Service

Our First Baptist custodian for most of the last 35 years is on his way to retirement at the end of July. As a way to thank Glenn for his years of service and to congratulate him on his retirement, we will recognize him in Awakening and Traditional worship services on Sunday, July 16, with a reception following Traditional worship. Expressions of thanks are being accepted - if you would like to contribute to a monetary gift please send a check to First Baptist Church prior to Wednesday, July 12, or drop something in the church offering clearly labeled as "gift for Glenn." Cards are also encouraged if you would like to say thanks in that manner.





Welcome Our Upcoming Guest Preachers

As most of you know, in the fall of 2014, my mother was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Throughout her illness, the First Baptist community has been very supportive. Thank you for your prayers, meals, compassion and continued inquiry about her health. You may not know that 20-25% of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer have a hereditary tendency to develop the disease. As a result, in consultation with my doctor, my family got genetic testing and counseling at the University of Missouri. The test revealed that I do have an increased risk of developing ovarian cancer. After talking it out with my family, I have decided to go ahead and have a preventative hysterectomy. It is scheduled for July 10.

Making the decision to have the surgery was a no-brainer; deciding how much time to take off was more difficult! After talking to my doctor, other women who have had the surgery, and the personnel committee, I have scheduled 3 weeks off. Below you will see the bios of the guest preachers while I am away. Associate Pastors Ed Rollins and Michael McEntyre will be available for administrative, worship leadership, and pastoral care needs. Dennis Ferguson will be available to help with pastoral care as well. You can contact Dennis at 573-228-1110.

Carin McEntyre

Rev. Kim Gage Ryan is our speaker for July 16. Kim is the Director of The Bethany Fellowships – a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) program supporting young clergy in their first five years of ministry. A congregational pastor at heart, she has served congregations in Texas, Indiana and Columbia, MO. Born and raised in Amarillo, TX Kim graduated from Texas Tech University in 1980 and TCU/Brite Divinity School in 1984. She has called Columbia home for 28 years. She has two sons and one grandson.



Rev. Brian Ford brings the message on July 23. Brian became the Executive Director of Churchnet in April 2017. Previously he was pastor of Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church in Columbia, MO since 2003. Brian is currently an adjunct professor at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee KS. Brian is married to the former Holly Williams of Lamar, MO. She is currently an OB/GYN physician for the University of Missouri Health Sciences in Columbia. They have two children, Caroline & Owen. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with family, playing golf, watching movies, traveling, reading, fishing, hunting, & attempting to play the guitar.

Rev. Clyde Ruffin will be preaching for us on July 30. Clyde was officially licensed as a minister in the fall of 1970 as he entered the University of Iowa, where he completed undergraduate and graduate degrees in Speech and Dramatic Arts. Clyde became a senior faculty member at Mizzou in 1982. He has long followed a vision of a church overflowing with believers of all races and backgrounds who are fervent in love and worship, grounded in the Word of God and committed to serving the community; he lives this out as pastor of Second Baptist Church. In 2017, Rev. Ruffin was re-elected to the Columbia City Council as the representative for the First Ward and Mayor Pro Tem, which has provided a platform to address issues of social inequity, racial disparity and economic opportunity that continue to challenge our community. Rev. Ruffin and First Lady Sheila Ruffin have been married for forty years and are blessed to have four daughters and six grandchildren.

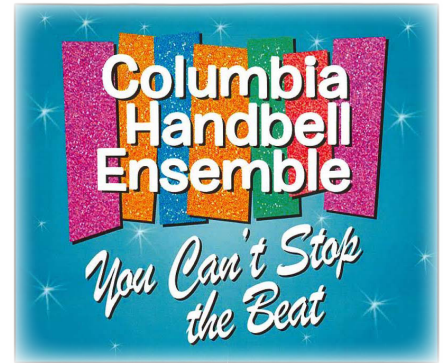


Upcoming Events

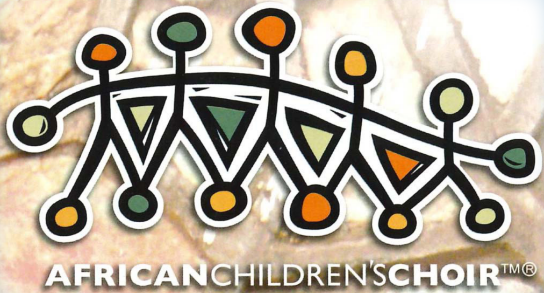


The Columbia Handbells “Send-Off Concert”

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble has been invited to perform as guest featured choir for the Area 1 (Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut) Festival Conference of the Handbell Musicians of America. The choir will play later this month in the concert hall of the University of Massachusetts. The final Columbia concert prior to their trip to MA will take place at First Baptist on Saturday, June 24 at 7 pm. This will be an amazing opportunity to hear one of our nation’s finest ensembles playing at an incredibly high level. This is a free can’t miss concert and will feature three brand new commissions written for the Area 1 concert. Grab a friend and join us for a great evening of music!



First Baptist’s Noah Hartsfield rings in the group and Ed Rollins conducts. Following the MA concert, Ed and Deb will stay to act as clinicians for the Area 1 Conference, and Noah will stay to teach several classes.



The African Children’s Choir Returns to First Baptist

The Boonslick Chordbusters Barbershop Chorus is sponsoring a return visit of the internationally acclaimed African Children’s Chorus on Wednesday, June 28 at 7 pm in our sanctuary. The touring choir appeared here in the winter of 2016 and they were unbelievable. They sing, dance and play instruments in such a manner that pure joy seems to fill the sanctuary. This choir is part of a larger organization that is making a difference in the lives of

children throughout Africa. Since 1984, they have operated field programs that promote education and spiritual development for children and communities in some of Africa’s most war torn and undeveloped areas.

First Kids Camp

For 3-year-olds through those going into 6th grade

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 July 31- Aug. 2nd. 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.

Mornings are free; for children staying through the afternoon the cost is \$25 per child for all three days, payable by check (made out to First Baptist Church) or cash.

To register: visit fbc-columbia.org; print and complete the registration form, and either mail it to the church or drop it in the box downstairs.

To volunteer: contact Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

First Kids **CAMP**
July 31- Aug. 2nd 2017

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)



Missions Lunch with Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen

The Missions Team is hosting a lunch for Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen on Thursday, June 22 at Noon in the Parlor. Keith and Mary were members at First Baptist before being commissioned by, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, as missionaries in 1996.

Keith and Mary, a husband and wife team living in the Netherlands, dub Christian films, children's videos, and audio recordings of scripture in major Romany languages.



The Romany people, often referred to as gypsies, have more than 20 different languages and dialects. With an oral rather than a written culture, Romany often must rely on what they hear about Jesus. As a minority, they face discrimination not only socially but by government systems as well. The discrimination extends even into churches.

Come hear more about their work! You may RSVP for the lunch by emailing Janet Deneke, Administrative Assistant at First Baptist, at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

First Baptist Adventures

On Sunday, June 25th, we will see the 2:00 pm showing of Columbia Entertainment Company's production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" by David Yazbek & Jekrey Lane. After the show, we will reconvene at Cracker Barrel for dinner.

On Saturday, July 15th we will enjoy a picnic at the castle at Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site. Bring a dish to share, and your own drinks. Utensils, plates, cups and ice will be provided. This is a very family friendly event, with table games, three legged races with prizes, and time to tour the castle. Please RSVP to our Fellowship Coordinator, Paula Thomas, at paulalou52@gmail.com by July 10.



A view of Bothwell Castle

On Friday-Saturday, October 6-7, we will take an overnight trip to Bentonville, Arkansas to visit Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Permanent exhibits are free for viewers, but at the time we are going there will be a special exhibit of Chihuly artwork, for which there is a \$10 entrance fee. The trip will also include a stop at the Top of the Rock museum in Branson. Final cost will be determined when we get a head count. RSVP's must be made to Paul Thomas (paulalou52@gmail.com) by September 1 in order to secure tickets, transportation, and lodging.



An example of Chihuly art



Welcome our Pastoral Resident

On June 4, at the church business meeting, First Baptist unanimously voted to call Brittany McDonald-Null as our first Pastoral Resident. We look forward to her first Sunday with us on August 6. In the coming weeks, the Pastoral Residency Team will let you know about opportunities to welcome Brittany and her husband Bryce. In the meantime, we invite you to send a card to Brittany and Bryce at 810 Buccaneer Dr., Abilene, TX 79605 welcoming them to First Baptist.



Staff Time Away

From June 25- 29, Carol and Michael McEntyre will be in Atlanta for the annual Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) General Assembly. During this meeting, Pastor Carol will begin, a 3-year term, serving on the Governing Board of CBF. The Governing Board provides direction and authority, fiscal and legal oversight to the Fellowship. Following General Assembly, Michael and Carol will be joining over 20 other First Baptist folks for Quest Camp in Wisconsin.

Ed Rollins is also planning for time away for Columbia Handbells performances and Handbell Musicians of America business as well as for a time of family celebration. Ed's term as President of this organization will end at the end of September. He will be gone June 27th through July 4th; July 10 through 17th, and July 24th through 28th.

Retired Pastor and First Baptist member, Dennis Ferguson, will be stepping in to help with pastoral care while the staff is away. He will make hospital and homebound visits. If you have a need, please don't hesitate to contact Dennis at 573-228-1110.





Sherry and Randy Wyatt proudly display their trophy for winning the Egg Toss.

All-Church Picnic



Noah Felts and Caroline Ford, winners of the youth division of the Egg Toss, are all smiles after their victory.

Thanks to everyone for a fantastic turn-out at our church picnic. It was a wonderful day full of fun and fellowship. It was a joy to watch so many of our little ones running, bouncing, laughing, and playing at the picnic. Thank you to everyone who baked all the goodies for our auction. Together we raised close to \$800 for missions. Our Serving Team will soon meet to discuss the best way in which this gift can be applied in a meaningful way, and we look forward to sharing that information as soon as a decision has been made. Thank you also to those who brought food to share for the picnic - everything was delicious. Special thanks to all those who helped set up and bring over supplies and games for the day. As for the games, congratulations to Sherry and Randy Wyatt for taking home the title of 2017 Egg Toss Champs, adult division; and to Noah Felts and Caroline Ford, winners of the youth division. Lastly, many thanks to the One responsible for the consistent breeze that we all enjoyed throughout the day. What a great kickoff to summer at First Baptist.



Dave & Julie Walker and Ashley Evans & Kimberly Moeller enjoy some shade and rest in the shelter.



Church-wide Mission Trip July 29- Aug 3 Lakota Reservation- Bridger, South Dakota

DATE CHANGE FOR MISSION TRIP

Due to several conflicts in personal schedules, we have moved the Church-wide Mission Trip to the Lakota Reservation in Bridger, SD to July 29-Aug 3rd. This will also allow us to travel with 2nd Baptist in Liberty, MO once again. Projects will include some construction, fencing, and a possible video documentary project to help tell the story of the work happening in Bridger. Total cost for the trip will be \$100 per person. This fee 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 this new date works for you, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org ASAP. Space is available, but limited. We look forward to what God has in store for us.

#WAYTRUTHLIFE

JOHN 14:6 | Q17

Quest Family Camp is almost here, July 2-7th.

Over 20 people from our church will take part in Quest Family Camp this year. We hope you will be in prayer for all of our participants heading to Green Lake, Wisconsin in a few weeks. The theme for camp this year is #WayTruthLife based on John 14:6.

We will start each morning with combined worship followed by team and family building activities before kids, youth, and adults all head to specific program tracks specifically designed for each age group. Quest Camp staff will lead our students while adults will have the opportunity to learn from child-psychologist Jeanne Williams. Our camp speaker will be Dr. David Williams, President of Taylor Seminary. Our week will include lots of fun activities, a day on the lake for the 4th of July, and a Parent's Night Out for our couples. It looks like it will be a fantastic week.

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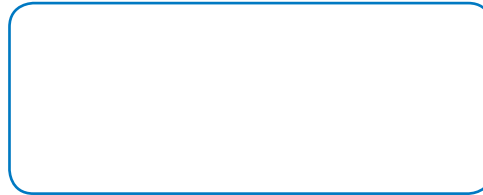
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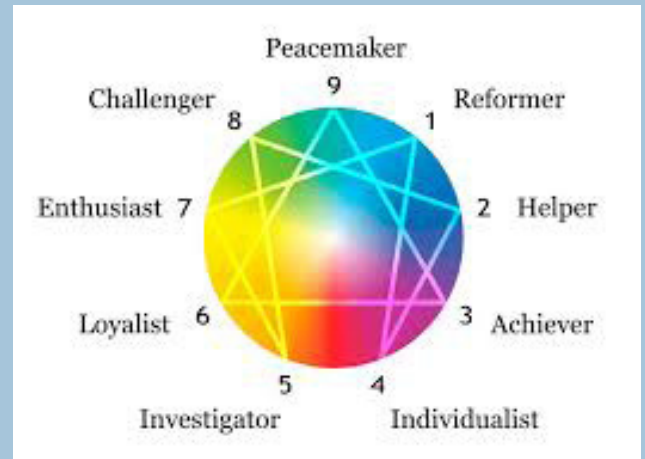
Bethany James, Nursery Director
Glenn Owings, Custodian

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Sunday Morning Small Group Offering
The Enneagram

July 9-August 27, at 10:15 am
in the Parlor



Join the summer Sunday Morning Small Group study of the Enneagram, an ancient personality type system that describes how people are wired both positively and negatively. You can learn about your own personalities as well as how you relate to others.

Even if you don't regularly participate in a Sunday Morning Small Group, we hope you will try this one!