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This past week we took 20 people to our first Family Camp experience. Last summer we committed to broadening our understanding of student ministry and reshaping our network of support for youth and for parents. Lasting youth ministry begins well before Middle School and extends past graduation. Connecting students with the broader church family is vital for their faith development and for ours.

I am grateful to our First Baptist family for expanding our community, and for our willingness to look at youth ministry differently. I am also thankful to all of those who went to camp this year and for the incredible memories we now share.

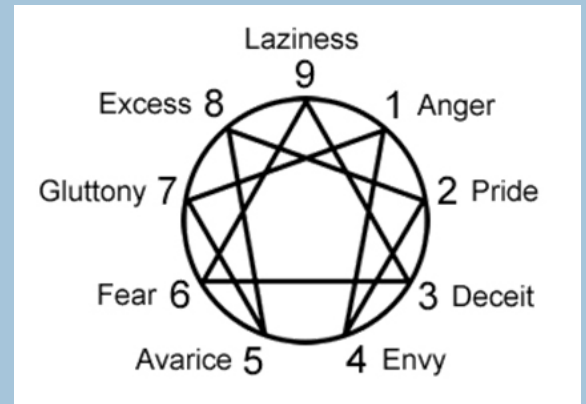
Blessings,
Pastor Michael McEntyre
Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions





Sunday Morning Small Group Offering **The Enneagram**

**Now through August 27,
at 10:15 am in the Parlor**



It's summer! You may have missed that our Sunday Morning Small Groups are combining for the summer to study the Enneagram. Don't worry - come anyway and enjoy this interesting personality type study. Our study is led by Rev. Dr. Wallis Landrum, and is based on the book "The Road Back to You" by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile. Join in this interesting study of who we are and how we relate to one another.

Welcome Our Guest Preachers

As Carol recovers from her surgery the next few weeks, Associate Pastors Ed Rollins and Michael McEntyre are available for administrative, worship leadership, and pastoral care needs. Meanwhile, First Baptist is in good hands with a slate of guest preachers.

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.





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. Children staying through the afternoon should bring a sack lunch.

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)

First Kids **CAMP**

July 31- Aug. 2nd 2017

Register Now!

To register: You may now register on-line through First Baptist's website, fbc-columbia.org. If you prefer you may print and complete the registration form, and either mail it to the church or drop it in the box downstairs. You may use the registration form on the back of this page.

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

July is a busy month for our clergy! Retired pastor and First Baptist member Dennis Ferguson will step in to help with pastoral care during the various staff absences. He will make hospital and homebound visits. If you have a need, please don't hesitate to contact Dennis at 573-228-1110.



Fall Kick-off

August 27th, 2017

12:15pm on the Front lawn
Food, Fellowship and Fun

Save the date!

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New Director for the Child Development Center

The Child Development Center Advisory Board is pleased to welcome Jess Wolfe as the new director beginning Tuesday, August 1. She will be around the church and center throughout July for training days. There will be several opportunities in July and August for individuals to meet Jess and get to know her better.

Jess has worked with youth as a care-provider, counselor, and educator for over fifteen years. Jess's career began as a vocal and instrumental music educator in Duluth, Minnesota. After moving to Iowa in 2005, Jess worked with children with developmental and cognitive delays until the birth of her first son. Jess then ran an in-home daycare for four years. In 2011, she and her family moved to Missouri because her husband, Travis, accepted a position as an English professor at Central Methodist University. Here in Missouri, Jess worked with families and youth as a counselor-in-training at a private counseling center in Sedalia. For the past three years, Jess has taught junior high students at St. Mary School in Glasgow.

Jess earned a B.A.S. in psychology with an emphasis in infant, child, and adolescent development from the University of Minnesota Duluth. She also earned a B.S.E. in early childhood and elementary education from Central Methodist University and an M.Ed. with an emphasis in educational psychology from the College of St. Scholastica. In addition, Jess has completed graduate courses in clinical counseling.

Jess is excited to use her experiences as an educator and care provider along with her formal training in psychology and education in her role as the director of the Child Development Center. Travis, Jess, and their four children--Liam, Ophelia, Anya, and Odin--plan on relocating to Columbia in the near future. They are all thrilled with this new chapter in their lives.

Welcome to Jess - we look forward to a great year ahead!



Child Development Center
at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

More news from the CDC

We take this opportunity to formally thank the membership of First Baptist Church for the generous gift of endowment funds to upgrade the playground that is used by the children enrolled in the Child Development Center as well as children who participate in First Baptist Church ministry programs.

The trike path will be completed during the break between summer school and the new school year. A new climbing feature is being researched and will be the focal point of our playground in the near future. The compassion and generosity this congregation demonstrates for the children, families and staff of the CDC is appreciated more than you will ever know!

Thank you for your continued support of a program that touches the lives of many.

Quest Family Camp



Quest Family Camp Memories



Those who attended Quest Family Camp had a wonderful and meaningful experience, enjoying God's great creation and the gifts of play and worship. With water sports, slip-n-slides, and myriad activities, Family Camp proved to be a time of true multi-generation spiritual renewal.

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Glenn Owings, Custodian

“Return Service Requested”



Celebrating Glenn Owings' Service July 30th

First Baptist's custodian for most of the last 35 years, Glenn Owings, is on his way to retirement at the end of July. To thank him 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 30 with a reception following Traditional worship. Expressions of thanks are welcome – if you would like to contribute to a monetary gift please send a check to First Baptist Church prior to Wednesday, July 26, 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.

