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Church-wide Mission Trip to Bridger, South Dakota



Our team had a great week ministering to and learning from the Lakota people in Bridger, SD. We are grateful to Second Baptist Church in Liberty, Missouri for their continued partnership in this effort. Our team consisted of 6 adults, 6 youth and college students, and 2 preschoolers, along with several others from Second Baptist. We hope you will make an effort to join us for our Mission Report on Sunday, August 20th in both worship services, when we share more about our experience.

Thank you for your prayers and support during our trip.

A poster for a 'Fall Kick-off' event. The text is centered on a light blue background with a decorative border. The text reads: 'Fall Kick-off', 'August 27th, 2017', '12:15pm on the Front lawn', and 'Food, Fellowship and Fun'. The poster is framed by a red and white paisley pattern on the sides and a blue and white pattern at the bottom.

We will enjoy a western theme with a barnyard bounce house, inflatable-horse races, roping competition, photo ops, and – as always – good food and fellowship! The church will provide chicken, beverages, and tableware. Please bring a side dish to share.



*Through all the varied songs
 Earth's many voices raise
 Hear how the whole creation longs
 To sing the artist's praise
 Who tunes the world for sound
 And sets our hearts to beat,
 and with a music more profound
 Makes all our songs complete.*

(Thomas Troeger)

Someone once said that “music is the best way to unite with God.” That’s pretty amazing stuff! And that’s something I think many of you may want to experience firsthand! If that’s the case, we’ve got music for you that not only unites you with God but also enables you to share laughter and tears with others making music for God.

Here are a few of the options that are starting up in the near future – why don’t you consider joining us?

Chancel Choir – rehearsals resume August 16. The choir rehearses in the sanctuary from 7:30-8:45, and we’ve got a place for you.

Chancel Bells – rehearsals resume August 23. The bell choir meets in the sanctuary from 6:30-7:30. If you’ve played for years, come on and join the fun. If you’ve never played, I bet we can help you learn and discover the joy of ringing for God.

Psalm Players Band – this group will begin again on Wednesday, August 23 from 5:30-6:30 in the sanctuary. We are looking to add new instrumentalists to our group. If you currently play an instrument in a band, here’s another place to practice. If you haven’t played in years, but wouldn’t mind trying again, you are welcome!

We have fun and we grow in our faith at the same time. There’s a place for you in music at First Baptist. Contact Ed Rollins for information or to chat at 442-1149 or rollins@fbc-columbia.org.

Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church

Office Closed

The church office will be closed August 21, the day of the solar eclipse.



Enjoy the sight without ruining your sight - don't forget your eclipse glasses!



Child Development Center
 at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year, which begins August 15.

We welcome children ages 2 through 5. Our hours are 7:15-5:30 Monday-Friday. For more information contact Jess Wolfe at 573-443-7677 or ccddirector@fbc-columbia.org.



Solar Eclipse: A Celestial Celebration Friday, August 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary - free admission Reception to Follow

Pre-concert music at 6:45 p.m.:

Saint Saens: *Danse Macabre*, arr. G. Anderson for 5 pianos

Concert pieces:

Clarke: *Orange Dawn* for flute & piano

Finzi: *Fear No More the Heat o' the Sun*

Prokofiev: *Memory of the Sun* for mezzo-soprano & piano

Tsontakos: from *Eclipse* for clarinet, violin, cello and piano

Daughtrey: *Tangling Shadows* for soprano saxophone and percussion

Holst: *The Planets* arr. G. Anderson for 5 pianos

Crumb: *Makrokosmos III: Music for a Summer Evening* for 2 pianos and percussion



Contact Information Updates

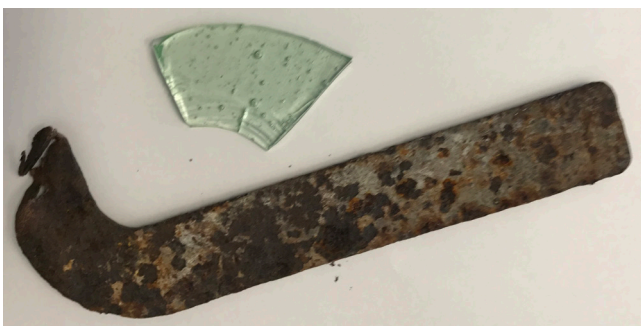
“The only thing that is constant is change.” (*Heroclitus*)

This applies to addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, even our names and family configurations. I've made many changes to this information in Servant Keeper (our member database) in my several months here. Unfortunately, when the office computer crashed and was restored several weeks ago, Servant Keeper was not restored to the newest data. Even if that had not happened, however, contact information and family data simply becomes obsolete over time.



For the remaining Sundays in August, please check the entrance to our worship spaces for a data sheet with the information we currently have for you in Servant Keeper, and mark it with any changes. Especially be sure we have a current phone number so that Janet, our Administrative Assistant, can reach you for any clarifications.

We will also reach out to any of you who worship with us in spirit during that time, so that we can stay in touch with you!



Special Thanks

A crash and a tinkle is never a good thing, but especially when it happens in the sanctuary with such beautiful windows. A nearby leaf blower threw this object from across Waugh Street into one of our windows.

We are grateful to Michael Brewer for matching the stained glass and repairing the window.

First Kids Camp



First Kids Camp

We had a wonderful three days with over 40 children from the church, the Child Development Center, and the community participating in our inaugural First Kids Camp, with VBS-style learning opportunities in the mornings, and specialized activities in the afternoons. Thanks to all who brought their children to us, and much gratitude to all who gave time and other resources to make the event a success!



"I loved the games!"
-Gilam Galloway

"I liked
the music and Mr. Ed.
I liked how you did the actions and
made funny faces."
-Grayson Hoell



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Upcoming Worship Series: Discernment

Speaking to God is one thing; learning to listen is discernment. Join us for a sermon series on knowing God's will and hearing God's voice. Here are the themes for each week:



August 20

*I Would Know Your
Skinny Butt Anywhere*

August 27

Paying Attention

Sept 3

*What God's Guidance
is Not*

Sept 10

How God Speaks

Sept 17

Practicing Discernment