

October 18, 2017

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Fall Sheppard Lecture

Saturday, October 28

10-Noon in the parlor:

How the Baptist Joint Committee Defends Religious Liberty for All

Child care will be available Saturday for infants in the nursery and Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry, will coordinate a fun filled morning for children, including fall canvas painting, cookie decorating, and pumpkin painting! To register for child care contact Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.



Sunday, October 29

9:15 Awakening and 11:15 Traditional Worship:

Loving and Knowing our Neighbors

Sunday, October 29

10:15 Combined Small Group and brunch in the fellowship hall:

Politics in the Pulpit



Nov. 12
9:15 am
Worship, Brunch & Business Meeting



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During combined worship, the nursery will be open as usual; 1st - 5th graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family. Following worship, children are invited to First Kids Sunday School which will take place during the business meeting. There will be food for the children upstairs in the Children's Ministry area.



Racial Justice and Advocacy Team

First Baptist strives to be a church that welcomes people of every age, race, gender, economic reality and LGBTQ status. We believe that all people are created in the image of God; thus, all are welcomed to participate fully in the life of our church and can serve in leadership. With this value in mind and in response to the white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, VA and the more insidious problem of systemic racism, the Church Council has blessed the formation of a Racial Justice and Advocacy Team here at First Baptist. The team is still in the exploration phase, but we have begun meeting. Three objectives for our work have already emerged: education, relationship building and meaningful action. Within the church, we want to focus on education, so that as a congregation we can have a shared vocabulary and understanding around issues of racism and injustice. Already, Julie Walker and Misty Phillips have been teaching a class this fall during the small group hour on The Work of Racial Equality. New member Kim Moeller has spent the fall taking the class. Here is her reflection on what she has learned so far:



“In the Gospel, we learn that we are all made in God’s image: ‘There is no Greek or Jew, slave or free, male or female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).’ However, the world we live in remains divided - often by race - in the opportunities and experiences we each have in our daily lives. I believe discussions on white privilege, discrimination, and social justice are key to understanding our role as Christians in supporting all our brothers and sisters in Christ, and in celebrating both our similarities and differences. The small group led by Misty and Julie has fostered a safe space for this dialogue, and for activities that help visualize the personal and societal implications of race and privilege. We’ve examined the connotations that language about color contains, and we’ve read personal anecdotes clarifying the emotions behind navigating issues of race in church. I look forward to discussing ways that our small group, and First Baptist, can work toward a community of acceptance.”

You will be hearing more about the work of the Racial Justice and Advocacy Team in the coming months. I hope you will join this important conversation and work as we seek to live our faith together.

Senior Pastor,

Carla McEntyre



Making Stars for Advent

Our Advent theme this year is “And None Shall be Afraid.” During the season our worship spaces will be filled with stars. In the coming weeks, you are invited to continue in the creation of stars by folding and cutting. Materials and instructions are available in the hallway, along with baskets in which to place your completed stars.



Sunday, November 12 is Commitment Sunday

“For all that has been thanks, for all that will be yes!” is our theme for commitment Sunday, November 12, and next year’s visioning process, which will engage the whole church in celebrating what we love about First Baptist and dreaming about what God is calling us to be and do in the future.

The theme comes from Dag Hammarskold who was the second United Nations Secretary-General, and a Nobel Peace Prize recipient. His words fit this time in our church life. The phrase “For all that has been” celebrates



our memories and gives gratitude for God’s faithfulness through the years, so we say “Thanks.” The words “For all that will be” blesses all that we anticipate God will do among us and through us in the future, so we say “Yes!”

On commitment Sunday, which is also combined worship, we will meet at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. I will be sharing where I think we are as a church and talking about the visioning process. It takes all of us contributing financially to make the ministry and mission of First Baptist possible. In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a letter with a pledge card in the mail. Sit down with your family, look at your budget and your income, and consider what you might give to your church next year. If you have never given start small, if you

need to. Then, consider how you might increase your giving a little bit each year. To those of you who have been giving faithfully for years, thank you. On commitment Sunday, you will be invited to bring forward your pledge cards, indicating how much you can commit toward the budget in 2018. It is a privilege to give and contribute to the work that God is doing at and through First Baptist.

Advent Wreath Workshop

Join us for an intergenerational Advent event on Sunday, November 26 at 10:15 am during the Small Group Hour. We will have all the supplies (a wreath form, greens, wire, candles, and some ribbon) for you to make an Advent wreath that you can use in your home! The wreath can become a centerpiece that calls you to enter into the hope, peace, joy and love found in God’s gift of Jesus. You will also receive a simple Advent devotional with a reflection for each week that will guide you through the season. There is a suggested donation of \$20 per Advent Wreath. We will work while listening to Christmas Carols and enjoying hot apple cider. Please RSVP to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org and let us know you plan to make a wreath.



The Children’s Ministry and Youth Ministry will be participating in the workshop in lieu of Small Group. They will be making personalized wreaths and participating in other advent activities.



The Vulnerability of Preaching

Preaching is an incredibly vulnerable act. I mean, shockingly vulnerable. I have spent much of my life in front of people. Beginning at two, I danced, I was in drama classes throughout elementary school, and to top it all off, I am an only child. I am used to being the center of attention, but this was different. Preaching was something no dance recital or seminary class could completely prepare me for. Sure, dance taught me how to smile through mistakes, to improvise, and to make eye contact with people. And seminary taught me how to read and interpret Scripture, the basics of preaching, and they did all they could to simulate the experience. But these experiences do not even come close to describing the surplus of emotions I felt standing in front of you. After worship on September 24, when I had preached for the first time at First Baptist, I walked away knowing a new form of vulnerability – a sacred, deeply communal one.



I learned that preaching isn't an isolated act, but one grounded in community. I think this was the biggest surprise to me. Unlike in seminary, I was no longer preaching for a grade. I did not attempt to impress my classmates and professors with my wealth of knowledge in sermon form. Rather, on September 24, I was part of the worship experience in a whole new way. Through shared stories about God, the scriptures, and God's kingdom we got to dream and worship together. Your smiles, laughter, and head nods shaped the space, reminded me of God's presence with us, and made the moment holy. You challenged my status-driven, over-achieving mind to dream bigger and to re-imagine the kingdom.

How beautiful it is that we can all learn alongside one another, to encourage one another, to be present with one another. If you would have asked me five years ago, and perhaps even one year ago, I would have told you that I doubt I would ever be invited into the pulpit. But you took a risk. You heard God's call and established a ministry few churches are doing. And because of that, I have experienced a part of my call I never thought possible. Thank you for allowing space for my vulnerability and for sharing that precious moment with me. May we continue to grow together in this beloved community.

Pastoral Resident,

Brittany McDonald-Muell

Give to American Baptist Churches- USA Mission Offering this November



This November our First Baptist family will have the opportunity to support the mission efforts of our American Baptist partners at home and around the world. This year our annual missions offering will support the much-needed disaster recovery efforts funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry, as well as the ongoing work of ABC-USA missionaries around the world. Our hope is to give to those who are currently working to overcome tragedy and destruction, as well as

those who will remain after the relief efforts are finished to carry on the good work of the Gospel. Contributions should be made out to First Baptist Church. Please be sure to put ABC Missions Offering in the memo line of your check and/or place it in one of the special missions offering envelopes. We hope you will give generously to support the work of the American Baptist Church throughout the world and take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Thank you,

Mark Thomas, Chair of the Serving Team





Fifth Anniversary MO vs. TN Bash

It's the fifth anniversary of welcoming Tennessean pastors into First Baptist, and of Mizzou joining the SEC. To celebrate, First Baptist is stepping up our tailgate game on November 11th when the Mizzou Tigers and the Tennessee Volunteers face off for what could be a Historic Battle on the Gridiron or, more likely, the Battle



for the Basement. Our pre-game party will start two hours before kickoff in the Grasslands (about two blocks from the Stadium) at the home of Lili Vianello and John Shrum, 1005 Wayne Rd. Lili and John will provide a main course; tailgate attendees are encouraged to bring some sides and favorite beverages (we will be inside or out, depending on the weather). If you are planning on going to the game, be sure to stop by beforehand. If you aren't going but want to join



the festivities, come on by. As you can imagine, parking is very limited on game day so if you plan on driving to the tailgate, we ask that you RSVP to Ed Rollins (rollins@fbc-columbia.org) so we can plan accordingly (carpooling is recommended). This will be a terrific time of fellowship and one-up-manship for fans and non-fans alike. So come join us Saturday, November 11th for some great fun even if you're not planning to attend the game. And as Nate McEntyre used to say, "GO TIGER VOLLS!"

Child Development Center

Halloween Party

Wednesday October 25th



The Child Development Center at First Baptist is hosting a Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 25th. **First Baptist Families are invited to join the fun.** All children are welcome to come in costume, but please no masks, no weapons, and nothing scary. An optional viewing of "The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown"

will begin at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a costume parade around FBC and CDC, and then activities and games from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. A supervised Halloween movie will also be played on the third floor for older children who wish to watch it.

Ninth Annual Auction

November 6 – November 10

It's time to start fall cleaning! Search your home for treasures you would like to donate to the auction. Business gift certificates, products, and services are also excellent items for the auction. A brief description and/or picture can be sent to Trudy Clevenger at momclev@rocketmail.com. We also need solicitors to contact local businesses for donations. Please contact Lisa Lang via email at TheLangs@aol.com or 573-424-4058.

All proceeds will be used to enhance the CDC's operating budget.





College and Young Adults

Saturday, Oct 21st: Our First Baptist Youth, College, and Young Adults have a great opportunity to serve those in need on Saturday, October 21st at the Festival of Sharing. The 3rd Saturday of October is the day that people of faith from many different denominations all over the state gather at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia to prepare food and ministry kits for those in need in our community and beyond. We will meet at the church at 8:00 am to head out to the fairgrounds. We will work at the Festival until around 12:30pm, then have lunch at Pizza Hut and return to the church by 2:30pm. I hope you will consider joining us for this ministry opportunity.

Sunday, Oct 22nd 3:00-dusk: Afternoon at the Farm- This is a great get together with food, fun, games, cute kids in costumes, and CANDY! It is First Baptist's spin on Trunk or Treat and it is a blast.

Saturday and Sunday, Oct 28-29th: Liberty and Justice for Some? Ever want to know how you can make a difference in our world? Join us as we bring in speakers from the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington DC to talk about how we put our faith into action.

Sunday, Oct 29th 4:30-7:30: Dinner and Escape Room Event- Students are invited to join us for dinner at Kee and Diana Groshong's home (meet at 4:30pm, dinner at 5:00pm) before we head downtown to test our skills in the Escape Room to see if we can beat the clock and solve the mystery of the room. Cost is \$10 per person. We should wrap up around 7:30pm. Students are asked to contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) or Lexie Kieffer (abkr38@mail.missouri.edu) by Wednesday, Oct 25th to reserve your spot. As always, your friends are welcome to join us.

A Standing Invitation for College and Young Adults

Sunday nights, 5:30-7:00 pm Community Dinner and Bible Study: Except as noted above, this is our weekly Bible Study where we study Scripture and discuss life to better understand our relationship with Christ and each other. As we study the Incarnation this semester, we will look for ways that our faith impacts our everyday life and why that is important. Join us in the youth suite on the 3rd floor!

First Baptist Adventures



Led by Paula Thomas, our Fellowship Coordinator, various members and friends of First Baptist visit interesting sites, attend concerts and shows, tour museums, and enjoy companionship. In early October, a group made an overnight trip to Bentonville, Arkansas to visit Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, making an additional stop at Top of the Rock in Branson. Most of the group from the Arkansas trip are pictured below. Watch the Spire and the Sunday bulletin for announcements of upcoming events.



First Kids Music

First Kid's Music got off to a great start last Sunday – nine children participated in the first rehearsal for the annual



Christmas dinner program on Dec. 10. Many thanks to Samantha Walker and Colleen Ostercamp for leading our 4 and 5 year olds, and to Julie Walker and Ed Rollins for their work with our older children. A number of other kids are ready to join in the fun, but remember - this coming Sunday there will be no rehearsal because we will be enjoying Afternoon at the Farm. We'll be back making music on Sunday, October 29 at 4 pm.

All parents of children will be receiving the schedule for rehearsals, and all kids will be contacted in order to begin costume preparations.

Upcoming Events for Youth

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Wednesdays 6- 7:15pm, Youth Suite

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Students 6th- 12th Grade

Youth Bible Study

Wednesday Nights, 6:00-7:15 pm, except as noted above: The Calling is our mid-week Bible study designed for students grade 6-12. Join us in the Youth Suite on 3rd floor!

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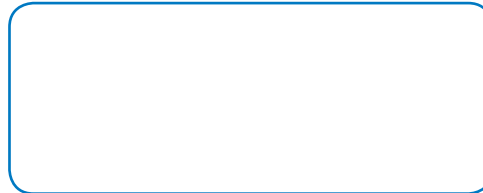
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Afternoon at the Farm

Sunday, October 22

3 pm - Hayrides and Conversations

4:30 pm Trunk-or-Treating

5 pm Dinner



Please bring a bag or two of candy for trunk-or-treating, and a side dish to share.

Meat, beverages and table service are provided.



Directions:

- ◆ Columbia on I-70 to Exit 121 (the Midway exit).
- ◆ Turn right on Highway 40.
- ◆ Turn right on Route J.
- ◆ Make a hard right onto Boothe Lane at the water tower.
- ◆ Continue straight until this road bears left – the gate to the farm will then be on your right – look for the balloons!
- ◆ Lost? Call Nick Kieffer: 573-489-7325.