

January 10, 2018

the SPIRE



First Baptist Church
columbia



Make a Difference This Winter! Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

Winter weather has been particularly tough this season, but for those in our community without adequate housing, it is potentially deadly. That is why we are grateful for the ministry of Room at the Inn. Room at the Inn (RATI) is a winter shelter designed to provide a warm and safe place to sleep for those in need from 7:00pm- 7:00am through March 10th. The shelter is supported by area churches and local volunteers.

First Baptist will host Room at the Inn from Sunday Feb 18th to Wednesday, March 3rd in the Fellowship Hall, but you don't have to wait until then to help. Please see inside the Spire for details on what the needs are and how you can be involved.



Dreaming Together in 2018

Sunday, January 14, 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall:
Community Leader Forum

During the Sunday Morning Small Group Hour, we will hear from different community leaders about Columbia from their perspective. This is an opportunity to learn more about the community we are called to serve in!

Come hear from Columbia leaders Jim Spain, Interim Provost at MU; Stephanie Browning, Director of Columbia/Boone County Public Health & Human Services; Jane Williams, Love Inc Co-Founder & Program Director; and Nikki McGruder, Diversity Awareness Partnership Regional Manager.

Please see the back page for the full schedule of visioning sessions.





Kindness Rocks!

On Saturday February 3 Children's Ministry will have a lot of fun things to do. Have you ever heard of the "Kindness Rocks" project? It's a wonderful movement that encourages kids to decorate rocks with inspirational messages and leave them in random places for people to find. We will be painting and decorating our own kindness rocks. We will also be making friendship bracelets, playing Bingo and having some fun in the gym with team building games. Hope to see you there.



Ash Wednesday Worship

February 14

6 pm in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday worship sets our hearts on the journey through Lent to Easter. Our worship will center on the ancient practice of lament, the subject of our Lenten sermon series.

First Kids Music

First Kids Music resumes Sunday rehearsals on January 14 from 4-4:50 pm in the Sanctuary.

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to prepare for singing in combined worship at 9:15 on February 4, and during worship on Easter Sunday, April 1.



Millikin University presents the University Choir on Tour

Thursday, January 18 at 7 pm

in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church

Special Guests:

Rock Bridge High School

Women's Chamber Choir and Men's Chorus



Kids@Heart: A Children's Concert Tales Around the World

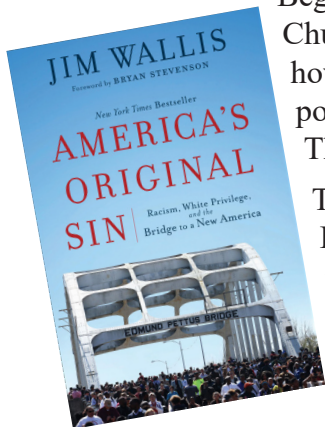
January 13, 2018 – Saturday 3pm, First Baptist Church
(Snow day Jan 20)

In collaboration with the Mid-Missouri Area Music Teachers Association

Performers include students of
Carrie Conklin, Janelle Lutz, Anne Manahan, Ayako Tsuruta



Critical Conversations in Troubled Times



Beginning in January, First Baptist will be partnering with Second Missionary Baptist Church and Broadway Christian Church to participate in a conversation about racism and how faith communities can help bring about grassroots change. The kickoff will be a potluck dinner on January 14 at 4:30 at Second Missionary Baptist Church in Columbia. The meat will be provided. You are invited to bring a dish of food to share.

The conversation will revolve around reading and discussing "America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America" by Jim Wallis. We will meet monthly on Sunday evenings to talk about the book and to learn from each other. The books, which are being provided by a grant, are being ordered by Broadway Christian Church and will be available at the kick-off session.

To join the conversation, RSVP to Janet Deneke at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, January 15 in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Business Meeting

January 21 at 10:15

(during the Small Group hour)

The meeting will focus on discussion and approval of the budget for 2018, and on the nomination of church leadership for 2018. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Flowers for Worship

A sign-up board for 2018 sanctuary flowers is available in the children's hallway, outside the sanctuary doors. Please indicate clearly the names of those providing the flowers, and the name(s) of those in whose memory or honor the flowers are given.

Our flowers are arranged by Allen's Flowers at a cost of \$40 per arrangement. Allen's will bill the giver directly. If you have a special request, please contact Allen's at 573-443-8719.



The Child Development Center invites all families from the CDC and First Baptist Church to join us in the Fellowship Hall on February 9 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. We will show a family friendly movie, serve popcorn and other goodies. Bring sleeping bags, pillows, or blankets to settle in for a fun family night.



Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

First Baptist encourages our members to volunteer at any of the Room at the Inn sites by visiting

<http://www.roomattheinncomo.org> or the church website to sign up. Once there, simply check the date and shift you wish to sign up for to reserve your spot. Once you fill in the appropriate information, a confirmation will be emailed to you shortly. You can also find what donations are needed and locations to drop off supplies.

There are a few volunteer restrictions to be aware of: Volunteers during evening and morning shifts must be at least 18, and 23 or older for overnight shifts. For setup, restoration, and transition shifts, youth volunteers aged 16-17 are allowed, but must be under the supervision of an adult. The adult-to-youth ratio should be 5:1.

Shelter Shifts:

Setup Hosts 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm (need 5 people)

1. Set up cots and prepare linens for the night.
2. Set up food table, prepare snacks and drinks and set them out.
3. Set out games, cards, books and other entertainment materials.
4. Make sure area is clean.
5. Assist manager and in-take coordinator as needed.

Evening Hosts – Short Shift 6:15 pm – 9:30pm (need 2 people- minimum age 18 years old)

1. Greet and help guests check in as they arrive.
2. Coordinate with the guests to set up their sleeping area.
3. Monitor food table and replenish food and drink as needed.
4. Visit with the guests and assist as needed.
5. Assist manager and in-take coordinator as needed.

Evening Hosts 6:15 pm - 11:30 pm (need 4 people - minimum age 18 years old)

1. Greet and help guests check in as they arrive.
2. Coordinate with the guests to set up their sleeping area.
3. Monitor food table and replenish food and drink as needed.
4. Visit with the guests and assist as needed.
5. Assist manager and in-take coordinator as needed.

Overnight Hosts 11:15 pm - 5:30 am (need 2 people - minimum age 23 years old)

1. Visit with the guests and assist as needed.
2. Inform manager of any disruptive behavior.
3. One overnight volunteer may sleep while the other two remain awake. For safety, two volunteers must be awake at any given time.
4. Make coffee in the morning as people begin to wake up.
5. Assist manager as needed.

Morning Hosts 5:15 am – 8:00 am (need 4 people - minimum age 18 years old)

1. Awake guests.
2. Set out breakfast food and drink.
3. Arrange cots and linens in an orderly fashion.
4. Clean up food and drink tables and mop floors.
5. Assist manager as needed.
6. Pick up, sweep, and mop sleeping area and kitchen.
7. Place dirty laundry in designated area in preparation for pick-up.
8. Notify the laundry coordinator with information on laundry needs

It is hard to believe that this is the fourth year First Baptist has served as a host for this important ministry. We hope you will help us be the presence of Christ to those in need this season and sign up to serve at Room at the Inn today. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Youth and College-Age



Wednesdays 6:15-7:30pm,

the calling

Students 6th- 12th Grade

The Calling, our mid-week Middle and High School Bible study, will kick off the semester on Wednesday, Jan 17th with dinner and activities here at the church! This semester we will be learning about the Lord's Prayer and exploring the lessons it offers us about our faith. All students 6-12th grade are welcome to join us each Wednesday from 6:00-7:15pm.

Youth Camp- July 22-28th

Deposits due Feb 4th

Our youth are heading back to Unidiversity Camp this year (July 22-28th). The cost for camp will be \$230 per camper, with a \$30 discount for additional siblings. As always, further financial assistance is available if needed. Please contact Michael at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. \$50 deposits for camp are due by Feb 4th.

College and Young Adult Bible Study returns Sunday Jan 21st, 5:30pm (Cooks Needed!)

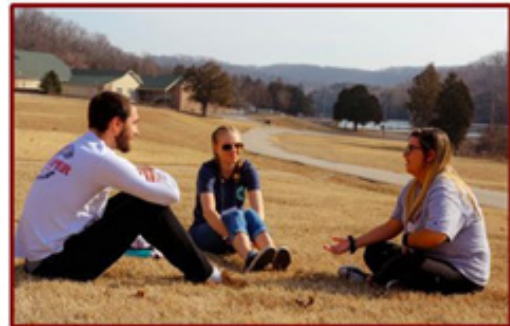
Are you interested in providing a meal for our College and Young Adult gathering on Sunday nights? If so, contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) to sign up.

PAUSE

A RETREAT FOR COLLEGE-AGED ADULTS

FEBRUARY 9 - 11, 2018

Windermere Baptist Conference Center
Near the Lake of the Ozarks, MO



Join us for a spiritual retreat at the beautiful Windermere Conference Center. It's a space for college students and young adults to meet new people, renew focus, and draw closer to God. It's a pause from the hustle-and-bustle of life to find meaningful worship, engaging conversation, and new friends. Our theme this year is "Community, Reconciliation, and the Mission of God." In large and small group formats, we will focus on building community that brings honor and glory to God in a diverse world. We will specifically address how reconciliation can bring lasting peace and healing to our relationships.

Our guest speakers are Edem and Pamela Dzungu from Saint Louis. They founded Baobab People, a community organization that seeks opportunities to bring together people from diverse backgrounds and encourage cross-cultural understanding and to work towards racial reconciliation and healing. Dr. Dzungu is an adjunct professor and Pamela is an instructor at Washington University in Saint Louis. We will leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday after lunch. The cost is \$20 for the weekend. Please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) to register.

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“Return Service Requested”



Join Us for Visioning and Combined Worship

One of the things I love most about First Baptist is that we have this rich 194 year history, yet we are not stuck in the past. We are not bound by the phrase “we have always done it that way.” Of course, we honor the past and give thanks to God for it. But we live in the present and look forward to the future. I believe God’s spirit is alive and well in this place and I am excited to see where will go. For all that will be, yes! Join us for the visioning process as we ask the question: What is God calling us to be and do now? ~ Pastor Carol McEntyre

Sunday, January 28, 9:15 am: *Combined Worship & Ministry Review* **(No 11:15 am Worship)**

We will come together for Combined Worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for a breakfast (catered by HyVee; suggested donation \$5 per person) and a ministry review. This will be an opportunity to learn about all the different ministries and to reflect on them. To ask questions like: what in congregational life is working well? What needs improvement? If we were going to drop something, what would it be?

Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am: *Visioning Listening Session*

Dr. Chris Gambill will lead us in a time of reflection on our past. This will be an opportunity for you to share what the church means to you and when we have been at our best. Child care is provided; please RSVP to Yvette Chambers, Children’s Minister by emailing chambers@fbc-columbia.org. See inside for children’s activities

Sunday, February 4, 9:15 am: *Combined Worship & Visioning Listening Session* **(No 11:15 am Worship)**

We will come together for Combined Worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for a continental breakfast and a visioning session led by Dr. Chris Gambill in which we will reflect on the gifts God has given us and how we might use them in unique ways for ministry.

