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Celebration Series Honoring Ed Rollins' 30 Years of
Ministry at First Baptist Opens with the
Scholarship Singers and Friends Reunion Concert
Saturday, August 18 – 7 pm First Baptist Church Sanctuary



There's excitement in the air! First Baptist Scholarship Singers from 2005 to the present return to Columbia this weekend for a reunion concert, as a way to honor Ed's incredible ministry over the past three decades. Fifteen of the total 18 singers are coming back for this homecoming concert, and you will want to be there. The concert will be amazing, and for the concert finale, we will invite all current and former members of the Chancel Choir to join with the ensemble for one last song.

Saturday, August 18:

Concert at 7pm

Post-Concert celebration and reception in the Fellowship Hall

(All are invited)

Sunday, August 19:

Reunion group sings at the 11:15 service

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Shipwrecked!

Your dream of spending a week on a tropical island probably doesn't involve either a shipwreck or sixty-four kids, but this year's First Kids Camp had both and was an absolute dream!

For the week of July 30 our church was filled with the laughter, singing, and joy of over 60 kiddos learning that when they are lonely, worried, struggling, powerless, or when they've done wrong-- Jesus rescues. During the Bible School part of the day, these youth spent time bonding with their crews, playing games, eating snacks, making crafts, and learning Bible stories through interactive lessons.



Forty of those children participated in the extended session, where they continued to learn about Jesus. Our experiences included human and canine guests from Central Missouri Humane Society and making pet blankets; laughter yoga; creating beautiful watercolor canvases with a local artist; Ed Felts and his menagerie; and activities led by Jabberwocky.



Getting this experience underway took an amazing crew of volunteers. Great thanks go out to every person who helped make this week possible by creating decorations, decorating our space, gathering supplies, captaining crews, leading stations, and providing all other forms of help and support! We want to especially recognize those volunteers who expended a great deal of energy and enthusiasm managing the kid-castaways during Bible School: Richard Hayden, Sherry Wyatt, Sara Dexheimer, Susan Hayden, Michelle Kasmann,

Raquel Kausler, Chelsea Wells, Julie Walker, Ed Rollins, Kaitlyn Agan, Lisa Lang, Jane Hunter, Christine Chang, Pam Humphreys, Myra Galloway, Mary Beth Ming, Brittany McDonald Null, Jen Boeckman, Sam Garrett, and Michael McEntyre.

Thanks as well to our extended care workers for their work as well: Rachel Jeffries, Summer McNellis, Marcie Douglas, Shelby Myers, Perri Jones and Taylor McAmis. Special thanks again to our coordinators, Lillian Hoell and Yvette Chambers, for bringing this all together.

We are so blessed to have such wonderful children, staff, volunteers and community partners to make this such a wonderful week. We invite YOU to be part of the fun next summer!

On these pages, please enjoy this sampling of the thousands of great photos of the children and their leaders as they hear Bible stories, learn songs, play games, and make new friends.



First Kids Camp





Welcome Our Newest Member

Lynne Lampe has been attending the Awakening service at First Baptist for a little over a year. She and her husband Rob previously attended a large church here in Columbia, but Lynne wanted a smaller congregation that explicitly welcomed the LGBTQ community to participate at all levels. FBC was her first stop when she was “church shopping” and she never left! Lynne grew up in a Jewish family in Baton Rouge. She was called to Christ and baptized in her mid-30s when she lived in Seattle. Creativity is important to both Lynne and Rob—she’s a writer and editor and he’s a musician. Their wonderful, interesting daughter Naomi lives in Portland, OR. *Lynne and Rob are pictured at left.*

First Baptist Music Ministry for Fall

Our Music Ministry groups are starting up, and we are looking for new members!



The instrumental and vocal ministry ensembles of First Baptist are resuming rehearsals in the coming weeks. These groups add so much to our worship, and provide small group learning opportunities for growth in faith and in fellowship. We would love to welcome you to any of the following groups:

Chancel Choir – the choir that shares their gifts for God and our congregation almost every week of the year during the 11:15 am Traditional Worship service. Rehearsals resume in the sanctuary on Wednesday, August 22 at 7:30 pm.

Chancel Bells – a intergenerational hand bell choir that regularly participates in worship. Previous experience is not necessary - we can help train you at rehearsals, or you can contact Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor of Music and Administration, for private instruction. Rehearsals resume, Wednesday, August 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Psalm Players Band – a concert band that participates in the 11:15 am Traditional Worship service once a month and on special holy days. The group welcomes anyone who plays an instrument...or who played one in their deep, dark past. It’s great fun to revitalize hidden talents. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm, and will resume on August 29.

First Kids Music - our kids special music program will resume in September – be watching for further details.

Praise Band – the Awakening Praise Band is always eager to talk to potential new musicians – please contact Shelby Myers for more information. The group leads worship each Sunday at the contemporary-style 9:15 am Awakening Worship service. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Pastor Ed by emailing rollins@fbc-columbia.org or calling the church office at 573-442-1149.

Upcoming Preachers

August 19:

David May, Director of the Master of Arts at Central Baptist Theological Seminary

August 26:

Pastor Carol returns from her Sabbatical



A Special Thank You

A special thanks to Rachel Jeffries for her intern work at First Baptist this summer through the CARE (Career Awareness Related Experience) program. Rachel was a huge help at First Kids Camp and around the church. She was a delight to work with. Be sure to thank her for a terrific summer.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us on Sunday, August 26 during both the Awakening and Traditional Worship services for a Blessing of the Backpacks as part of our 2018/2019 Fall Kick-Off. All children from the Child Development Center (CDC) and First Baptist Church are welcome to participate in this special blessing. Awakening Contemporary worship is held at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Traditional worship takes place in the sanctuary at 11:15 am.

Back-to-School Supply Drive

This fall, as a service to the Child Development Center mission at First Baptist Church, we are holding a back-to-school supply drive. We are asking for school supply donations such as paper, markers, glue, and the like. Cards listing the items that we need are located on the bulletin board in the CDC hallway. To get involved, choose an item you would like to donate, take the card for that item, and bring the item back to either the CDC or First Baptist Church's office. Contact Jess Wolfe, Director of the Child Development Center, with questions at ccddirector@fbc-columbia.org. If you aren't able to go shopping but would still like to help, you can make a monetary donation to the Child Development Center marked 'back-to-school.' Please bring items by August 26.



Promotion Sunday

August 26th is not only our Fall Kick Off, but also the Sunday when we welcome our new 1st graders and 6th graders into our Children's and Student ministries. For our 1st graders, First Kids Sunday School is at the same time (10:15-11:15am), but kids are invited to join us in worship during the Awakening and Traditional services, as extended session focuses on care for those 3-5 year old. Families will find kid friendly spaces in both worship areas and a congregation that welcomes and appreciates the sounds of little ones in worship.

Those entering 6th grade are encouraged to take part in all of our Student Ministry events, outings, and offerings. We meet on Sunday morning for Small Group from 10:15-11:15am in the Youth Suite on the 3rd floor. 6th- 12th grade students also meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:15pm for the Gathering; a mid-week youth focused Bible Study. For more information, contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

The Calling kicks off 8/29 with a trip to Lazer Lanes!

On Wednesday, August 29, the youth are invited to bowl, play some lazer tag, and try out the new bumper cars to start the new semester with a bang. Our festivities will begin at 6:00pm and finish by 8:00pm. For anyone interested in coming early we will meet at Jose Jalapenos to eat at 5:00pm. Youth will need money to pay for dinner but all the festivities are FREE! (youth may want to bring extra money for arcade games) As always, friends are welcome. Please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org to RSVP or sign up in the youth room.



College/ Young Adult Ministry Important Dates:

By August 21 - all Columbia College, Mizzou, and Stephens students will be back in session.

August 26 - Students are encouraged to join our Fall Kick Off following the Traditional Service.

Sept 9 - Our Sunday night gatherings kick off with dinner and bowling at Jose Jalapenos and Lazer Lanes from 5-8 pm.

Sept 16 - Our weekly College and Young Adult Bible Study return on Sunday nights from 5:30-7 pm this semester.

Sept 29 - Day trip to the Johnson's Shut-In State Park



Being On Mission Together

Our series this summer on Street Theology reminds us that God is a missionary God and invites the church to join in that good work. Brian Ford posited that a missional church is “a community of God’s people that take the words of Jesus seriously when he says that God’s kingdom is here and now and is willing to join in God’s mission as we go.” In that spirit, I am asking all of our First Baptist family to join the mission field as thousands of college students return to Columbia in the weeks ahead. Our church has an important role to play in our community. For too long now, our efforts to pass on our faith to the next generation have been met with poor results. Our models of ministry need to change. Students need to know that we care about them, not just what they believe. They need adults to invest in young people for the sake of the kingdom, not for the sake of themselves. They need the family of God to embrace them as family, not as future committee members and donors. They need to know they belong. Fortunately, this is the desire of our church as well.



I write this as a gentle reminder that as a new school year begins, there are some very practical ways we, as a church, can better connect to students who visit our congregation. I published this last year and many of you said you thought it was helpful, so here it is again:

- Don’t ask students if this is their first Sunday, instead say something like, “I don’t believe we’ve met, I’m _____, are you a student?”
- When you meet a student for the first time, make a note of their name (write it in your bulletin or text it to yourself). Make a point to pray for that student all during the next week. You will bless them and when you see them the next week, it will be easier to remember their name.
- Try not to redirect students by saying something like, “You need to meet Michael/ our College Minister/ Lexie Kieffer/ our College Intern”, start with getting to know them yourself. Ask what they are studying. Find out where they are from. Look for ways to connect. Then introduce them to me or Lexie (or better yet, take them to lunch and tell them you will introduce them to me when they come back next week :))
- If someone asks you about our Sunday Morning Small Groups, don’t show them the options in the bulletin, invite them to join you and take them along. You can share the different options available afterwards. Remember, we do not have a separate College Sunday Morning Small Group by design. We want students to begin to integrate into the larger church and Small Groups are a great way for them to connect with other adults in our congregation.
- Be aware of students visiting your small group. Know that making them feel welcome is as important as the lesson that morning.
- Also, for our home students who have headed off to school, make a point to send a note of encouragement to them in the weeks ahead. If you can’t find their address, give it to their parents or to Michael to send. You will not believe how important it is for them to know they are remembered.

These are just a few simple thoughts to keep us moving in the right direction. Ministry works better together. If you have any further thoughts or want to get involved with this process on a deeper level, please be sure to contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Adult Small Group Options this Fall

Adult small groups meet on Sundays at 10:15 am in between the Awakening and Traditional services. Small groups are designed to be places where people can connect with one another in deep and meaningful ways.

- Faith Forum is in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator
- Discussion Class is in the parlor on the second floor
- Connections Class is in the 2nd floor library.

On Sunday August 26, Pastor Carol McEntyre will lead a discussion on Wayne Muller’s book *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* in the parlor at 10:15 am.



Finding Sabbath During Chaotic Seasons

I hope, Lord. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promises. (Psalm 130:5)

As I'm writing this, there is one week left of Pastor Carol's sabbatical. If I'm to be honest with you, First Baptist, as I try to be, this summer has been difficult, stretching, and challenging. Yet it has also been so very rewarding. I have often been asked over the course of this summer if I knew what I was getting myself into by becoming your resident, and the short answer is no. I cannot remember if I knew Carol would be leaving for Sabbatical at the end of my first year or not, but either way, I was naïve to the hard work, time commitment, and pressure this role often is. At the same time, that's why this program is so essential.



I have learned a lot over the past few months: the importance of a strong support system, where my mind goes in times of stress, and who to call when I cannot figure out MediaShout. Yet the most necessary lesson I have learned is the need for rest during chaotic times.

While our Pastor is away on Sabbatical, she has challenged us to find little sabbaths of our own. And I'm here to admit to you, this is not my strength. Sure, I have moments like Monday night of First Kids Camp when the introvert in me took over and I decided to go to the movies by myself. But most of the time, my sabbath rests look a lot more like Bryce saying "Brittany, it sounds like you've had a long day, maybe you should go outside and rest for a bit." If I'm honest, I thrive on doing rather than being. I get a rush from having to worry about too many things on my plate.

In his book, *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* Wayne Muller writes, "Sabbath dissolves the artificial urgency of our days, because it liberates us from the need to be finished." This summer, I quickly learned that there is always another email to send, another lesson to plan, another sermon to write, and another checklist to make. I watched quickly as Fridays slipped away and sermon writing consumed my evenings. If I did not take time for myself and my family, no one else would. This past week, exhaustion consumed me to the point of light-headedness. I pushed myself to new limits and discovered even the "Marthas" of the world need to take time to rest.

Often, when we enter chaotic seasons of our lives, Sabbath rest is the first thing to go. It seems hardly justifiable to spend a few quiet hours outside when you know there is a laundry list of things waiting for you once you come back in. But I have found (with a little trial and error) that when I do take those moments of rest, I can come back with a fresh perspective and a renewed hope. So this morning, before I let the chaos ensue, I lit a sabbath candle and read this week's Psalm, allowing the spirit to fill the room and replenish my soul. *I cry out to you from the depths*, writes the psalmist in Psalm 130, for even in our most chaotic times, I am reminded my whole being hopes in God's promise.



Finding Time for Sabbath Rest

"I love how the late evangelist Vance Havner wrote about the soul's need for rest: "If you don't come apart for a while, you will come apart in a while."

— John Ortberg, Soul Keeping

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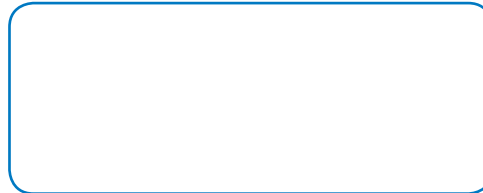
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Save the Date for the Fall Kick-off

Sunday, August 26 after Worship

As we look toward the end of summer, we are preparing for our annual Fall Kickoff after Traditional worship on Sunday, August 26. We will have a tropical theme this year. The church will provide the chicken, as well as beverages and tableware. We know you will please the crowd with your delicious side dishes and desserts! You can look forward to limbo, a bounce house, a wet sponge toss, and other tropical activities - or you can simply sit and relax.