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If you sense that God is drawing you to the community of First Baptist, we celebrate that and we want you to have a chance to get to know our church! First Baptist 101 is a class that is open to adults who are new members or for those who are interested in learning more about First Baptist. We will try to answer questions like:

- What does it mean to be a member of First Baptist?
- What does it mean to be Baptist?

First Baptist 101 will meet for one-hour on three consecutive Sundays beginning September 30 at 4:00 pm, in the Parlor, which is located on the 2nd Floor across from the church offices.

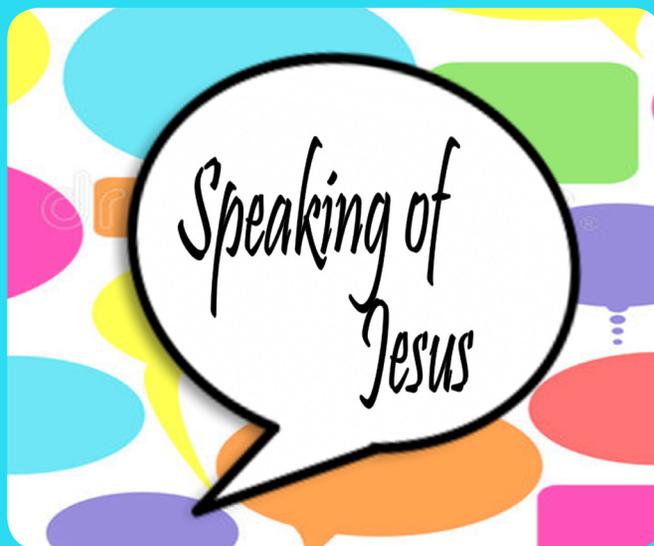
Here is an overview of each week:

- Sunday, September 30- Understanding First Baptist leadership structure, the church staff, committees, goals, and vision of the church taught by Pastor Carol McEntyre
- Sunday, October 7- Baptist History and Polity taught by Rev. Bob Russell
- Sunday, October 14- Overview of First Baptist ministries, opportunities to serve, and a building tour

For more information, or to sign-up for child care, contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or call the church office at 573-442-1149.

Fall Sermon Series: Speaking of Jesus

When was the last time you had a spiritual conversation? If recent research is any indication, it has probably been a while. Only seven percent of Americans report talking about spiritual matters weekly. One-fifth of respondents had not had a spiritual conversation all year! We are more likely to talk about a movie we have seen or a book we have read than our spiritual lives. So, I have been wondering: Can progressive Christians learn to speak of Jesus again? Join us for a sermon series that explores this question, September 23-October 14.



CDC Work Day



CDC Director, Jess Wolfe, Filling up the sand boxes



anna provoand Jason Tratchel haul mulch while Stephen Hoell tackles the wall of weeds.

CDC Playground Clean-Up Night

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Child Development Center sponsored a playground clean-up night. Parent and board volunteers brought their favorite garden tools and helped spread mulch, trim branches, pick weeds, and much more! We even had a First Baptist church band member join in the fun. Thank you to all who came and worked hard to get our playground ready for the school year. Special thanks to Stephen Hoell and Janna Gates for organizing this event.



A job well done. Two dump truck loads of mulch spread, a fence fixed, weeds pulled, and equipment repaired. The playground is open for business!



Michael McEntyre plays king of the mulch pile.

Upcoming Events

First Baptist 2019 Ski Trip March 24-30th



Our First Baptist family is hitting the slopes again! We will be travelling back to Winter Park, in Frasier, Colorado, via AmTrak to stay at the YMCA of the Rockies- Snow Mountain Ranch over Spring Break. We are currently estimating the cost of the trip as follows (includes travel, lodging, lift tickets, basic equipment rentals, and some meals):

\$640 for ages 13 and up

\$525 for 12 and below

\$450 for non-skier-adult, \$350 for kids

To reserve your spot, a \$50 non-refundable per person deposit is due Sept 30th.

If you have any questions please be sure to contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) or Ed Rollins (rollins@fbc-columbia.org).



The Calling, for students 6th through 12th grades, has resumed its regular schedule. Youth meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15 pm in the Youth Suite on 3rd floor. As always, friends are welcome.

Day-trip to Johnson's Shut-Ins Saturday, Sept 29th

Our College and Young Adults are invited to join us for a day of fun in the sun as we head to hike the trails and play in the waters of one of Missouri's best state parks!



Saturday, Sept 22nd Serve at the Festival of Sharing

Youth, Collegestudents, and Young Adults are all invited to come serve at the Festival of Sharing. Volunteers will help pack donated items, prepare disaster relief kits, and sack rice, beans and potatoes for distribution to Missouri agencies. You are invited to join the youth as we meet at the church at 8:00am as we head out to join with people of faith from many different denominations all over the state to help those in need. We plan to work at the Festival until around 12:30pm. We will eat lunch together and return to the church by 2:30pm.



THERE IS NO COST FOR THE EVENT. ALL MEMBERS, GUESTS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.

Please let Michael know if you plan on attending. If you have any questions please contact Michael McEntyre at 573-442-1149 or mmcentyre@fbc-



Friday, October 12, 6-8 pm

Need a little time away from the kids? Join us for parents night out on October 12 at First Baptist Church from 6-8 pm. Drop off your children and enjoy some adult time! We will serve pizza and fruit for dinner. We will do some wonderful fall crafts, learn some new songs, and have fun doing some active games in the gym. There is no cost. Please RSVP to chambers@fbc-Columbia.org by Tuesday, October 9.

List Making as a Spiritual Practice

Remember the wondrous works God has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared.

1 Chronicles 16:12 (CEB)



I am a list maker. I know this is not something everyone can relate to, but lists are kind of my thing. When I was in school, my favorite activity was to collect all my syllabi and make a master list of what needed to be accomplished

and walked into a space confident and secure. Theoretically, I know the positive moments at least tie if not outweigh the negative. But practically, I don't remember it. As a practice, I now write down successful movements. Each time I feel the steady hand of God guiding me, I have a powerful experience that confirms my call, I am proud of how I responded to a situation, I write them down. This way, when I face another difficulty, I have something to look back on. I can see how I have made it through chaotic moments before and can remember the glimmers of God's faithfulness throughout.

As I have come to see it, this practice can be found all throughout scripture. For example, in 1 Chronicles 16, David crafts together three psalms to form a beautiful song of praise. In it, David recounts how again and again, God has responded faithfully to God's people. He recalls God's covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He reminds them, that even when they were few, God cared. Essentially, David was making a list. "Remember," challenges David, "Remember the wondrous works God has done." Beloved, may we too remember those moments when God's wondrous work seems undeniable. And maybe, if you're as forgetful as me, may you too make a list.

Brittany McDonald-Null

Giving Update

Thank you for giving! Your gifts help fund our mission's efforts, church ministries, pastors' salaries, and our beautiful facilities. Through the

end of August, we have received about \$212,000 in pledges and unpledged gifts, which puts us a little behind where we should be at this point of \$248,000.



Staff Change

The personal committee wants to advise the congregation that Janet Deneke is no longer with the church in her role as Administrative Assistant.

We deeply appreciate her care and concern for our members and ministries. We wish her much success and know that she will continue to maintain friendships with many of you.

Thank you,
Charles Hunter, Chair Personnel Committee



Special Odyssey Concert Event That Promised Land: The Journey of the African American Spiritual

Friday, October 5, 7:30 pm, Second Missionary Baptist Church

A special presentation and production of the musical segment beginning with field/work songs all the way to the arranged spirituals of H. T. Burleigh, Margaret Bonds, and Moses Hogan,

to name a few. Co-curated by Dr. Maya C. Gibson and Dr. Stephanie Shonekan, this concert features former Chanticleer member Marques Jerrell Ruff and special guest soloist, international Opera, Jazz and Gospel artist Jolie Rocke Brown, with MU's Assistant Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Brandon A. Boyd on the piano. This concert is sponsored by the Second Missionary Baptist Church. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Odyssey Concert Event- Oktoberfest

October 12, 2018 (Fri) 7pm, First Baptist Church

with a Pre-concert Performance at 6:45pm – TBA

We are taking the spirit of Oktoberfest in this jovial German program. In addition to trumpet-piano duo by Iskander Akhmadullin and Natalia Bolshakova, violist Marka Gustavsson from Bard College, New York is featured prominently in a program of duo and Brahms Piano Quartet No. 1 in G Minor – which concludes with a real barn burner, "Rondo alla Zingarese."



Afternoon at the Farm

Sunday, October 21st

We are looking for some volunteers to help set up for Afternoon at the Farm this year. We need 6-10 people who are available to head out to the farm the Saturday before to help set up tables and chairs, do some weed eating and mowing, and get the farm ready for fun. If you are able to help, please contact Michael McEntyre or Janet Kieffer to volunteer.

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Fellowship Groups Kick-Off Sunday, September 23, 5:00pm

Are you interested in forming deeper friendships with others in the First Baptist community? Would you like to have a small group where you can converse openly about your faith journey? That's the goal of the Fellowship Groups.

Fellowship Groups are low-prep groups of 6 to 8, designed to bring people together to discuss four questions provided by the teaching team. Sample questions include: "In what ways has a past mistake led to your personal growth? And "where in your life do you need to be brave?" Each group will meet monthly six times for fellowship and conversation.

There is still time to sign up before the kick-off, September 23, where groups will be announced! You can sign up by picking up a form in both worship spaces or by emailing Pastoral Resident, Brittany McDonald Null at bnull@fbc-columbia.org



Register
now for
the Civil
Rights
Pilgrimage

We are excited to announce that sign-ups are open for the Civil Rights Pilgrimage, which will take place November 9-13. First Baptist is partnering with Second Baptist and Broadway Christian Church to offer this opportunity to tour many significant civil rights sites in the South, including the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, TN, the site where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Space is limited to just 40 participants. Registration is due by September 24. For more information contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or 442-1149.