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First Baptist Church
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-Holy Week at First Baptist-



Palm Sunday - April 14

Palm Sunday is a joyous day at First Baptist! Children are invited to take part in a Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both Awakening (9:15 am) and Traditional (11:15 am) worship; parents, please bring your children to the back of the worship space a few minutes before worship, so they can receive a palm leaf and join the processional.

First Baptist will also participate in the Downtown Palm Sunday Service in conjunction with other area churches. This special service takes place in the middle of the street on Broadway. We will meet on the front lawn at 10:20 am and walk downtown together.

Good Friday - April 19

Friday: the day the world turned dark and all hope was lost - the day of death. On Good Friday, we will gather at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to join the lament of those who follow Christ. It is a final moment of preparation prior to the joy of Easter.

Upcoming Events

March 21-25

Plowman Chamber Music Festival

March 23-29

Spring Break Ski Trip

March 24

11:15 am Combined Worship

Easter Sunday- April 21

Easter morning begins with a celebration of the Resurrection at the 9:15 am Awakening Contemporary Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy pastries and beverages from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. Traditional Worship will celebrate the Risen Christ at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.





Spring Break Information

March 25-29

Pastoral Care

During Spring Break, Associate Pastors Ed Rollins, Michael McEntyre and I will all be away on the church-wide ski

trip with 29 other First Baptist folks. If you need pastoral care or if you have a pastoral emergency of some kind while we are away, we have another minister who has agreed to be on call. You can contact Gary Ostercamp at 573-673-8244. Gary is a long time First Baptist Church member and a retired chaplain at University Hospital. If you have a need, please don't hesitate to connect with Gary.

Activities

There will be no First Kids Music or Young Adult Group meeting on Sunday, March 24. Additionally, there will be no music rehearsals held during Spring Break.

Surprise, Surprise!...and Thanks!

It was great to take a few weeks of vacation to visit family and my dear friend "copper mountain," but while I was gone many facility issues surprised us. A huge thank you to Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre who dealt with these problems in my absence - he certainly went above and beyond the call of duty. So what happened? On two consecutive Sundays, our sewers backed up into the boiler room of the fellowship hall. The second back up was over 800 gallons of sewage. Roto Rooter has helped scan our pipes and a break has been located. We are working to assess our next steps. Our old 30 year back up boiler quit working, and one of our new boilers also quit functioning due to a defective pump. This is being fixed. Finally, a large leak was discovered in the lobby area of our sanctuary. We're also looking for the source of this. Again, many thanks to Michael for his work during these unforeseen problems.

Then, I'd like to thank David Fazekas, Noah Hartsfield, Mary Beth Ming, Colleen Ostercamp, and Jess Wolfe for covering our traditional music during my absence. It really does take a village sometimes, and these folk did a terrific job keeping things moving forward.



Awakening Praise Band 2018

Shelby Myers

Celebrating 1 Year as Praise Band Director

Leading the Awakening Praise Band over the last year has been such a joy. I have felt so much love and support not just from the Praise Band, but from all of First Baptist. I have enjoyed getting to know you and being with you in worship. You have truly become my community. Thank you, First Baptist, for your heart and for allowing me to be a small part of what makes First Baptist so wonderful. I look forward to what is to come!

-Shelby Myers,
Awakening Praise Band Director



ONLINE Giving & Payments

A New Option for Giving!

To give online, go to the church website at www.fbc-columbia.org. On the top of the page, click on the link that says Online Payments/Giving. There you can create your secure account and make a single payment or set up a recurring payment. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or need assistance with the process. Phone: 573-442-1149 or Email: churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org

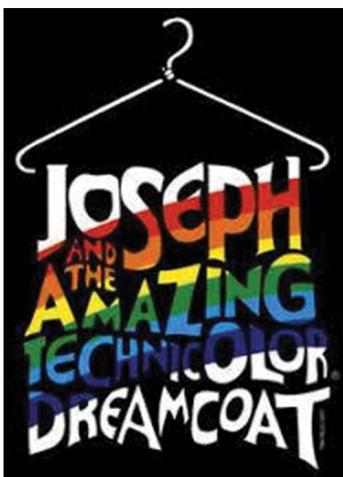
Sign Up - ForColumbia

Sign-ups are open now through April 15 to volunteer with ForColumbia. The day of service takes place on Saturday, April 27. There are morning and afternoon time slots available. ForColumbia is a city-wide day of service that brings together churches in Columbia to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. You can register through the church website or at www.forcolumbia.com/volunteer/.



First Baptist will be leading sites at Hickman High School (working outside with landscaping and painting, some light painting projects inside, and building storage shelves for athletics), Benton Elementary (working to restore 2 greenhouses to working form by creating a ground cover to block weeds, restructuring shelving to better suit needs, and creating an innovative watering system), and serving as a prayer hub here at the church for projects and prayer requests that are happening the day of the event. We also have a family friendly site at Memorial Baptist helping to prepare freezer meals to supply to area ministries in need. To register for one of these projects specifically, fill in the registration information on the volunteer page and in the comments section at the bottom, indicate the site you wish to specifically sign up for. If you need help registering, there will be people to assist you after the services on April 7 and 14.

Know that First Baptist volunteers are not limited to one of these sites. Currently there are 64 unique ministry opportunities around the city you could participate in that day. You can find out more about these sites on the ForColumbia webpage. You can list your skills and preferences on the registration page and ForColumbia can place you where you are most needed. We hope you will make plans to join this city-wide day of service on April 27.



First Baptist Church Fellowship Group Theatre Outing - September 14

Save the date! The First Baptist Church Fellowship Ministry Action Group is planning an outing to "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on September 14 at the New Theatre in Overland Park, Kansas.

The cost per person is \$40, which includes transportation, show, and lunch. A \$10 non-refundable deposit is due by April 1. Please contact Paula Thomas at paulalou52@gmail.com with any questions about the trip.



Easter Egg Hunt
at First Baptist Church of Columbia
April 20, Saturday 10:00 am

Games, Crafts, Treats and The EGG HUNT
 Toddlers to 5th Grade

Bring your own basket



Parent's Night Out children enjoyed a real magic show

Child Development Center

at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

Now Enrolling!

The Child Development Center at First Baptist Church is now enrolling for Summer and Fall for children ages 2 - 6 years.

Space is limited, so don't delay in turning in your enrollment forms. Enrollment forms may be found in the CDC office or on the bulletin board in the CDC hallway.

For more information:

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Child Development Center Director

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Parent's Night Out adults enjoyed throwing some axes





FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH ENVELOPE CHALLENGE

First Baptist Church Youth Envelope Challenge

COMING SOON!

What is the Envelope Challenge?

The Envelope Challenge is a way to help make sure that every student who wants to go to events like youth camp, fall retreat, and other ministry outings has the resources available to them to participate. Envelopes ranging from \$1 to \$100 are placed on the bulletin board in the Children's Building hallway. Church members are encouraged to use these envelopes to give. All the money raised by this challenge will go directly to the Youth Scholarship Fund, allowing us the freedom to work with families needing further assistance to make sure no student is left out because of financial restraints.

When does the Envelope Challenge Happen?

The Challenge will take place during the month of April. The last envelope challenge we did was in 2016. Your generosity then provided for our assistance needs for 3 YEARS! I am hoping for a similar response this year.

Why the Envelope Challenge?

Instead of coming to the church with multiple fundraisers throughout the year asking members to buy something they may or may not really want, the Student Ministry decided to take a more direct approach. All the money raised by this challenge will go directly to the Youth Scholarship Fund (there are no supplies to purchase ahead of time or inventory to get rid of after).

How Does it Work?

We've made the process simple. Just choose an envelope (or several) from the board, place the amount of money printed on the outside in the envelope, and drop it in the offering. Your gifts go a long way in making our ministry possible.

-Michael McEntyre,
Associate Pastor of Youth, College & Missions

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THIS WEEKEND

COMBINED WORSHIP

11:15 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

Combined Worship

March 24
11:15 am
In the Sanctuary

On March 24, we will have combined worship at 11:15 am. Small groups and First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual at 10:15 am. There will be no 9:15 am worship service.

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