

February 5, 2020

the SPIRE



First Baptist Church
columbia



JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH ART

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 6pm
in the Fellowship Hall



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Lenten Series

Lent, the six-week period leading up to Easter, begins on February 26 with the 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme for the season is *Journey Through Lent with Art*. The series includes a different work of art, a famous painting or sculpture, for every Sunday of Lent through Easter. Our worship series are often left-brain focused, taking on heavy theological topics, and trying to understand them in a new way. However, this series is about right-brained spirituality: connecting with God on a heart level. If you have ever been moved by a piece of music, a movie, or a theatrical performance, then you know art has a way of communicating beyond where words can take us. This series seeks to provide space to experience our God who is beyond all words.

Lenten Daily Reflection Email Option

During the season of Lent, you have the opportunity to receive daily Gospel reflections produced by the University Notre Dame on a different work of art for every day of Lent through Easter, with a brief meditation on each image. We begin each week's art meditations with an image from Notre Dame's campus and then moved into classical works, all illustrating the scene from the upcoming Sunday Gospel and message. To opt-in to this Lenten experience, email the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.



CBF Offering for Global Missions

This year's Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Missions is especially timely considering our recent affirmation as an Encourager Church for CBF Field Personnel Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen.

During the month of February, First Baptist members will have the opportunity to support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Your support of the Offering for Global Missions will share the Gospel message and provide tangible gifts of God's grace and mercy. 100% of your gifts to the offering goes to funding the ministry of field personnel. Offering can be placed in one of the Global Missions envelopes in worship or indicated on the memo line of the check. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. The church will send one check to CBF following the offering. Thank you for your generosity.



OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS

First Kids Music

Begins February 16

First Kids Music begins on February 16 from 4:00-4:45 pm in the Kids Ministry Suite located on the third floor of our church. Kids will begin together in the Kids Ministry Suite before separating Pre-K and Kindergarten-5th grade. First Kids Music will perform on March 1 during 9:15 am Combined Worship as well as one additional time in the spring. Get those singing voices ready as we lift up a joyful noise to God.



WORSHIP

March 1st @ 9:15am

in the Fellowship Hall



FIRST BAPTIST
 **book club**

The Return of the Prodigal Son

BY HENRI NOUWEN

6:00 PM
IN THE OFFICE COMMONS

MAR 26

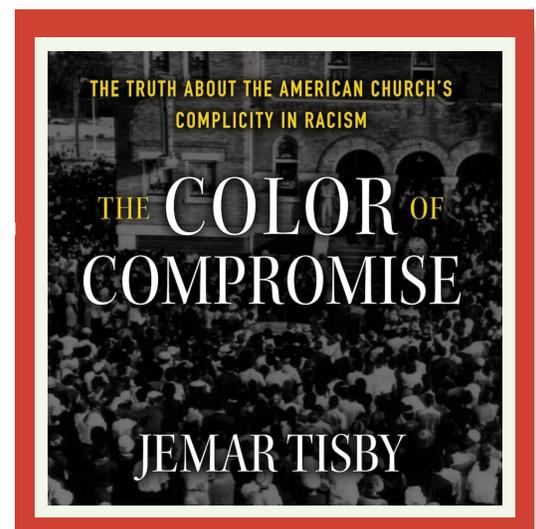
First Baptist Book Club

Introducing the First Baptist Book Club - a gathering for readers every other month to discuss books centered around faith formation and spirituality. To kick things off, in connection with our Lenten theme, *Journey through Lent with Art*, the first book will be *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen. By connecting with Rembrandt's painting with the same name, Nouwen shares his story in a captivating way and captures the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation. To register to be a part of this book club, email Brittany, Pastor of Spiritual Formation, at bnull@fbc-columbia.org. A new book will be selected at the end of each meeting.

New Small Group Opportunity

The Color of Compromise

During the 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour, there is a new small group focused on various forms of privilege and how we move forward. The group, led by Misty Phillips, Dave Walker, Julie Walker, and Lynne Lampe, will meet in the conference room and use the book *The Color of Compromise* by Jamar Tisby as the basis for the discussions. It is about the history of racial oppression in our country and the church's complicity. Each week, the group will focus on one chapter from the book. Books are \$15 each. To register, email the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.





SUNDAY EVENING
College/YA
GATHERINGS

The College and Young Adult Gatherings are back in full swing. This semester, our group will be talking about spiritual practices and community. We begin each week eating together and then dialogue together about different topics. There will be different opportunities to LIVE IT OUT! - days where we practice what we are talking about! Below is the schedule for the rest of the semester.

February.....

- 2/9 Prayer: Oriented Toward God
- 2/16 Food: Eating with Jesus
- 2/23 LIVE IT OUT! Eating together at HuHot

March

- 3/1 Worship: Food: Seeking God's Presence
- 3/8 Sacraments: A Tapestry of Traditions
- 3/15 BREAKOUT - Let's escape before Spring Break
- 3/22 Spring Break - no gathering
- 3/29 Spring Break - Those who are back - We'll catch dinner together!

April.....

- 4/5 Money: The Joy of Sharing
- 4/12 Easter - no gathering
- 4/19 Service: The Needs Right in Front of You
- 4/25 LIVE IT OUT! Serving Together with ForColumbia Day of Service
- 4/26 Community: An Unexpected Family

May.....

- 5/3 LIVE IT OUT! Celebrating Community with our Spring Party - Location TBD

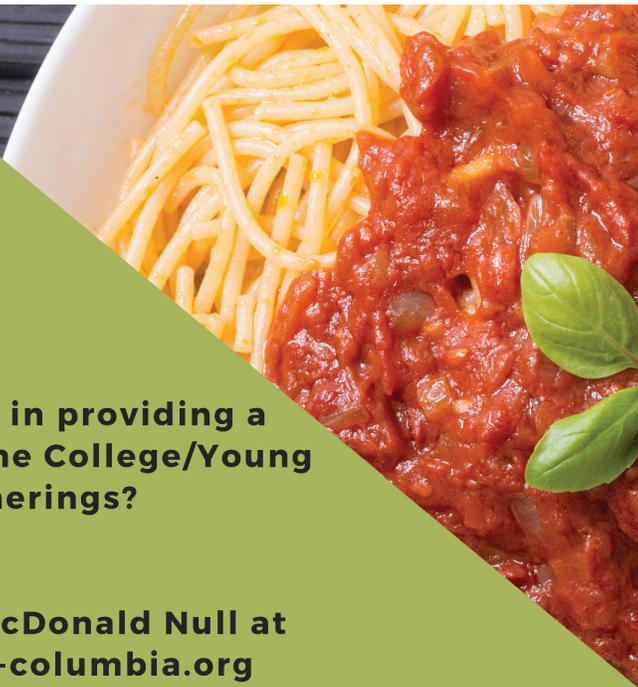


College and Young Adults

COOKS NEEDED!

Interested in providing a meal for the College/Young Adult gatherings?

Contact:
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bnull@fbc-columbia.org



Save the Date!

April 25, 2020

ForColumbia

Serving Columbia, side by side.

For more information, go to www.forcolumbia.com
or contact us at info@forcolumbia.com



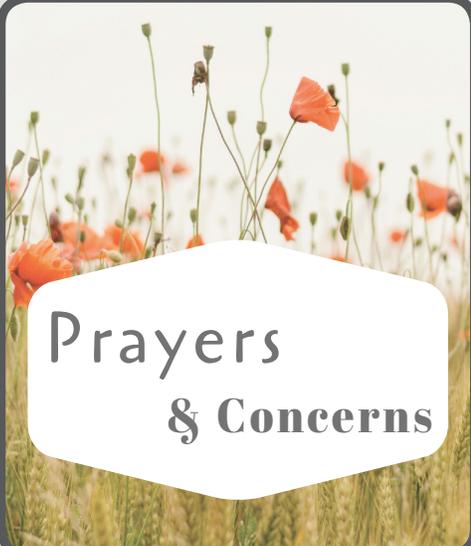
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ForColumbia Day of Service

First Baptist's annual day of service with ForColumbia will be Saturday, April 25. Sign-ups will take place in March. Watch for more details.

Prayers & Concerns



-Prayer Requests-

-The family and friends of Betty Blaise, who passed away Tuesday, January 28. Funeral arrangements are pending.

-Pray for the work of Room at the Inn and for volunteers to sign up to help keep the shelter open this season. They are currently most in need of volunteers for the morning host positions (5:15 to 8:00 am) and the evening shift (6:15 to 11:30 pm).

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"Return Service Requested"



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Austen Hartke
transgender theologian

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**Transgender theologian
Austen Hartke shares his
experience of coming out
as a bisexual and
transgender Christian.**

FEB. 21

6:30 PM & 7:15 PM

FEB. 22

10:00 AM

**ECUMENICAL EVENT @
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**



the **SPIRE**

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