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Because Christ's love  
compels us 2 COR. 5:14

First Baptist  
Church of Columbia



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# First Baptist Church

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## *Our Worship of God*

*April 23, 2017*

*9:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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## *~Second Sunday of Easter~*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Carol McEntyre

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

Charles Cantrell

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

**Lord, let this be.**

**Show us how.**

“And love your neighbor as yourself.”

**Lord, let this be.**

**Take us where we surely need to go.**

Let your love be the lens that lets us see,

**the power that enlivens our lives,**

light that points to the path,

**and the very grace that saves us.**

Fill us with your love.

**Amen.**

**† Opening Our Hearts Through Song**

We Are

**† Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Prayers for: The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
First Baptist Church**

Carol McEntyre

**† Song of Purpose**

Multiplied

**† Song of Faith**

Even If

**Mission Report**

Michael McEntyre

**Scripture Reading**

Ross Kasmann

II Corinthians 5:11-15

*Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.*

*We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Praise be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

Mary VanRheenen

Matthew 22:34-40

*When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.*

*“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

**Message**

**“&”**

Michael McEntyre

**Global Missions Offering**

Ralph and Tammy Stocks

**Offertory**

Difference Maker

**† Song of Response**

God of Justice

**Closing Thanks**

Carol McEntyre

**† Benediction**

Jeff Langford

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, April 23

**9:15 & 11:15 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Worship**  
**12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group** *Conference Room*  
**4-4:50 pm Children's Music** *Sanctuary*  
**5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study** *Youth Suite*

## Monday, April 24

**9-10:30 am Senior Yoga** *Parlor*  
**1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting** *Conference Room*

## Wednesday, April 26

**6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade** *Youth Suite*  
**5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal** *Sanctuary*  
**6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal** *Sanctuary*  
**7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal** *Sanctuary*

## Saturday, April 29

**8:30 am Meet at the church for Serving in the City with ForColumbia**  
**9-1 Service Projects**

## Sunday, April 30

**9:15 & 11:15 Singing Our Lives**  
**4-4:50 pm Children's Music** *Sanctuary*  
**5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study** *Youth Suite*

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# Announcements

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## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Missions Emphasis

CBF celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As part of this fellowship we join churches around the world in celebration. Today's worship features Michael McEntyre, our Associate Pastor for Youth, College & Young Adults, and Missions, sharing the ways CBF life impacts our congregation, and talking about his recent trip to Romania with CBF Heartland.

As this coincides with our annual CBF Global Missions offering, Ralph and Tammy Stocks, former CBF Field Personnel to Bucharest with Project Ruth, will also share about how your missions offering helps make their work possible. We celebrate the work of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and what God is doing in our midst!

## New Sunday Morning Small Group

A new small group just for women begins today at 10:15 in the hospitality room off the Sanctuary. We hope that this will be a place for women to develop deep friendship, share joys and concerns, support one another and study scripture together. The inaugural meeting will be convened by Pastor Carol McEntyre today, with breakfast, in the hospitality room off the sanctuary.

## See You in the Spire!

We would love to include more pictures from The Awakening services in the Spire, as well as on our website. If you can regularly take high-quality pictures of the worship space, the people, and any special events such as baptisms or special services such as Easter, please let Pastor Carol know. Photos can be emailed to [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org).

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## Singing Our Lives...

Next Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, worship at both services will be devoted to music and singing! The Bible bursts with song: The Christian church was born singing the songs of ancient Israel, including the Psalms; and the gospels sing forth the coming of the Christ-child. Christians have been singing ever since. Join us for this special Sunday devoted to glorifying God through music!

## ForColumbia 2017

Next Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, is the day of Serving the city with ForColumbia. Sign up today to help with the project at Russell Chapel, which involves painting and light construction work. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am to pray and carpool to our work sites.

We are also looking for volunteers who could work on Thursday or Friday (April 27 or 28) to do some prep work and painting at our sites.

Please contact Michael McEntyre ([mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org)) if you can help.

## Mission Trip to South Dakota – Register Now!

The church-wide mission trip to the Lakota Reservation in Bridger, South Dakota in June 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. A \$50 deposit is due by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**; total cost per person is \$110. Sign up on the church website ([fbc-columbia.org](http://fbc-columbia.org)) or email Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org).

## Pentecost Sunday All Church Worship and Business Meeting

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, we will have an all-church worship service at 11:15 in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch and a business meeting to vote on the 2017-2018 Endowment recommendations. The regular Sunday Morning Small Group sessions will meet at 10:15; there will be no 9:15 worship service.

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## Church Picnic

Our annual picnic is June 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at the Twin Lakes Pavilion, with many outdoor activities. We'll have our traditional egg toss; the Pepto Bismol Men's Bake-off/Auction for Missions at 4 pm, and dinner at 5 pm.

## Quest Family Camp – Register Now!

Quest Family Camp is July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>. Register now on our church website or email Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org); and send in your deposit of \$50 (with Quest in the memo line) per participant by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

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# Worship Notes

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The call to worship is from **re:Worship** and is posed at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/prayer-matthew-22-34-40.html>.

We Are by Kari Jobe (6129877)

Multiplied by NEEDTOBREATHE (7029227)

Even If by MercyMe (7079513)

Difference Maker by NEEDTOBREATHE (7029234)

God of Justice by Tim Hughes (4447128)

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## Today's Worship Participants

Jeff Langford serves as the CBF Heartland Coordinator. CBF Heartland is our regional partner for CBF ministry and has helped connect our church with events such as the Pause College Retreat, and our mission connections in Haiti, South Dakota, and Romania.

Ross Kasmann (Moderator) and Charles Cantrell (Treasurer) are members of First Baptist who both serve on the Coordinating Council, the governing body for CBF Heartland. The Council strives to represent the geographic, gender and generational diversity of the Fellowship.

Mary Van Rheenen and Keith Holmes are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel serving as resource coordinators for Romany and those working with Romany throughout Europe. Keith focuses on Christian media resources in major Romany languages, and Mary currently focuses on educational resources. First Baptist is proud to continue our long-standing support of the work of Keith and Mary through our annual missions budget.

Ralph and Tammy Stocks are also CBF field personnel and minister among the Romany, looking for unique ways to share the gospel. Most recently Ralph and Tammy have worked in Bucharest, Romania with Project Ruth, the parent ministry of the Gypsy Smith School where Michael McEntyre recently taught. The Stocks have served CBF for 22 years and are beginning a new transition to North Carolina for a new era that includes being near family and their grandson.



## 9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

*For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Traditional Worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Sanctuary.*

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For Children During Worship:

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor library.

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### Church Staff

*Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor*

*Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and young Adults, and Missions*

*Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry*

*Alex Bennett, Awakening Worship Coordinator † Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist*

*Janet Deneke, Admin. Assistant † Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator*

*Bethany James, Nursery Director † Glenn Owings, Custodian*