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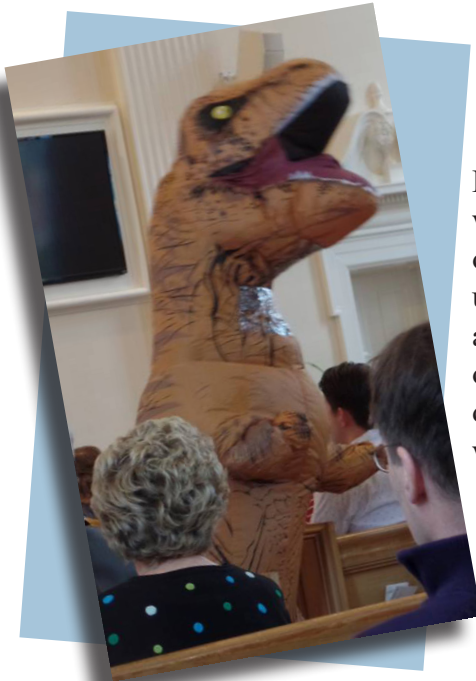


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Holy Humor Sunday

For centuries, the Sunday after Easter has been celebrated as a day of joy and laughter, jokes and parties to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and to recognize that Easter was “God’s supreme joke played on death.”



First Baptist enjoyed worship filled with levity - jokes, costumes, and other antics. Eli Marchbanks showed up in joyful attire, while a T-Rex ate a worshiper before taking up the offering. We’re not sure who that was; did you notice anyone missing from worship?



Parents’ Night Out May 4

We have a great night planned at Jabberwocky Studios, located at 1308 Grand Avenue on May 4, 2018 from 6-8 pm. We invite kiddos ages 4-12 to join us for a night of music and movement and lots of fun. You may drop your child(ren) off or you can stay for the fun! We are also offering child care for children ages birth to 3 at First Baptist Church, in the nursery, for the duration of this event. Pizza, cookies and juice will be provided for the kids in both locations. Jabberwocky Studios is a nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to build community among diverse segments of the Columbia community through the arts. They teach hip-hop, jazz, tap, ballet, African and Indian dance. Please RSVP to Children’s Ministry Director, Yvette Chambers, at chambers@fbc-Columbia.org by April 29, 2018.





From the Pastor

This summer, I will be going on Sabbatical, beginning May 28. The covenant that I have with the church provides a sabbatical after five years of service. During my sabbatical, I will be fully disengaging from my responsibilities at the church. But don't worry, the church will be in good hands. Our Associate Pastors, Ed Rollins and Michael McEntyre, and our Pastoral Resident, Brittany McDonald Null will take care of all day-to-day tasks that I normally do. In addition, Rev. Brian Ford, a regular attender in Awakening Worship, will be on hand to help as needed. I have already scheduled a group of talented preachers to fill in on Sundays that I will be away. In addition, part of our Pastoral Residency program curriculum is to ask our Resident to preach a series of sermons over a 3-week period to allow them to experience the demands of weekly sermon writing on top of regular pastoral duties. My sabbatical is a great opportunity for Brittany McDonald Null to meet this requirement.



WHAT IS A SABBATICAL?

The word 'sabbatical' has its roots in the biblical concept of Sabbath, which means to cease or rest. Sabbatical leave is a time when the pastor is granted leave away from the normal responsibilities of church in order to rest, reflect and spend time in spiritual renewal. The Louisville Institute has done some research on the effectiveness of sabbaticals. You will be happy to know that eighty percent of pastors who received one of their sabbatical grants report that their sabbatical refreshed or re-energized them to a 'great extent.' Ninety-four percent of Congregational Representatives indicate that they perceived their pastor to have been refreshed or re-energized after the sabbatical. In addition, seventy five percent of congregations reported that the sabbatical tangibly benefited the life of the church. A sabbatical is beneficial to the longevity and health of pastors and to the congregation under their care.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

My sabbatical plan includes a couple of weeks of travel for fun and connecting with my family. Michael and I will celebrate our 20th Anniversary in Costa Rica, and visit our family in Tennessee. I am taking some intentional time for spiritual renewal and growth. So, I am going to attend the Wild Goose Festival, a gathering of progressive Christians that meets in rural Hot Springs N.C., where I will be attending lectures and glamping for 5 days. I can't wait! The rest of my sabbatical will be spent resting and working on finishing my Doctor of Ministry (DMin). As most of you know, I have finished my course work at Drew University and have completed my DMin project. But each week, I spend about ten hours studying and writing my sermon. This takes a lot of creative energy. When the sermon is done, it is hard for me to write anything else. Hopefully, during my sabbatical I can channel that creative energy into writing my dissertation!

I want you to know how grateful I am for First Baptist and for the gift of a sabbatical. I appreciate how well you care for your pastoral staff. Thank you.

HOW CAN YOU HELP WHILE I AM AWAY?

- Come to worship regularly and faithfully just like you would if I was here.
- Pray for me and for my family. Pray for me to get some rest, for my spirit to be renewed and for me to get substantial work done on my dissertation.
- Read Wayne Mueller's book Sabbath (copies are \$10, and will be available next Sunday before and after worship). Be prepared to talk about it when I return.
- Find ways to work some Sabbath rest into your own life this summer.

Thank you,
Pastor Carol McEntyre



The Practice of Sabbath

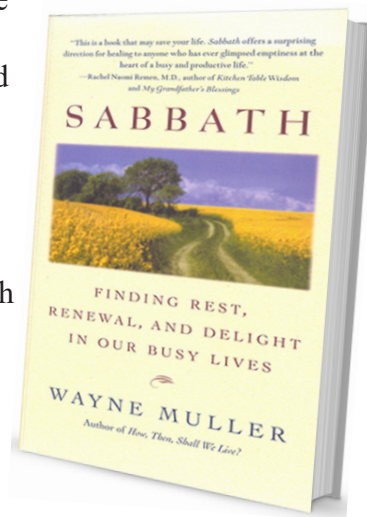
This summer while I am away on Sabbatical, I want to invite you to reflect on and enter into the spiritual practice of Sabbath with me and hopefully, experience rest and renewal in your own life. Years ago, I read Wayne Muller's book called Sabbath. Here is a synopsis:

In today's world, with its relentless emphasis on success and productivity, we have lost the necessary rhythm of life, the balance between work and rest. Constantly striving, we feel exhausted and deprived in the midst of great abundance. We long for time with friends and family, we long for a moment to ourselves.

Millennia ago, the tradition of Sabbath created an oasis of sacred time within a life of unceasing labor. Now, in a book that can heal our harried lives, Wayne Muller shows us how to create a special time of rest, delight, and renewal - a refuge for our souls.

Muller is an ordained Christian minister but the book draws on wisdom from multiple faith traditions. It is filled with wonderful stories, poems, and suggestions for practice. Muller teaches us how we can use this time of sacred rest to refresh our bodies and minds and restore our souls. At the end of chapters on rest, rhythm, time, happiness, wisdom, and consecration, Muller includes dozens of Sabbath exercises such as taking a guilt-free nap, blessing your children, keeping a Sabbath box, creating a family altar, and thinning or letting go of possessions.

He writes, "Sabbath time can be a revolutionary challenge to the violence of overwork, mindless accumulation, and the endless multiplication of desires, responsibilities, and accomplishments. Sabbath is a way of being in time where we remember who we are, remember what we know, and taste the gifts of spirit and eternity." Sabbath is a beautifully written book; give yourself a gift this summer and read it! Books are available for purchase (\$10 each) Monday-Friday in the church office or on Sunday mornings in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.



Welcome New Members - the Imlers!

Meet Reed (8), Meredith, and Henry Imler. Reed spends most days at Southern Boone School. He loves Star Trek, science, dogs, video games, Nerf wars, his trampoline, and Legos. Meredith spends her time managing her health. She loves coffee with friends, meaningful conversation, crafts, flowers, audiobooks, and podcasts. Henry spends his time teaching Philosophy, Religion, and Ethics at MACC in Columbia. He loves reading, coffee, technology, board games, comic books, and playing basketball. They are originally from Versailles, MO, and moved to the area for college. They both grew up in church and are happy to have found a place like FBC!





Pentecost Sunday - May 20

Combined Worship

11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Attention all Graduates: High School, College, and Beyond!

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 13th. Graduates will be recognized in both of our worship services, and there will be a light brunch between the services in the Children's Building Hallway. We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church no later than Sunday April 22 so it may be featured in the Spire. (For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school graduating from, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



The names we currently for high school graduates are Will Edgar, Jordan Kausler, and Tavie Kieffer. For college and graduate school we know of Chris Dobbs and Neal Ostercamp.

We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments so please help us honor all the graduates within our congregation by sending in this important information soon. Thank you.

Scholarship Opportunities

Every year, First Baptist awards scholarships to individuals pursuing higher education. These scholarships are made available through the generosity of former members of our First Baptist Church family. Graduating First Baptist high school seniors, college students, and graduate students can receive an application online. Please visit www.fbc-columbia.org (click "Resources" then "Forms and Policies"), or send an email to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org. The scholarships available are the Lionberger Scholarship Fund, the Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Luebbers Scholarship Fund.

The deadline for returning the application to the church office is **May 1**.



Volunteers Needed for First Kids Camp

July 30-Aug 3

First Kids Camp is an all-day camp for 3-year-olds through those entering 6th grade next fall. Details, including cost and a link to sign up, are available on our website, fbc-columbia.org.

We need adults and older youth to help us out. We can match your talents and comfort level with kids and leadership to one of many volunteer opportunities. We have different opportunities at different time periods:

From 7:30-8:45 am:

- A couple of people to help supervise, help with set up, and escort kids from entry to extended care area

From 8:30 am-noon:

- Several crew leaders to take a small group of kids from station to station
- People to lead or assist with games
- Snack helpers to make and serve snacks
- Story tellers to act out or assist with the daily Bible story
- Various smaller tasks

Between noon and 5:30 pm (doesn't have to be the whole time):

- People to help supervise and assist with various activities - job assignments will depend on days and times of your availability

If you have questions or would like to volunteer contact Lillian Hoell at lillian.hoell@gmail.com or Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.



Columbia Handbell Ensemble Spring Concerts

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble presents its 29th annual spring concerts featuring a wonderful program of dances. "Fly Me to the Moon," Frank Sinatra's romantic standard, highlights a wide array of dances; other featured works include "America" from Bernstein's "West Side Story," the classic Latin dance "Sway," Ravel's "Pavane;" and "Rock Around the Clock." The concerts will be May 5, 7 pm at First Christian Church and May 6, 2 pm at First Baptist Church. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$1 for kids 12 and under, or \$10 at the door. Contact Ed Rollins at 442-1149 for advance tickets.

Odyssey Presents

Life & Love: Liebeslieder

On May 4, Odyssey's spring program reflects on Love and Life from the German "the Romantic Period." Featured are works by Schumann and Mendelssohn, featuring the Piano Sextet with the Esterhazy Quartet, pianist Ayako Tsuruta. This delightful program opens with "Overture" from the beloved *Midsummer Night's Dream*, arrangement for piano four hands performed by the Miyamoto-Tsuruta Piano Duo. The Series concert begins at 7pm, but be sure to arrive early for 6:45pm Pre-Concert performance!



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ForColumbia Day of Service April 28

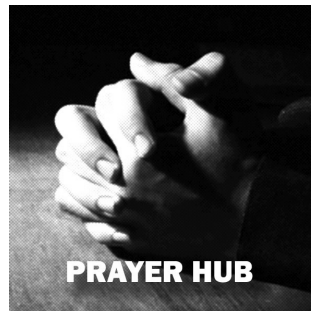
Thank you to all our First Baptist family who signed up to serve at our ForColumbia projects. First Baptist is proud to join with over 1,900 volunteers from roughly 60 churches on April 28 to share the love of Christ with our Columbia community. This is the largest ForColumbia effort yet, and we look forward to serving together. Below you will find the addresses and times for our 4 main serving sites. For more information, you can always go to www.forcolumbia.com/serving-sites/ to find the latest project details and what to bring. If you have any questions, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



Russell Chapel volunteers meet at Russell Chapel CME, 108 E Ash St. at 9:00am. Lunch will be provided on site. We plan to stay until the project is finished.



Those serving with SafeKids will meet at 8:45am at the MU Hearnnes Center Fieldhouse, 600 East Stadium Boulevard. Lunch will be served on site.



If you signed up for the Prayer Hub, you will meet at First Baptist Church at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This team will pray at the church until 11 am, then join area ministry teams for lunch.



Volunteers for The Wardrobe will meet at 715 Park Ave by 9:00am and serve until noon. Lunch will be served at Douglas Park.