

March 21, 2018

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First Baptist Church
columbia



Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your own basket

Saturday, March 31 10 am - 12

Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 for games and treats. Bring your own basket!

Talking to Your Kids about Sexual Harassment and Assault

Saturday, April 7: Dinner at 5 pm; Seminar 6:00-7:15 pm

We are excited to welcome licensed clinical social worker and ordained minister LeAnn Gardner back to First Baptist! LeAnn was with us a few years ago to present her SAFE Seminar: Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment. On April 7, LeAnn will join us once again via Skype to present *Talking to Your Kids About Sexual Harassment & Assault*. Last fall, after the “Me Too” movement exploded and women began using the hashtag on social media to demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, we decided to invite LeAnn back to help us think about how we talk to our kids about boundaries, consent, and safety throughout childhood. At First Baptist, we want to partner with parents to be the primary educators of their children in matters of faith and other important topics like sexuality.



Cost of the event is \$10/person or \$20/couple, which includes dinner for the whole family and childcare for infants up to grade 5. After dinner, the nursery will open for infants. Yvette Chambers, Director of Children’s Ministry, is planning a fun evening for the children. To register email Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org.



OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS

We are coming up on the final weeks of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Global Missions Offering, which goes to support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world. I know that in light of recent decisions by the leadership of CBF, some of you may be hesitant to give right now and I understand that. But I also know that this offering goes directly to support the ongoing ministry and presence of people just like Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen, CBF Field

Personnel working with the Romany people in Europe since 1996.

Keith likens the CBF Offering for Global Missions to “the value of an air tank to a scuba diver.” The money we give to this offering is what makes it possible for them to stay and work in this unique environment. Keith further explains,

“We are in this together. Some of us have the gift of going. Some of us have the gift of praying. Some of us have the gift of giving. The Offering for Global Missions directly connects us . . . out there somewhere . . . with you. The Offering for Global Missions provides for field personnel’s long-term presence in the field. Our colleagues from partner organizations who are completely self-supporting spend twice as much time as we do in partnership development, raising funds, and worrying about whether or not they are going to be staying on the field. We do not have to worry about whether or not we will be able to be here next year. We know that because of your partnership, our salary, housing, and similar basic benefits will be paid. Thank you for giving to the Offering for Global Missions. Thank you for our salary, our housing, and our ability to focus on something other than paying the light bill.”

I am proud of our church’s long history of supporting missionary activity around the world both directly and through collaborative efforts with partners like CBF. Know that as your pastor, I will continue to work within CBF to build on the good changes being made so that one day soon all who feel called to serve God in the mission field will be welcomed. Until then, may this church continue to be an example of grace and love as we support the Kingdom work that our CBF Field Personnel have been doing for decades. There will be envelopes available for the next two Sundays in worship for you to contribute to the Offering for Global Missions.

~ Pastor Carol McEntyre

Laughing in Church

How can you tell the difference between the Pharisees and the Sadducees? Well, the Sadducees didn’t believe in the resurrection. They were sad, you see. (Bad joke, I know!)

Throughout the season of Lent, we have explored Lament, the spiritual practice of voicing our grief and anger to God. While this has been a very heavy topic, it has also been very meaningful. For the past few weeks, Pastor Carol has reminded us “Lent is heavy, but Easter’s coming!”

Sunday, April 8, we will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday. Holy Humor Sunday, also known as Holy Laughter Sunday and Bright Sunday, has its roots in the early Greek church. Holy Humor Sunday gives us the chance to continue to celebrate and give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus and our own smaller resurrections.



Joy is an essential part of our faith. In John 15, Jesus instructs his disciples to remain in his love so that his joy will be in them and their joy may be complete. Laughter allows us to connect with God in a way that is beautifully human. It helps us not to take ourselves so seriously and reminds us that even God can have a good laugh.

So prepare yourself with some deep belly laughs, brush up on your favorite jokes, bust out that bright colored clothing and funky socks and join us for a fun Sunday celebrating the resurrection!

~Brittany McDonald Null

Thy Kingdom Come



April 28, 2018

ForColumbia

Serving Columbia, side by side.



Save the Date!

For Columbia Update

We are finalizing our projects with ForColumbia this week and will have our list of projects ready for sign ups on Easter morning! We know that First Baptist will be returning to Russell Chapel again this year to assist with some landscape needs and waterproofing efforts. We are also expanding our efforts at the Wardrobe to include serving inside and working outside for clean up and beautification. We plan to add at least one other worksite, and a family-friendly/ kid-friendly service option as well.

In addition to these, First Baptist will serve as a collection site for supplies leading up to our day of service; and during ForColumbia workday, our church will serve as a prayer hub for work efforts in the 2nd Ward. The prayer hub is a new addition to the day of service. We are asking that people sign up to come and pray for the sites, volunteers, and needs of those we encounter during the day. Look for more details soon, and be sure to save the date to help serve our Columbia family.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at First Baptist Church of Columbia. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for cardiovascular disease include: carotid artery plaque buildup; abdominal aortic aneurysm; peripheral arterial disease; heart rhythm screening; and an osteoporosis risk assessment.

Register online today at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment. Special note: since we are hosting, we have vouchers for two free screenings, given out on a first-come first-served basis. Please contact the church office at 442-1149 or churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org if you would like to claim one. You will need the voucher number to make your free appointment.

Yoga at First Baptist

Senior Yoga offers a peaceful environment for all ages and abilities. Sessions include gentle chair movements, stretching, and breathing exercises. Yoga helps balance, flexibility and focus.



The group meets in the church parlor on Monday mornings from 9-10:30 am. Sessions cost \$10 each and are led by Dr. Jan Wheeler, a certified yoga instructor and clinical psychologist.



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Date!**

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, will be available on our website, fbc-columbia.org.

Spring Break

Spring break this year falls between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Our youth will not meet on Wednesday, March 28. College and Young Adult Bible Study will not meet on Palm Sunday, March 25 or on Easter Sunday, April 1. Normal schedules resume the following week. The church office remains open during the break.

the calling

The Calling, our Wednesday Middle and High School Bible study, meets from 6:00-7:15pm in the Youth Suite. This semester we are learning about the Lord's Prayer and exploring the lessons it offers us about our faith. All students 6-12th grade are welcome!

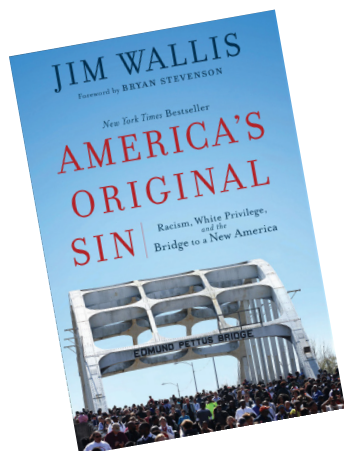
Scholarship Opportunities

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**.



Critical Conversations in Troubled Times



First Baptist, Second Missionary Baptist, and Broadway Christian Churches are participating in a conversation about racism and how faith communities can help bring about grassroots change. **Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 15 at 5 pm at Second Baptist.** The book *Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis is the basis for discussion. Feel free to purchase your own copy and join the conversation at any time. This session will be a discussion of chapter two.

Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers

For Easter, the First Baptist Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be filled with beautiful lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to place one or more of these beautiful plants in the worship spaces to honor or remember a loved one, please fill out an order envelope and put it in the collection plate on Palm Sunday. Envelopes are available in the worship spaces. You may also order by calling the church office, 442-1149 or emailing churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org with details by Monday March 26.



Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations

Those of Our Church Family in Need of Prayer:

Mark and Paula Thomas on the loss of his father, Andrew Thomas.

Julie and Dave Walker on the loss of her mother, Jan Fredstrom.

Lynita and Paul Little on the loss of her father, James Guthrie.

Verna Rhodes, who is recovering well at home after a surgical procedure.

Trish Blair, who has resumed chemotherapy.

Barry Kausler, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Koge Yasuda, who is in hospice care.

Debby Riley, for strength as she has treatments for cancer.

Celebrations:

Casey Engelbrecht, who has found a new job in Moberly.

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Holy Week at First Baptist

Palm Sunday - March 25: Palm Sunday is a joyous and special day at First Baptist, with palm processions in both services, as well as 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 and walk downtown together. Awakening (9:15 am) and Traditional (11:15 am) worship will meet as usual on Palm Sunday; children are invited to take part in a Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both worship services. 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!

Good Friday - March 30: Friday: the day the world turned dark and all hope turned to lament - the day of death. On Good Friday, March 30, we will gather in worship at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall to join in the lament of those who follow Christ. It is a final moment of preparation prior to the joy of Easter.

Easter Sunday - April 1: Easter morning begins with a celebration of the Resurrection at the 9:15 am Awakening Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy pastries and beverages from 10:15 - 11:15 am. Traditional Worship will celebrate the Risen Christ at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.

