

May 16, 2018

# the SPIRE



First Baptist Church  
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## Annual Church Picnic at the Twin Lakes Pavilion June 10 at 3 pm



All are invited to an afternoon of games, fishing, biking, walking, running and playing, and, of course, the annual egg toss championship competition.

At 4 pm we will enjoy the Pepto Bismol Men's Bake-off and Silent Auction for Missions! Men, bring your best baked treats - and everybody, bring your checkbook. It's a sweet way to raise money for missions.

At 5 pm dinner is served. The main dish (Lee's fried chicken), drinks, and place settings are provided. Please bring food for 12, according to the first letter of your last name:

A-G Veggies      H-S Side Dishes      T-Z Desserts

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## Street Theology - Joining God's Mission as We Go



God invites us to join in the work of reconciling all of creation. Which means, church isn't meant to be just a once-a-week gathering but a community that emphasizes an incarnational, servant approach to all of life.

This summer, we invite you to join in a dialogue about viewing our lives together through four theological lenses that help frame what we are called to be as disciples of Jesus and co-creators with God as we go. It is street theology - joining God's mission as we go, wherever we are!

From June 3-July 15, our Sunday Morning Adult Small Groups will be coming together and gathering in the parlor at 10:15 for a combined small group series entitled Street Theology-

Joining God's Mission as We Go. For the first few weeks, Rev. Brian Ford, a regular attender at Awakening Worship, will be leading us; then, Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre will take some of what was discussed and talk about how it applies to our approach for ministry with the Lakota people in South Dakota.



## What will church be like while I am on sabbatical?

As you know, I am leaving for sabbatical on May 28 and will be back August 20. That sounds like a long time, but it will fly by. However, it does raise the question: who is going to take care of all the stuff that I do? Let me give you some answers regarding some key areas: preaching and worship leadership, pastoral care (funerals, hospital visits and homebound care), leadership of the staff and of the church.

### ***Preaching and Worship Leadership:***

We have a great line-up of guest preachers scheduled. You can see their bios in this Spire. In addition, part of our Pastoral Residency program curriculum is to ask our Resident to preach a series of sermons over 3-week period to allow her to experience the demand of weekly sermon writing on top of regular pastoral duties. My sabbatical is a great opportunity for Pastoral Resident Brittany McDonald Null to meet this requirement. Our Associate Pastor Ed Rollins will continue to plan Traditional Worship; and Brittany, with input from Shelby Myers our Praise Band Director, will plan Awakening Worship. Brittany will also serve as the main liturgist during worship - greeting, introducing guest preachers, leading pastoral prayers, doing the benediction, and so forth.



### ***Pastoral Care:***

What about people who are in the hospital during the sabbatical, or what if there is a death in our church family? Associate Pastors Ed Rollins and Michael McEntyre and Pastoral Resident Brittany McDonald Null will be available. We have an amazing pastoral staff; if you need a pastor, you will be taken care of. Brittany will also be checking on our homebound members.

### ***Leadership of Staff:***

Ed Rollins will be supervising the staff and running our weekly staff meeting. The personnel committee, chaired by Charles Hunter, is available if needed.

### ***Leadership of the Church:***

Ed Rollins and Michael McEntyre will oversee the day-to-day activities of the church. The Church Council is the governing body of the church and Khaki Westerfield is the Church Moderator. Any needs that arise that would require their attention can be addressed in a summer meeting.

### ***A Few Other Tasks:***

Brittany McDonald Null will be following up with worship guests and overseeing outreach. She will also be filling in for me during the Critical Conversation events with Second Baptist and Broadway Christian. Michael McEntyre will be working with the Pastoral Residency Team and will be pastoral liaison for Kids Camp. Rev. Brian Ford has graciously agreed to meet with Brittany for "Homiletics and Pastoral Life," which is our weekly meeting that is one-part supervision and one-part teaching time about the life and work of a pastor.

I am grateful for the gift of a sabbatical. We have a very capable staff and plans are in place to make sure the church is taken care of. Plus, you are the Body of Christ; I have great confidence in each of you to care for the community and give leadership in my absence. For me, honoring the Sabbath (and my sabbatical) means relinquishing control and letting go of the illusion that I am indispensable. I know God will take care of First Baptist while I'm away.

~ Pastor Carol McEntyre



## First Baptist Men Gathering This Summer

First Baptist is looking to revive an old tradition. In 1928, our church began a men's gathering as a way for the men in the church to better get to know one another. The fellowship centered around a meal together and various programs and activities. The intent, as Howard B. Lang would later write, was to "promote a more friendly fellowship among the men of the church and keep informed of ways they can assist in promoting activities and programs." This summer, First Baptist is offering a reboot of this time-honored tradition through July as a way to bring people together from different services to learn more about each other, our church, and our Creator. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. See the schedule provided below.

**May 22, 7-8 am:** Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. As we gather around the tables we will: get to know one another, take time to pray for the needs of our church, learn a little bit about the rich history of service here at First Baptist, talk about the upcoming Pepto Bismol Bake Off for the church picnic, and have a brief devotional to guide our day before we head off.

**June 5, 11:45 am-1 pm:** Join us for lunch. In order to accommodate a variety of schedules we will alternate meetings between breakfast and lunch. Breakfasts will be at the church with an agenda similar to what has been outlined. Our lunches will take place at local restaurants. There is no agenda for our lunch gatherings other than shared fellowship around the tables. It's a great way to get to know people you don't normally have the chance to share a meal with. Our first lunch will be at Houlihans (2541 Broadway Bluffs Dr). All who can come are welcome. We will be there between 11:45am to around 1:15pm; drop by when you can.

**June 10, 3-8 pm:** We want to encourage all of our men to bring a dish or dessert to sell for the Pepto Bismol Bake Off at the church picnic. Items will be auctioned off to raise money for support for a new missions endeavor.

**June 19, 7-8 am:** We will meet again for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We will hear a report about the Pepto Bismol Bake Sale, have a time of prayer for our church and each other, hear some words of encouragement, and, of course, enjoy some good food and fellowship.

**July 3, 11:45 am-1 pm:** Lunch will be at Shiloh (402 E Broadway)! Drop by and join us.

**July 17, 7-8 am:** Gather for breakfast once again as we commune around the tables, talk about possible interests for the group, pray for the needs of our church, and even try our hand at singing a tune. It promises to be a memorable morning.

**July 31, 11:45 am-1 pm:** Our last stop for July is at G & D Pizzeria (2101 W Broadway). We hope you will make an effort to come by and check in as we look towards fall and a new semester (or more importantly, a new football season!)

## May Financial Update



Living  
Generously

Thank you for giving! Your gifts help fund our mission's efforts, church ministries, pastors' salaries, and our beautiful facilities.

Through the end of April, we have received about \$112,000 in pledges and unpledged gifts, which puts us a little behind where we should be at this point of \$121,000.

## First Baptist Adventures

Mark your calendars for upcoming adventures with First Baptist family and friends:

- May 20: Lunch in Claysville after church. Sign up by May 17.
- June 8: Bring a friend to dinner - meet at 5:30 pm at a location to be announced soon.
- July 22: Picnic at Ha Ha Tonka State Park.
- August 11: Mama Mia! at New Theatre in Kansas City. Sign up by July 30.

For questions or to sign up, contact Paula Thomas, First Baptist Fellowship Coordinator, at paulalou52@gmail.com, or call the church office at (573) 442-1149.



## MEMORIAL DAY



In honor of Memorial Day, the City holds a parade beginning at 10 am on Monday, May 28. For a good view of the parade, you are welcome to gather on the front steps of the church.

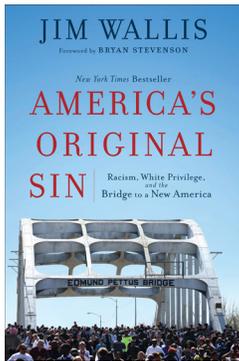
The church office will be closed for Memorial Day. We wish you a blessed Memorial Day as our veterans are honored!

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for 2018-2019 school year. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. CDC hours are 7:15-5:30 Monday-Friday. For more information contact Jess at 573-443-7677 or [cddirector@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:cddirector@fbc-columbia.org).



**Child Development Center**  
at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

## 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, May 20 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 chapters 4-5.

## Game Night

Attention all strategy board game lovers: whether you prefer building railroads across America, saving the world from a pandemic, building settlements in Catan, or catching werewolves, we've got the event for you! Join us, June 23 from 4-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall, for an evening full of fun and [friendly] competition. Bring your favorite strategy card and board games and a few dollars for pizza! Childcare will be provided. Contact Brittany McDonald Null at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org) if you have any questions or need childcare.



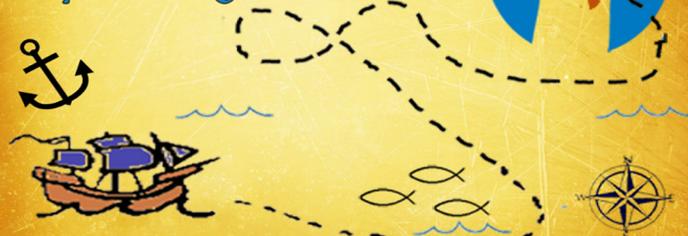
## Congratulations!

### Michael McEntyre's 5th Anniversary

We have a great staff at First Baptist. March 28 marked the 5-year anniversary for Michael McEntyre as our Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Missions at First Baptist. To celebrate that occasion, we are inviting you to bring cards and notes of thanks and gratitude to Combined Worship this Sunday, May 20. We will take time at the end of worship to thank Michael and present the cards.



First Kids **CAMP**  
**SHIPWRECKED**  
July 30- Aug 3, 2018



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](http://fbc-columbia.org).

### Register Your Children for First Kids!

Please sign up early to help us prepare for the number of participants. Information cards are available around the church. Take one for yourself, and more for your friends.

### Volunteer for First Kids!

Adults and older youth can help, and we can match your talents and comfort level with kids and leadership to one of many volunteer opportunities. There are different ways to help at different time periods, and you do not need to commit to the entire week or to an entire day. Details are on our website.

For questions, or to volunteer, please contact Lillian Hoell at [lillian.hoell@gmail.com](mailto:lillian.hoell@gmail.com) or Yvette Chambers at [chambers@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:chambers@fbc-columbia.org).

## Presenting ... Child Development Center Graduates

The Child Development Center at First Baptist Church held its first ever graduation ceremony on May 11th. Child Development family and friends celebrated all 17 graduates with a potluck meal on the front lawn. The turn-out was great. Thank you to all who helped make it such a special day of celebration and fellowship!





## Meet Our Speakers

While Pastor Carol is on sabbatical during the summer, we will be in good hands as several very capable people fill the pulpit. Brittany McDonald Null will bring the message several times, interspersed with several speakers known either for their involvement in the Baptist denomination, our local community, or both. In order of appearance, they are:



Rev. Brian Ford became the Executive Director of Churchnet in April 2017. Previously he was pastor of Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church in Columbia. Brian is currently an adjunct professor at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee KS. Brian is married to the former Holly Williams of Lamar, MO. She is currently an OB/GYN physician for the University of Missouri Health Sciences in Columbia. They have two children, Caroline & Owen. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with family, playing golf, watching movies, traveling, reading, fishing, hunting, & attempting to play the guitar.

Nick Foster is the Executive Director of Voluntary Action Center (VAC). Foster assumed his role with VAC in 2011. Prior to that he was the executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County, Indiana. He moved to Columbia in 2010 when his wife, Candace Kuby, took a faculty position as an assistant professor of early childhood education at the University of Missouri.



Foster has also served as pastor at University Baptist Church in Montevallo, Alabama; he later served with Passport, Inc. in Birmingham as a camp coordinator and project director. Foster also is known as a storyteller, speaking in a variety of settings nationwide.

Reverend Muriel L. Johnson is an ordained American Baptist Minister who accepted her call into ministry in 1989. She is the first woman licensed by Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Madison WI, where she is affectionately referred to as the “First Daughter” of the church. For the past 15 years, she has served as a Regional Associate Minister (The first African American to do so) for the American Baptist Churches of the Great River Region. In essence, her ministry charge is to “CARE” (Challenge, Assist, Represent and Equip) for congregations and clergy as they live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ together in word and deed. She teaches and preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ with detailed attention to the sacred text, a sensitivity of the human predicament and a great sense of humor. Reverend Johnson currently resides in Columbia, Missouri and is blessed with one adult daughter, Aisha and Godson, Corvonn, as well as an almost 14-year-old grandson, Maurice, all of whom make her heart smile.



# Sabbatical Preachers



Jeff Langford began serving as the coordinator of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship-Heartland in 2016 after working as the organization's associate coordinator for 12 years. A graduate of University of Central Missouri and Purdue University, Jeff lives in Liberty, MO with his wife, Sara, a high school math teacher. He is a member at Second Baptist Church in Liberty, where he teaches the Winepress Bible study class for adults and serves as the church moderator. In his spare time, he enjoys graphic design, reading and digging holes for Sara's garden. Jeff and Sara's three sons – Ian (22), Seth (20) and Isaac (15) – are all taller than their parents.



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Clanton C.W. Dawson, Jr. PhD is Pastor, President, and CEO of Dawson Journeys Ministry, a Christian, multicultural, multi-generational ministry of hope. He is also the Pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Marshall, MO. Dr. Dawson is Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy at Moberly Area Community College (Columbia Campus) and Columbia College. He also serves as President of the African American Clergy Coalition of Mid-Missouri and is a Board member of Missouri Faith Voices.



Dr. Dawson is a powerful preacher with a gift for inspiring hope in the heart and soul of the listener. He is a published writer and is currently a weekly columnist for the Columbia Missourian. He and his wife, Maria Hughes Dawson, are the proud parents of 11 children, grandparents of 19, and have one great-grandchild.



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Dr. David May, Director of the Master of Arts (Theological Studies), has taught at Central Baptist Theological Seminary since 1994. His writings include *Preaching Matthew: Interpretation and Proclamation*, co-written with Mike Graves. Dr. May is active in the Society of Biblical Literature, the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, and the American Schools of Oriental Research. Drawing upon almost 50 years of playing tennis, he continues to enjoy both competitive and recreational play. He is an avid reader, and has collected first edition books from numerous authors, and his interest in the biblical world of the first century stimulates his study of ancient Roman and Judean coins related to the New Testament era. He appreciates computer technology of the 21st century while also finding time to restore vintage fountain pens. Dr. May and his wife Pam live in Atchison KS; both are natives of Missouri, and their hometown is Maryville. Pam is the Ministry Assistant for Finances at Second Baptist Church in Liberty.

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## Pentecost Sunday - May 20

### Combined Worship

11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall  
with brief business meeting  
following worship

No 9:15 am worship

10:15 Spiritual Formation groups  
will meet as usual

Please wear red, orange or yellow in  
honor of Pentecost

New First Baptist T-shirts will be available for \$10 each  
on and after May 20 in the church office.  
Adult Sizes S-XL.

