

September 2, 2020

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Bingo

on the front lawn

September 11
5:30 pm

First Baptist Bingo Night

Friday, September 11 at 5:30 pm

On Friday, September 11 join us for a Bingo Night on the front lawn from 5:30 pm until sundown. Please bring a chair, your own dinner, and wear your mask. If you are unable to carry chairs, we do have a few picnic tables. The event begins at 5:30 pm. Bingo with prizes will begin at 6:30 pm.

All ages welcome! Please RSVP to the church office by September 10. We will reschedule if there is bad weather.

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Upcoming Events

September 6 - Promotion Sunday

- 9:15 am Worship on the Lawn
- 10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study & Small Groups
- 10:30 am Student Ministry group online
- 11:15 am Worship Online

September 7

Labor Day - Offices Closed

September 8

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

September 9

- 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
- 6:00 pm The Calling on the Lawn

September 11

5:30 pm First Baptist Bingo Night

September 13 - New Sermon Series

- 9:15 am Worship on the Lawn
- 10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study & Small Groups
- 10:30 am Student Ministry group online
- 11:15 am Worship Online
- 5:00 pm *Everything Must Change* Book Study on the Lawn



Word from the Pastor

Senior Adults - Let's Stay Connected!

I know this time of social distancing has been particularly hard on senior adults, especially those who live alone. We all need socialization, and the pandemic has led to low-level depression and feelings of isolation. Therefore, I want to make sure that you feel supported by your church during this time and that you can stay connected.

Zoom at Noon has become a wonderful time for conversation and fellowship. Zoom is a computer program used to hold online meetings and gatherings. You can use Zoom on a smartphone, a tablet, a laptop, or a desktop computer (as long as you have an internet connection, camera, speakers, and a microphone). I know the technology might be intimidating, but I would love for you to join us. If you would like to try and get connected through Zoom and do not know how, we can send someone to your house to help you set up the technology. Let me know if you need help figuring out the technology. You can email me at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or call at 573-303-4987.



Carol McEntyre

Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol McEntyre continues to meet on Wednesdays at Noon. This has become an important time for conversation and fellowship, just checking in with one another, as well as a time to share prayer requests and scripture. We are no longer sending the zoom link out to the entire church every week, but you can find the link on the church website if you want to join us.



Student Ministry Update

This fall looks to be a bit different from our usual Back-to-School schedule. Our Student Ministry continues to work hard to stay connected with our students while at the same time being smart about precautions and necessary safeguards. We are excited to announce that The Calling, our midweek youth Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6-7:15pm, will begin on September 9 at the church. For the month of September, students are invited to join us for CARD Games on the front lawn (Carefully crafted, Appropriately precautioned, Reasonably distanced, Distinctly fun- Games.) While we will be outside (unless weather demands an adjustment), we are asking each student to please bring and wear a mask. I understand that not all parents or students will be comfortable with in person gathering just yet and we are respectful of that decision.

Wednesdays 6-7:15pm

the calling

Students 6th- 12th Grade

Our Student Ministry will also resume our virtual Sunday morning small group meetings on September 6 at 10:30am. Zoom links will be sent out to youth and parents. We are also working on some group activities for the fall that can combine some fun outdoor activities (a bonfire, visiting some state parks, and a possible game of laser tag in the woods) to help alleviate the confines of the pandemic. We look forward to seeing our students again and are excited to welcome our new 6th graders into the group. As always, we appreciate your prayers for our students and leaders this semester.



Fall Book Study

Everything Must Change by Brian D. McLaren

Begins September 13, 5:00 pm on the front lawn

The *Everything Must Change* book study is set to begin! The in-person group will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm on the front lawn of the church beginning September 13. Please bring a mask and a lawn chair and join us for the discussion.

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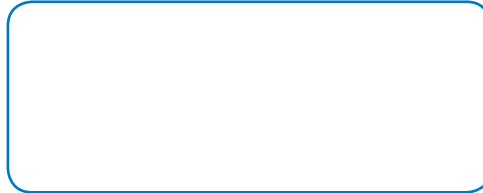
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about the Pandemic back in March
but I didn't know them yet

Sermon Series ~ Starting September 13

New Sermon Series - September 13

How does our relationship with Jesus change our response to the pandemic? In what ways can our spirituality carry us through the pandemic? What will life be like on the other side?

We hope you will join us for this sermon series, as we reflect together on what we are learning during the pandemic and how we want to live going forward.