

April 8, 2021

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First Baptist Church
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First Baptist Worship Options

What a joy it was to worship online and on-lawn with you on Easter! First Baptist will continue to host two worship options, weather permitting.

At 9:15 am we will be offering our online worship which can be streamed live on our Facebook page, Vimeo, and YouTube and will remain available to watch at a later time.

At 11:15 am, First Baptist will continue hosting in-person worship services on the front lawn of the church building!



~Easter Worship on the Lawn~

April 4, 2021

Both services will continue to have the similar litanies and sermons, but the music leadership of the services every few weeks to allow for a variety of musical styles to be experienced in-person and online. The Traditional Music Team will lead online worship on April 11 and April 18 while the Awakening Praise Band leads on-lawn. Then on April 25 and May 2, the Awakening Praise Band will lead online and the Traditional Music Team will lead on-lawn.

As a reminder, when attending our on-lawn services, please continue to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, practice social distancing, and remain home when feeling unwell. We look forward to continuing to worship with you online and on-lawn!



Word from the Pastor



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On Easter Monday, I am still thinking about yesterday and how good it felt to worship our Creator together. After so much time apart, what a joy to look out over the front lawn and see you all. As the soloist sang *Rise Up*, I thought about the hope the risen Christ provides and how our Sustainer God has carried us through. All this left me feeling rejuvenated and hopeful.

Carle McIntyre



~Preparations for the Good Friday service on the lawn~

Easter Service on the Lawn



~On-Lawn Easter Worship~

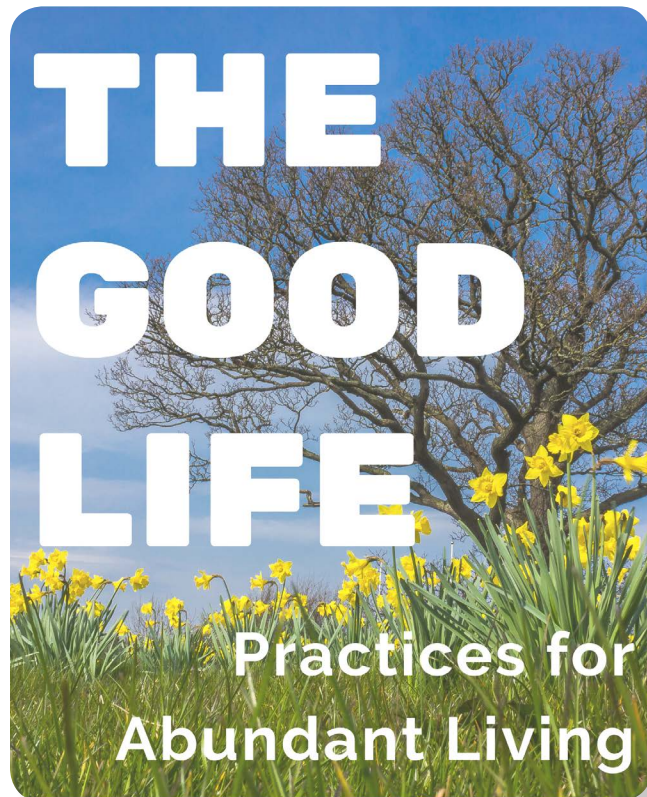




Easter Egg Hunt 2021

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New Sermon Series April 11

What makes for a good life? Grappling with questions about what makes a good life is part of being human; this past year has led many of us to evaluate this question even further.

In the coming months, as more people get vaccinated and we move toward our new normal, this sermon series *The Good Life: Practices for Abundant Living*, invites us to think about and reflect on how we want to live going forward in light of our Christian values. Instead of simply longing for what was, our hope is to discern how God is calling us to live now, and consciously make choices to follow in Christ's footsteps. Without this space for reflection, chances are the inevitable tide of busyness will wash away any opportunity for reflection.

This series is built on the wisdom of Christian theology and the ways in which authentic Christian practices bring about true and lasting life satisfaction. We look forward to sharing in this series beginning April 11.

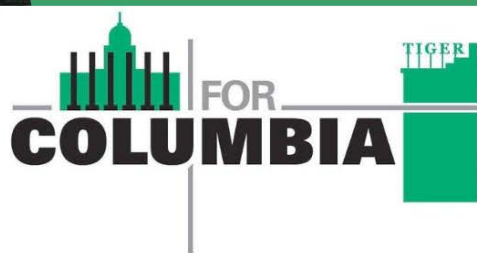
Church Business Meeting

Sunday, April 18

1:00 pm via Zoom

On Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 pm, First Baptist will gather for a special called Business Meeting via Zoom. Thanks to the hard work of our Finance Committee, the *Stepping Toward 200 Taskforce* (a team created by the Church Council in 2019), and our Church Council, a motion is being presented to the church to pay off the remaining building debt from our *Building Tomorrow Today* campaign. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and recent gifts to our Legacy Giving funds, we have the opportunity to retire our approximate remaining debt of \$375,000. This will save us roughly \$50,000 per year in debt services. The Business Meeting will lay out the path on how this will be accomplished and ask the church to vote to approve the retirement of this loan. We hope all our members will take part in this good work.





2021
Workday
June 5

ForColumbia Signups Begin April 18

ForColumbia is back and gearing up to serve our city on June 5, 2021. First Baptist will be leading 2 projects this year, but there are a variety of opportunities across the city to choose from, with various levels of Covid awareness and sensitivity to meet a variety of volunteer needs.

Our project at Benton Elementary will include enhancing the outdoor learning space, assembling a chicken coop, planting flowers, putting up fencing, spreading mulch, painting play elements, and putting together picnic tables. We are also looking for an old boat or canoe that could be partially buried and added to the area. Please contact Pastor Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org, if you might be able to help us locate one. This project is outside and is possible to maintain social distance at all times.

Our project at our Extra Mile house will have two main areas to serve. Part of our team will be outdoors helping with general clean up, planting flowers, and sealing the deck. This part of the project is outside, and it is possible to maintain social distance most of the time. The other part of our team will be demolishing and removing old ceilings and wall coverings as well as removing some carpeting in an effort to prep the area for future renovation. This part of the project requires N95 masks, gloves, and safety glasses to protect from dust and particles and is not family friendly. This project is inside with limited social distancing.

Signing Up

Beginning April 18, go to <https://www.forcolumbia.com/volunteer/> and fill in your information, including t-shirt size. Be sure to select our church from the drop-down menu of which church you are signing up under. To volunteer for one of our specific projects, under Group Name, type in "Extra Mile" or "Benton."

I appreciate the work ForColumbia has done to continue to be mindful of the dangers of Covid and working to limit its spread while also providing ways for us to serve our community together. I hope everyone in our First Baptist family who wishes to serve on June 5 can find a project that will fit their particular needs. Please continue to pray for the organization, leadership, and very importantly, the weather, for this city-wide day of service.

Michael McEntyre



First Baptist Hiking Club

Who is ready to explore the great outdoors with actual human connection? Well, we have an opportunity for you! Join Kimberly Moeller and Misty Phillips as they lead you through some awesome hiking trails both around Columbia and, at times, through other adventures in Missouri. We will spend time in the great outdoors together as we build a hiking community, get exercise, and provide healing from COVID. Nature is a great way to find peace and often a spiritual connection with others and God. We respectfully ask that masks be worn regardless of vaccination status.

Join us the 4th weekend of each month (rotating between Saturday and Sunday), beginning Sunday April 25th at 1:00 pm at MKT Trail Forum Blvd. There is a parking lot at the Forum entrance. A calendar with hiking opportunities for the year will be forthcoming soon.

If you would like to join us or be on the email list for future hikes, please RSVP by email to Kimberly Moeller at knmoelle@gmail.com or Misty Phillips at mistya2014@gmail.com.



LAWN GAMES



Join Us for an Afternoon of Lawn Games

Sunday, April 25 from 2-4 pm

On Sunday, April 25 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm we will gather on the front lawn of the church building for an afternoon of fun and games! With the weather warming up, people are longing for safe, enjoyable ways to gather.

We will play some lawn games like ladder ball, volleyball, corn hole toss, and other such amusements. Please bring a lawn chair and wear your mask. Remember, no handshakes, hugs, elbow bumps, or any form of physical touching, but laughter, conversation, and fun are encouraged.

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First Baptist Business Meeting

VIA **zoom**

Sunday, April 18
1:00 pm



First Baptist Business Meeting
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