

July 7, 2021

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First Baptist Church
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Ordination of Jon Ludwig

On Sunday, July 18 at 5:00 pm we invite you to join us in the sanctuary for the ordination of Jon Ludwig. Jon has been part of First Baptist since 2016 and served as our Pastoral Care Intern this spring. In 2014, Jon graduated from Fuller Seminary and since then, has worked in ministry, has been a stay-at-home parent, and a volunteer chaplain at University Hospital. This fall, Jon plans to take the next step in his ministry career as he moves to California for a residency in hospital chaplaincy at Community Regional Hospital in Fresno, CA. Along with this, Jon is going through the process to be endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as a Chaplain and is seeking ordination at First Baptist as part of that journey.

JULY 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

11 JUL

GUEST PREACHER
REV. DR. JOHN S. PARK



11 JUL

COMPASSION CAMP
K-5TH GRADES
JULY 11-15



16 JUL

COMPASSION CAMP
PRESCHOOL
JULY 16 & 17



18 JUL

ORDINATION OF JON
LUDWIG
5PM IN THE SANCTUARY



22 JUL

YOUTH RETREAT
JULY 22-24





Word from the Pastor



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First Baptist,

I wanted to let you know about an exciting opportunity to help our unsheltered neighbors, which is in the works in our city. In May, The Voluntary Action Center announced they are taking the lead in working to build a facility that will provide emergency shelter, meals, dental care, and other wrap around services for those who are homeless in our community. For many years, First Baptist has been involved in Room at the Inn and often served as one of the locations for the winter shelter in Columbia. Through our work with Room at the Inn, we learned firsthand about the undeniable need for a permanent shelter. This year alone, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Room at the Inn provided almost 4,000 cots over a 12-week period in Columbia. The need is great and this announcement by VAC is a significant step in making the dream of a permanent shelter a reality. As a slight aside, I want to mention First Baptist member Mark Thomas serves on the VAC board and was a significant contributor in VAC's decision to take on this project. Thank you, Mark!

Before I tell you more, I also want to give a shout out to Columbia Faith Voices for their leadership. As you may know, Columbia Faith Voices is a multi-faith grassroots organizing movement that works at the intersection of faith and non-partisan political engagement to address the root causes of pain in our community. First Baptist has been involved in Faith Voices for many years and Julie Walker currently represents our church at the meetings. Faith Voices was the organizing catalysts that worked behind the scenes to help make this initiative with VAC possible. They brought together leaders from Room at the Inn, Turning Point and Loaves & Fishes to talk about the need for a facility, which would combine services to our unsheltered neighbors under one roof.

To date, Voluntary Action Center has put together an Advisory Board to guide the project. I have been asked to serve on the Board and readily accepted. The facility will be a multi-million-dollar project; some of the funds for the project will come from President Biden's next stimulus package and other funding will come from fundraising efforts. We know as individuals and as a church, we will want to take part in the fundraising and organizing efforts to help make this much needed facility a reality. I am excited to be a part of the Board and look forward to bringing First Baptist along in the work!

Carle McIntyre



Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. John S. Park - July 11

We are excited to introduce you to our guest preacher for this coming Sunday, July 11. Rev. Dr. John S. Park is Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also the Des Peres Chair of Congregational Health and Faculty Representative to the Board of Directors. He has served in numerous churches as a youth pastor, college/young adults pastor, English Ministry pastor, assistant pastor, and taught adjunctively at Dallas Baptist University and Central Baptist Theological Seminary before joining Central Seminary as a standing faculty member. John has taught Leadership,

Followership, Missional Churches, Asian Values vs. European Values, Cross-Cultural Ministry, Missional Church Leadership, Evangelism, Design Thinking, and Organizational Leadership in the U.S., South Korea, Guatemala, Myanmar, and Cuba. John has a Master of Divinity from the Asian Center for Theological Studies and Mission, a Master of Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a PhD in Leadership Studies from Dallas Baptist University. John lives in Overland Park, Kansas and is married to Su Mi Park and has one son, Moses, who is now in college.

A book review by Racial Justice Team Member Ken Hammann

The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd

This is a story about strength and determination. To accomplish her goal of making indigo a viable product in 18th century South Carolina, Eliza Lucas fights against traditional values and beliefs and a relentless attempt by her family and others to thwart her efforts. Left at the age of 16 to run three plantations, she must find an inner strength and resolve to succeed. Eliza is torn between pressure from her family to get married and leave the management of the plantations to her brothers (when they return from England where they are in school) and her determination to prove herself. She challenges the institution of slavery by teaching slaves to read, the traditional role of women by refusing to accept that the only option for her is to get married and often challenges the authority of men and other societal norms that are determined to see her fail.

What would our world be like today if the leadership of strong and intelligent women like Eliza had been embraced and not diminished or outright rejected? Based on historical documents and Eliza Lucas' own letters, this is a historical fiction account of how young Eliza Lucas produced indigo dye, which became one of South Carolina's largest exports, an export that laid the foundation for the incredible wealth of the South. Although largely overlooked by historians, the accomplishments of Eliza Lucas influenced the course of US history. When she passed away in 1793, President George Washington, at his own request, served as a pallbearer at her funeral.

-Ken Hammann



If you read the book, we invite you to reflect on the following questions: Clearly, Eliza was repulsed by the institution of slavery, but do you think she could have done more to work against the system? How does the wealth that was produced from slave labor still play a role in inequity today?

First Kids Pool Party August 1

First Kids and their families are invited to a pool party on August 1 from 4-6 pm at the Thornbrook Pool. Let's beat the heat and have some fun while doing it! Floaties and pool noodles are allowed and there is also a small kiddie pool.

While the pool will continue to be open to Thornbrook residents, First Kids has reserved the clubhouse. Please note, this pool does not have a lifeguard on duty and a caregiver is required to attend with their children. RSVP by July 20 to join the fun!

-Brittany McDonald-Null



Calling All Handy Folks

We are looking for a few people who might be able to assist with some construction and painting projects around the church. We need some simple 2x4 shelving built in a storage area to hold ceiling tiles and air filters, a few areas that need paint scraped, primed, and painted (some on the ceiling), a pegboard installed to organize sound cables on in a sanctuary closet, and a passthrough faceplate installed in a wall to run a cable through. If you are willing and able to take on one or more of these projects and are free to help sometime between 9am and 4pm Monday- Thursday on the week of July 11 or 18, please contact Michael McEntyre by email at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org to sign up and schedule a time to help.



Youth Summer Getaway

All students (incoming 6th graders-2021 graduates) are invited to join us July 22-24 for our Youth Summer Getaway Trip. Since we were not able to go to youth camp this year, we wanted to offer something fun for our students, so we have rented an incredible lake house at the Lake of the Ozarks and have planned a great weekend for students to connect, laugh, and grow together. The cost of the event is \$45 (plus money for food on the way down and back).

Over the course of the weekend, we will be building friendships, talking about what it means being in ministry together this coming year, and focus on the story of the Good Samaritan and becoming better neighbors to those around us. I am asking parents and students to be safe and consider the good of the group on this trip. If your student is not feeling well the day of the trip or has been exposed to Covid and is still within the quarantine period, we ask that they stay home and plan on joining us for future events.

For more information, or to register for the event, you can go to <https://fbc-columbia.org/kids-students/youth/> Here you can sign up with the registration form and even pay online if you wish. This registration will hold a spot for your student(s) for the retreat. Once registered, additional permission forms and insurance forms will be emailed to parents to be completed prior to the trip. If you have any questions, you can also contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Wednesdays 6-7:15pm

the calling

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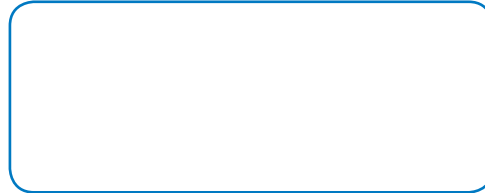
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Keep our Compassion Campers and our Compassion Camp Volunteers in your prayers as they grow in compassion together and change the world with lovingkindness!

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