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Annual Church Business Meeting

Sunday, January 18 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some food and hear about all of the great things happening in the life of our church. We will be voting on the proposed budget for 2015. Please see the insert for more details.

All Church Game Night

Saturday, January 24 at 6:00 pm is all church game night. Having fun together is an important part of being a community of faith; come enjoy some snacks, fellowship and fun. There will be games for adults in the fellowship hall, such as dominoes, board games, and more! Marsha Randell, Director of Children's Ministry, is organizing games for children. On the second and third floor of the education building there will be laser tag for brave adults and youth to participate in.



Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Should snow, ice, or other inclement weather fall on the weekend, Sunday morning Awakening Worship and Small Groups will be canceled; we will join together in one combined 11:15 am worship service.

On the weekdays, our policy is to cancel all events if Columbia Public Schools are canceled.

Notification will be made on the church facebook page or at these local media stations: KFRU (1400 AM), KPLA (101.5 FM) Zimmer Radio Groups, KOMU-TV8, and KMIZ-TV17. We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.



Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

You don't have to wait until February to help with Room at the Inn, sign up today. Visit <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/> for training times and to find out how to help. Room at the Inn is a winter shelter designed to provide a warm place to sleep for those in need from 7:00 pm- 7:00 am through March 10.



CommunityNews



Americans are in many ways obsessed with being happy. Every day we are bombarded with images of things that promise to make us happy, the new car, the shiny new phone or even a new energy drink might just do the trick. Meanwhile, social scientists study what makes us happy and unhappy and what to do about it. As a follower of Christ, I am rather suspicious of the pursuit of happiness.

Self-sacrifice and spiritual discipline are part of the Christian life. Doing the right thing, following Christ's leading, does not always involve doing what will make us happy. In fact, the right thing sometimes hurts.

Yet, happiness is also a term deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. It is the first word of the book of Psalms. And in the gospel Matthew we are told that those who take on the yoke of Jesus will be happy, which means, we can't simply throw happiness out altogether. In fact, I believe happiness is a by-product of the spiritual life; a life lived in honor of and in service to Christ. Beginning in worship this Sunday, we will reflect on the Habits of Happiness. I hope you will join us.

Carol McEntyre

Prayers & Concerns:

Carrie Steere will undergo eyelid surgery on Tuesday.

The Child Development Center is looking to hire new teachers. Pray that great candidates will emerge.

Child Development Center custodian, David, is recovering from surgery.

Celebrations:

Congratulations to Shadi and Lenora Haddadin on the birth of their daughter. Sophia Renee was born on January 5. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 18.9 inches long.

Meridith Green is starting an internship next week doing sign language interpretation.

UpcomingEvents

Financial Peace University

Tuesday evenings from January 13 - March 10 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come learn how to handle your money God's way through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. To sign up, contact Amanda Stone at amanda@jacobsrealty.com.



Luther College Nordic Choir in Concert Saturday, January 31

Luther College of Decorah, Iowa, is a liberal arts institution known around the world for its vibrant music program. Of the 2,500 students enrolled, at least 1,000 are involved in musical arts making it "one of the largest collegiate music programs in the world!" The Nordic Choir, Luther's most advanced flagship touring choir, comes to First Baptist on Saturday, January 31 to perform a 7:00 pm concert. We are co-hosting the concert with St. Andrews Lutheran Church. This is one concert you will not want to miss! Tickets, \$20 for adults/\$10 for students, go to help defer their touring cost and may be secured at the door, by calling 1-800-4-LUTHER, or online at tickets.luther.edu.

Odyssey Concert

January 17 at 3:00 pm
at First Baptist Church

Kids@Heart: Dance Music
~ A Children's Concert ~

Discover the FUN in musical dances, including Hula Hoop choreography and Waltzes from Disney Films for 2 pianos arr. Greg Anderson!. Performers include MMAMTA members and their students, the New Muse Duo pianists Jonathan Kuuskoski & Paola Savvidou.

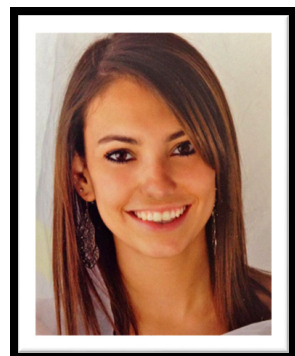
Circle Meeting

The Ann Judson Christian Action Circle will meet on January 8, at 1:00 pm in the library. The program will be given by Rev. Carol McEntyre.

Preschool Ministry

Meet a Member of the Nursery Staff!

Raquel Federighi:



My name is Raquel Federighi, I am a junior at Mizzou, and I am majoring in Health Sciences Pre-Physical Therapy and minoring in Psychology. I love working with children and volunteering to help people in need in our community. Currently, I work with Jumpstart helping preschool children in low-income neighborhoods get proper education and aid in the preparation for kindergarten for a bright future! I love working with children and watching them succeed, and that's one reason I work at First Baptist in the nursery. Seeing many of the children come into the nursery as little babies and eventually starting to crawl, walk, and then talk is an awesome experience! Going to work each Sunday is exciting because you never know which child will start to come out of their shell and do things they weren't able to do the weekend before. Everyone I've met at First Baptist have been so welcoming and warm and it's amazing being part of a community that cares about everyone so much. I feel so blessed being part of this church, meeting different people every Sunday, and making new friends!

Youth, College & Young Adults



Youth Parent meeting Jan 25th, 5:00pm in the Youth Suite
All youth parents are encouraged to attend a brief meeting to talk about our upcoming semester, fundraiser ideas, Lenten plans, and summer activities. Please make plans to join us in the youth room at 5:00pm, Sunday Jan. 25th.



Youth Sunday night Bible Study kicks off the New Year on January 11th! See you soon.



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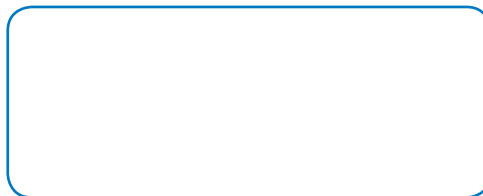
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Habitat House

Nene and Francine Peter have been approved to receive a Habitat House! Construction has begun. Habitat anticipates the project will take around 7 months to finish. The family has to complete 500 sweat equity hours before they move into the house. Habitat uses the term “sweat equity” to refer to the hours of labor homeowners dedicate to building their homes and the homes of their neighbors. Sweat equity also reduces the amount of paid labor needed for a house, which in turn helps reduce cost. After 50 hours, the Peter's friends and family can help complete the other sweat equity hours. If you would like to volunteer to help out with their sweat equity hours, you can do so on Fridays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm by calling the Habitat office at 499-1202. They will direct you to a work site. You can also volunteer on Saturdays from 8:30 am-4:00 pm by signing up ahead of time by email at showmehabitat@yahoo.com. When the house is complete, First Baptist is going to finish it out by doing all the yard work. We will let you know the details for that project this spring.

