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*This Saturday,
January 24, at 6:00 pm
is All Church Game Night!*



Luther College Nordic Choir in Concert Saturday, January 31

The Nordic Choir, Luther College'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. 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.

Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

First Baptist will host Room at the Inn from February 21 - March 10. All volunteers need to attend at least one training session before serving. **The last training session will be held Monday, February 16 at 6:30 pm at First Baptist.** 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.

Room at the Inn Volunteer Opportunities:

Setup Hosts 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Set up cots and prepare linens for the night; set up food table; prepare snacks and drinks and set them out; set out games, cards, books and other entertainment materials; make sure area is clean; assist Manager and In-Take coordinator as needed.

Evening Hosts 6:15 pm - 11:30 pm

Greet and help guests check in as they arrive, coordinate with the guests to set up their sleeping area, monitor food table and replenish food and drink as needed, visit with the guests and assist as needed, assist Manager and In-Take coordinator as needed.

Overnight Hosts 11:15 pm - 5:30 am

Visit with the guests and assist as needed, inform Manager of any disruptive behavior, one overnight volunteer may sleep while the other two remain awake, two volunteers must be awake at any given time, for safety reasons, make coffee in the morning as people begin to wake up, assist Manager as needed.

Morning Hosts 5:15 am - 7:30 am

Awaken Guests, set out breakfast food, arrange cots and linens in an orderly fashion, clean up food and mop floors.

For more information or to volunteer you can check out: <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org>.





CommunityNews



In worship, we have been talking about The Habits of Happiness. According to research in the social sciences, 40% of our happiness is within our control. We can adopt thought patterns and actions that will actually make us happier. One practice that has been linked to happiness is gratitude. Gratitude makes us happier because it promotes the savoring of positive life experiences, helps us cope with stress, keeps us from comparing ourselves with others and it diminishes negative feelings. Scripture talks about gratitude as something we should cultivate. Passages like Ephesians 5:20 remind us to, "give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Here are some practical ways to cultivate gratitude:

- Keep a gratitude journal. Then, once a week, make a list of the things that you are grateful for.
- Create a mealtime ritual with family or friends and go around the table and share what you are

thankful for.

- Write a letter or pay a gratitude visit to someone who has helped you in the past.
- Make gratitude a form of prayer and give thanks to God for the good things in your life.
- When something good happens to you (small or large) pause and give thanks for it. Be on the lookout for the good and then, celebrate it.
- On your birthday, anniversary or at the beginning of a new year, think about all the good things that have happened in the last year AND give thanks for them.

For me, when I begin to dwell on all the good things in my life, I can't help but praise God for them. Which is another good reason to cultivate gratitude, it leads to praise and worship of God.

Carin McIntyre

Business Meeting Report

The 2014 Annual Business Meeting of First Baptist Church took place last Sunday from 10:15 - 11:05 am in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting was attended by nearly 100 individuals who heard exciting reports of God's work here in this church. Thanks to Diana Groshong - church moderator; Kee Groshong - Treasurer; Norma Fair - retiring church clerk (thanks for your 19 years of service!); our Team Leaders - Khaki Westerfield, Noah Hartsfield, Ross Kassman, Sue Hammann, and David Lang; and Nick Kieffer, Finance Committee Chair, for a re-cap of an excellent year.

Nick presented the Finance Committee's recommendation for the 2015 operating budget, and it was accepted unanimously.

Finally, thanks to Brenda Rice, Oleta Forsee and Joe Forsee for their help with the brunch.

Trustee/Building News

- Sanctuary interior paint – over the next two weeks our sanctuary will be receiving a face lift. The transepts and north portion of the sanctuary are being repainted. (The Chancel and Narthex were completed several years ago.
- Electrical work – electricians are in the process of repairing/replacing faulty light fixtures and outlets. Most of the work is outside and also in the office area.
- Final bids for replacement of the south Waugh St. doors are in and a decision will be forthcoming so that installation may begin. (The doors have been broken beyond repair by vandals.)

Prayers & Concerns:

Pat Breece is recovering from surgery.

UpcomingEvents



Friday, February 6 at 7:00 pm
Baroque Classics

Our annual Baroque concert comes perfectly paired with Classic Masterpieces, a dedication to Ann Harrell who inspired so many young, great singers. Featured are countertenor Chad Payton in Bach Cantata, pianist Peter Miyamoto and soprano McKenzie Miller in a sublime concert Aria by Mozart, and the Odyssey Chamber Ensemble lead by conductor Kirk Trevor.

African Children's Choir

On Wednesday, February 25, the Boonslick Chordbusters will host a concert with the African Children's Choir in the Sanctuary. They will be joined by the Missouri Symphony Society Children's Choir and the First Baptist Church Revival Choir. Tickets are \$10 each, and may be purchased beforehand, or at the door. For more information, please call 573-529-6821.

Circle Meeting

The Ann Judson Christian Action Circle will meet on Thursday, February 5 at 1:00 pm in the Library.

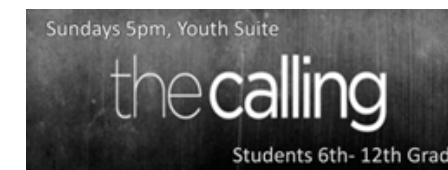
Eat, Pray, Sew

Eat, Pray, Sew will have their next meeting on Friday, February 13 at 10:30 am in the Library. Come to pray and sew; bring a lunch as well! A current project: pillowcase dresses.

Youth, College & Young Adults



Youth Parent meeting Jan 25th, 4:00pm 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 4:00 pm, Sunday, January 25.



All students, 6th- 12th grade, are invited to join us Sunday nights at 5:00 pm in the youth suite for The Calling. This semester we will tackle some of the big questions of faith, join the Lenten journey, and embrace the beauty of Christ in each of us. I hope you will make plans to attend.



A new semester of the College and Young Adult Bible Study will start up again in February, in the Fellowship Hall. The College and Young Adult Bible Study is a weekly gathering of college students and 20 somethings designed to explore our faith and build community.

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Talent show, Chili and Brownie Cook-off

First Baptist has talent! On Saturday, February 21 at 5:30 pm you are invited to put together an act, display your art, sing, or even dance to entertain your friends and family. You are also invited to bring a crock-pot of your best chili and a batch of your scrumptious brownies for the cook-off. Votes will be cast with tickets for the best chili and brownies. Acts for the talent show should be 5 minutes or less and should be approved by the Fellowship Team. Email Paula Thomas at paulalou52@gmail.com to enter.



The sisters of First Baptist Church, filled with the Spirit at the 2014 talent show!

Ash Wednesday

Join us for worship on February 18 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as we begin our journey through Lent.

