

October 14, 2015

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## Afternoon at the Farm



Join us for an afternoon of activities,  
fellowship, and terrific food on  
**Sunday, October 25.**

### Schedule of Events:

#### **3 pm Hayrides and Conversations**

#### **4:30 pm Trunk-or-Treat**

Please bring a bag or two  
of your favorite Halloween  
Candy...place in trunk...and  
at 4:30 pm our kids will go  
trunk-or-treating!

#### **5 pm Dinner**

Meat, beverages and table  
service will be provided.  
Bring a side dish to share!

### Directions:

Go west on I-70 to the  
Midway Exit; take a right on  
Hwy 40; take a right on Route  
J; travel on J until you get to  
the water tower; make a hard  
right on Boothe Lane at the  
water tower. Go straight until  
this road bears left - the gate  
to the farm will then be on  
your right;  
**look for the balloons!**

If you get lost, call Nick Kieffer:  
573-489-7325

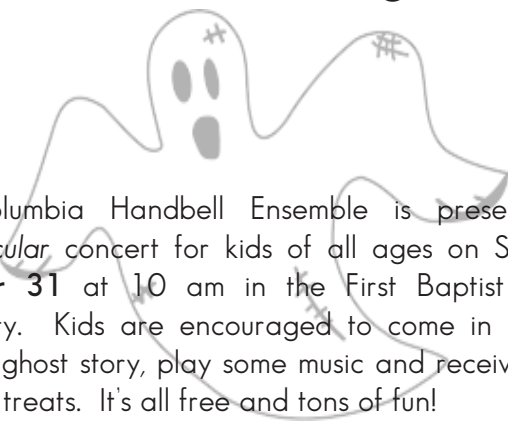
## Child Development Center Halloween Party

CDC is inviting families to join them for fun and games on  
Friday, **October 30** from 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the Fellowship  
Hall. Children may wear their costumes. Please, no scary  
costumes and no weapons! Supervision will be provided  
for children 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.



## Fun Filled Halloween Concert for Kids (of all ages)

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble is presenting a  
spooktacular concert for kids of all ages on Saturday,  
**October 31** at 10 am in the First Baptist Church  
sanctuary. Kids are encouraged to come in costume,  
enjoy a ghost story, play some music and receive a few  
tricks or treats. It's all free and tons of fun!



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## Community News



I want to take a moment to encourage you to be present this weekend for the David Gushee Shepherd Lecture. This is an important time in the life of our church. This is why I think you should be here:

- Columbia, MO is ranked in the top 25 gay-friendly cities in our country. This is our ministry context. If we are going to be missional in our city, we need to be able to talk about LGBT issues openly and to be educated about it, as Christians.
- Secondly, when David Gushee, a university professor at a Baptist college and divinity school in Georgia, came out in support of LGBT inclusion, it was big deal. Gushee had been widely respected in evangelical circles for decades. He admits that the journey to his current position on LGBT inclusion has been a long and winding one. During the first two decades of his academic career, he maintained a traditional view of sexuality while working on issues such as torture and climate change, segregation, defamation of Jews, subjugating women – all of which Christians once cited Scripture for their entrenched positions. When Gushee announced that he was changing his mind on LGBT inclusion, he knew that some of the same evangelical circles that had welcomed him would shun him. Yet, he boldly said to a gathering of LGBT Christians in DC, "I will henceforth oppose any form of discrimination against you. I will seek to stand in solidarity with you who have suffered the lash of countless Christian rejections. I will be your ally in every way I know how to be." First Baptist, we need to hear his story and learn from his experience.
- For those of you who are struggling with LGBT inclusion, I encourage you to come this weekend. Come because you are not alone; many Christians are struggling to understand how such a long standing Christian tradition could be changing.
- Finally, to the LGBT members of our congregation who have so patiently and gracious participated in the Widening Our Welcome conversation, I just want to say, "Thank You." You are not an issue or a political debate. You are a child of God and I can't imagine our church without you. So, I hope you will come and continue to tell your story.

For all these reasons, I hope to see you this weekend for the Gushee event and just as a reminder you can submit your questions for the Q&A time by emailing them to churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

*Carol McEntyre*

## Trustees: Facility Maintenance and Upkeep

Multiple facility projects have been in process these last several weeks. Here is an update of what is happening:

- North drainage project - In an effort to eliminate elevator tower flooding, all underground drainage pipes connected to the tower were removed and replaced from the building to Broadway St. - each pipe is substantially bigger to carry more water. Additional oversized downspouts were added to the elevator tower and piped directly into the Broadway drainage system. Though we haven't had much rain since completion, we are hopeful that this will once and for all resolve the issue of flooding.
- Waugh Street Doors - the exterior doors replaced in the spring of this year were painted last week.
- Choir room - the renovation work of our choir room is nearly complete. The project has included new paint, new storage, carpet, new robe cabinets and a new choir folder cabinet. It's looking good - many thanks to our work crew of Lisa Dobbs, Brenda Rice, David Lang, Michael McEntyre and Ed Rollins.
- Fellowship Hall carpets - elevator and Fellowship Hall carpets were cleaned.
- Coming soon - fences on the south side of the sanctuary, landscaping in the front yard and children's building hallway floor renovation

## Prayers & Concerns:

**Bob Smith**  
*is in rehab at the Neighborhoods.*

**Virginia Owens**  
*is on hospice.*

**Barry Kausler**  
*is undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer.*

**Marsha Randell**  
*recently had complications as they changed her stints; she is at Boone.*

**Dell Keepers**  
*is improving, recovering from a broken ankle.*

## Upcoming Events

### Celebrate Jim & Verna Rhodes' 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

On Saturday, **October 17** from 2:00 - 4:30 pm join in celebrating Jim and Verna at Lenior Woods Community Center. Except for your presence, No Gifts, please!

### Fellowship Adventures

*Off to a Paris Adventure! Wee Wee!*

Yes, our next Fellowship Adventures trip will be to Paris, MO for a day on **October 24** trip to see Mark Twain's birth house and museum in Florida, a tour around Mark Twain Lake, and a stop in Paris to see the Redwood tree! We will eat lunch in Madison at the Hoof restaurant and will go by the covered bridge.

Email me at paulalou52@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us! All are welcome.

—Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair

### Community Concert

The Missouri Symphony Conservatory Chamber Players will perform a free concert for the community on Thursday **October 22** at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. This talented group of students in grades 7-12 are sure to inspire and entertain you.



### Child Development Center's Annual Email Auction November 9-13

It's fall and time for a fresh start! You can begin this by looking for treasures, at home or work, that can be donated to the CDC email auction.

If possible, please email a picture of your items to be included in the auction list. Please email items, or any questions, to Trudy Clevenger at momclev@rocketmail.com between October 21 - November 7.

### Sunday Morning Adult Small Groups

As we get closer to the end of the Widening Our Welcome Sunday Small Group sessions, we want to draw attention to the adult small groups that meet at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings, beginning October 25.

- **The Community Small Group** (2nd Floor - Conference Room) is an inter-generational group that focuses on supporting each other in Christian living. They utilize a rotating facilitator model, so different members of the group take turns facilitating discussion each week.
- **Discussion Class** (2nd Floor - Parlor) The Discussion Class takes a scripture-based approach to issues of interest to the group. Led primarily by Bob Russell and Khaki Westerfield, the class's format encourages discussion and sharing of divergent views.
- **Faith Forum** (2nd Floor - classroom by elevator) The Faith Forum Class will be discussing church leadership qualities from the book of Timothy in November. Together the class reads the lesson and then the members discuss and share knowledge and experiences about the topic. The class does not have a set teacher, but Charles Hunter helps facilitate discussion.

### Missions Lunch with Keith Holmes and Mary van Rheen

The Missions Team is hosting a luncheon for missionaries Keith Holmes and Mary van Rheen on **November 19** at 12:00 pm in the Parlor. All are invited to hear them speak about their ministry.

### Nursery Clothes Donations

The First Baptist Nursery is collected clothing (size 2T - 5T) to have on hand. If you have any clothing to donate, please drop them off in the designated basket in the elevator lobby.







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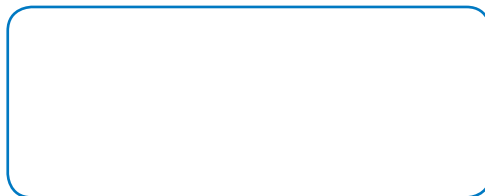
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Friday, October 16  
7:00 pm at First Baptist

Odyssey's Season 12 is a musical journey around the world, and it begins with Asia. Featured in the program are transcriptions of Japanese folk songs played by the Columbia Handbell Ensemble, beautiful compositions inspired by the East, and unique combination of Piano & Erhu in a setting of contemporary music. Feast with us in an array of Asian food after the concert!

Tickets are \$20 each. First Baptist members receive special *buy one, get one free* pricing on tickets purchased from the main office prior to the concert.

## Fall Sheppard Lecture Series

Rev. Dr. David Gushee is the Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University. Dr. Gushee will be our guest **October 17 and 18** for our Fall Sheppard Lecture. Submit your questions for Dr. Gushee to [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org).

### Saturday, Oct. 17

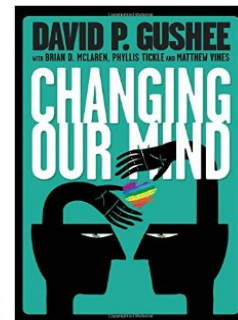
10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, Oct. 18

9:15 am during Awakening Worship

10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall (brunch)

11:15 am during Traditional Worship



## College and Young Adult Ministry

On Sunday, **October 18** at 8:00 pm the College and Young Adult ministry will meet at the McEntyre's house for a bonfire.

Contact Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) if you need more information or directions. Hope to see you there!