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## *The Road to Bethlehem - Advent 2015*

This Advent we explore the cities and main characters associated with the Christmas story: from Nazareth to Bethlehem, from Mary and Joseph to the shepherds and the wise men. By gaining a greater understanding of the historical and geographic aspects of the story, we will deepen our context of the story of Jesus' birth and deepen our spiritual quest for new life.

### Worship

**November 29**

Advent I - Mary of Nazareth  
Hanging of the Green

**December 6**

Advent II – Joseph of Bethlehem

**December 13**

Advent III – Elizabeth in Judea  
Presentation of Vivaldi's "Gloria"

**December 20**

Advent IV – From Nazareth to  
Bethlehem

**December 24**

11:00 pm – Christmas Eve service



### Parties & Holiday Cheer

**December 6**

College Christmas Party  
6:00 pm at the McEntyre residence

**December 13**

Church Wide Christmas Dinner  
6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

**December 20**

Staff Open House  
3:00 - 5:00 pm at the McEntyre  
residence

**December 20**

Youth Christmas Party  
5:30 pm at the McEntyre residence





## Thank you

The preschool and elementary children celebrated Mary Beth Ming on Sunday morning, October 25, and thanked her for her many years of service as song leader during the Sunday School hour. They presented her with a card they had all signed and a Willow Tree Angel of Happiness that celebrates singing and creativity. Mary Beth is stepping aside as song leader to be able to spend more time with her granddaughters. She promises she will drop in to say hello when she is able. All of the children and Sunday School teachers say thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Miss Mary Beth! You are a blessing to us!



## Christmas Dinner and Pageant

Sunday night, **December 13** at 6:00 pm is First Baptist's annual Christmas Dinner. Get ready for a lovely meal with turkey and ham provided by the church and wonderful side dishes and desserts provided by you, First Baptist! This year's dinner will feature fabulous Jazz music by our very own Cole Kieffer and his band A-Frame Trio. And you don't want to miss the Christmas Pageant called "Listen" directed by Anne Bills and Debbie Jacobs.



If you are interested in singing or acting in the pageant, contact Debbie Jacobs at [musicedphd@yahoo.com](mailto:musicedphd@yahoo.com). The pageant includes parts for children, youth and adults, as well as a chorus of singers and singing wise men. Rehearsals for the pageant will take place Sunday, **December 6** at 4:00 pm and **December 12** at 10:00 am.

## 2016 Sanctuary Flowers

A sign-up board for 2016 sanctuary flowers is available in the children's hallway, outside the sanctuary doors. Please indicate clearly the names of those providing the flowers, and the name(s) the flowers are in honor/memory of.

Our flowers are arranged by Allen's Flowers. All who elect to provide flowers will be sent an invoice directly from Allen's. If you have a special request or desire, you will be able to work that out directly with Allen's (573-443-8719).

## Prayers & Concerns:

*The church extends sympathy to the family of E. Frederick List, who passed away. A memorial service will be held on November 14 at First Christian Church in Columbia, at 2:00 pm, with a visitation following.*

**Julie Anson** has been ill.

**Adam Simmons** is dealing with severe and debilitating back pain, and Bee, who has taken on caring for him at home.

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

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

**Marsha Randell** as she undergoes treatment for cancer.

## Celebrations:

Sam and Crystal Henley are expecting a baby.

## UpcomingEvents

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

The Missions Team is hosting a lunch for Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen on **November 19** at Noon in the Parlor. Keith and Mary were members at First Baptist before being commissioned by, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, as missionaries in 1996.

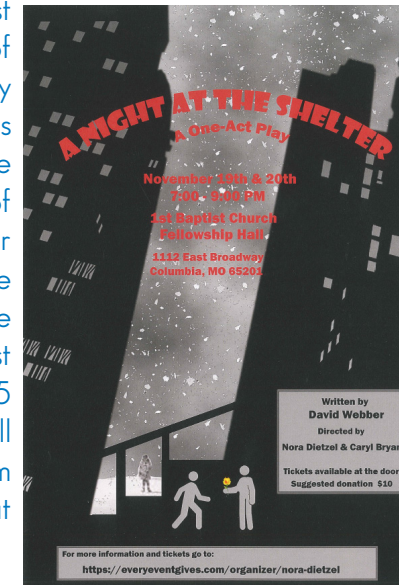
Keith and Mary, a husband and wife team living in the Netherlands, dub Christian films, children's videos, and audio recordings of scripture in major Romany languages. Through their work as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel, Romany adults and children are learning, many for the first time, about Bible characters such as Ruth, David, Luke and Peter.



You may RSVP for the lunch by emailing Madison Reynolds, Administrative Assistant at First Baptist, at: [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org).

### "A Night at the Shelter"

You are invited to attend the upcoming performance of the play "A Night at the Shelter," on **Thursday and Friday, November 19 and 20 at 7:00 pm** hosted by First Baptist Church. The purpose of the play is to inform the community about some of the daunting issues that people who lack secure housing face through the lens of people providing nightly shelter and those seeking shelter for the night. Tickets are \$10 in advance at the Missouri United Methodist Church, 204 S. 9th St.(8-5 weekdays) or at the door, but all are welcome. The proceeds from ticket sales will go to A Room at the Inn and Turning Point.



### The Spring Break All-Church Ski Trip Returns!

The snow is falling and most Colorado ski resorts are now open...and the slopes are calling.

Spring Break – **March 28-April 2** – Michael McEntyre and Ed Rollins will be leading a group to the mountains. You may be an experienced skier, someone who has never skied, **or someone just wanting some R&R in the mountains**; whatever your situation, have we got an experience for you.

If you're interested, wondering about it, or just curious, join us **November 22** after the brunch/business meeting, for a quick introductory meeting.

### Dolls For Nicaragua

A group of about 25 members and friends of First Baptist have been involved in making felt dolls to be distributed to the children of Nicaragua by doctors associated with the Rainbow Network. We have set a goal of 250 dolls and are coming closer. We are asking more of you to become involved in order to meet our goal. More than just sewing the dolls, cutting their clothes, and braiding their "hair", we need help in packaging the dolls. Raquel Kausler will meet after Traditional Service in the second floor conference room, this Sunday with materials and patterns, and be able to answer your questions. A few dolls will be available for you to dress; clothing provided. You may sew at home or with the group. If you have completed or partially completed dolls or extra material, please bring them so we can see how well we are progressing. We will also be taking a group picture to include with all of the dolls.





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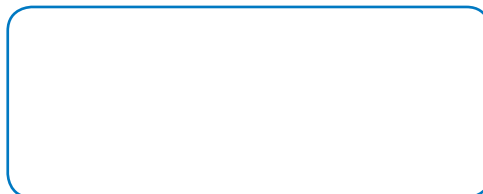
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Join us for the  
Mizzou/ Tennessee Tailgate  
Saturday, November 21  
at 3:30pm

Come show a little Mizzou hospitality to the visiting Volunteers as we host a tailgate on the front lawn. Bring some tailgate treats to share and some warm clothes as these two teams battle for bragging rights (at least in our church family). For those interested, we will shuttle people to the game in the church van (no return trip though, so be sure you're up for the walk, or have parked a car closer to the stadium). Hope to see you there.



## Combined Worship and Business Meeting – Sunday, November 22

**9:15 am** - Combined worship in the Fellowship Hall! Awakening, Traditional and African Worship services will join together on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:15 am hour to worship together. Elements from all three services will be utilized in worship.

**10:15 am** - Following 9:15 am worship there will be a brunch (menu includes: sausage, French toast bake, fruit, coffee) and brief business meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

**11:15 am** - Just a reminder that worship will be at 9:15 - the Sunday Morning Small Groups and the Traditional worship will **not meet**. Regular worship and small group times resume the following Sunday, November 29, the First Sunday of Advent and the Hanging of the Green.