



Art in Worship

Last week Brenda Rice, Sue Hammann and I were honored to represent First Baptist as presenters at the National Conference for Sacred Music in Corpus Christi, TX. I was asked to lead sessions regarding handbells and their use in worship, and then, we led two workshops for the use of liturgical art in worship. The conference was held at First United Methodist Church, which sadly, is located across the street from the beach - tough place to have to lead workshops! The statue pictured to the right is affectionately referred to as "Surfing Jesus."

Over the past six years we have created a host of visual enhancements to our services of worship. These have included static displays hanging on walls, but they have also included many artistic enhancements that were built into and created during our worship. Things like changing our alter on Easter morning as part of our worship, or recreating the scripture reading while it is being read. These active worship enhancements make us a bit different than many churches who set up more static displays. During our session, we actually re-enacted some of our worship services so that those in attendance could better understand our "worship action" perspective. We had a great response, and each session generated much discussion and sharing of ideas.

Thanks to First Baptist for allowing us the opportunity to be creative and thought provoking. Who knows what you might see in a few weeks as we begin our Lenten journey.



*"It Is I"
at First Methodist Church
in Corpus Christi, Texas.*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Association Ceremony of Lights

Multi-denominations have been essential to the Civil Rights Movement, from the beginning to the present. You are invited to attend this year's celebration on **January 18 at 7:00 pm at the Historic Second Missionary Baptist Church at 407 East Broadway**. The celebration is a time of worship and remembrance. All are welcome.

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.



Student Ministry



All students 6-12th grade are invited to join us Sunday nights at 5:00pm in the youth suite for the Calling. We will meet at the church Jan 17th and 24th, have a special evening at the Mudroom Jan 31st from 5-7pm, and will not meet Feb 7th due to the College/ Young Adult Retreat.

There will be an important Youth Parent Meeting on Jan 24th in the youth suite on the 3rd floor at 4:00pm following the Town Hall meeting. We will discuss the upcoming semester, our annual youth-led Easter Son-rise service, several activities, and our summer plans (including camp). Youth parents, please make every effort to attend.



College/Young Adult Ministry

Our College and Young Adult Bible Study will return January 24 with a kick off at Lazer Lanes!



We will meet at Lazer Lanes (8:00-10:00pm) for bowling and laser tag. The cost is only \$5 for the night (including pizza). As always, friends are welcome. Please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia or RSVP on our College/ Young Adult Facebook page. Looking forward to a great semester.

College/ Young Adult Retreat Feb. 5-7th

Join us for a spiritual retreat at the beautiful Windermere Conference Center. It's a space for college students and young adults to meet new people, renew focus, and draw closer to God. It's a pause from the hustle-and-bustle of life to find meaningful worship, engaging conversation, and new friends. Tyler Tankersley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, is the featured speaker for the event. We will explore the prayers in the book of Psalms: prayers of thankfulness, prayers of complaint and prayers of resurrection. William Jewell College Praise Team will provide worship leadership. The cost is \$20 for the weekend. Please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia or RSVP on our College/ Young Adult Facebook page.

