

October 26, 2016

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190
years



Afternoon at the Bay Farm

Schedule of Events:

3 p.m.
Hayrides and conversations

4:30 p.m.
Trunk-or-Treating

5 p.m.
Dinner

Please bring a bag or two of candy for trunk-or-treating, and a side dish to share.
Meat, beverages and table service are provided.



Dressed and ready for trunk-or-treating!

Directions:

- ♦Columbia on I-70 to Exit 121 (the Midway exit).
- ♦Turn right on Highway 40.
- ♦Turn right on Route J.
- ♦Make a hard right onto Boothe Lane at the water tower.
- ♦Continue straight until this road bears left – the gate to the farm will then be on your right – look for the balloons!

If you need help, call Nick Kieffer: 573-489-7325.



Let Good Things Run Wild

We have designated November 13, 2016 as Commitment Sunday. On this day, as an act of worship, individuals and families will be invited to turn in commitment cards that represent their intended financial support to God's mission and ministry through First Baptist Church in 2017. This pledge is not a contract; it is a declaration of your intentions. You will receive a card in the mail. You may complete the card and turn it in during worship or to the church office.



This year's giving theme is Let Good Things Run Wild. It is an invitation for us as a church and for you as individuals to join God's work in the world. We are called to bring about the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Letting good things run wild means we get in on making God's dream for the world come true. It is a chance to choose hope instead of fear and to discover the joy of generosity.

Each fall, our leadership teams spend some time dreaming, planning and budgeting for next year. At the same time, the total amount of our pledges as a congregation directly shapes the ministry we as a congregation will engage in the coming year. God has equipped us and given us resources to Let Good Things Run Wild. May we be faithful.

Also just to update you about our current financial situation, 2016 has been a great year. We are currently right on pace to meet our pledges for the year, and our unpledged gifts are at 94% of expected levels, which means total income is above expected projections so far this year. We have received \$289,501 in income (including giving, parking and facility use fees). If this trend continues through the end of the year, we will use less endowment than expected for operating expenses. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you,

Carol McEntyre



Our Advent theme this year is

"What's in a Name?"

Isaiah 9.6 describes the coming Christ-child who will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Even as we examine Jesus' royal titles, we will consider our own names.

How did you get your name? Is there a funny tale about your name? We would like to share your stories around the church; please send them, along with a photo of yourself, to Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

The First Sunday of Advent

takes place on Sunday, November 27 when we Hang the Greens during our worship services. This is a wonderful hour when our church family and friends begin the journey of Advent while decorating our worship spaces for the season.



Spiritual Growth

Sermon Discussion Group Sunday, October 30 2nd Floor Conference Room

A group will meet to discuss Sunday's sermon following the 11:15 service.

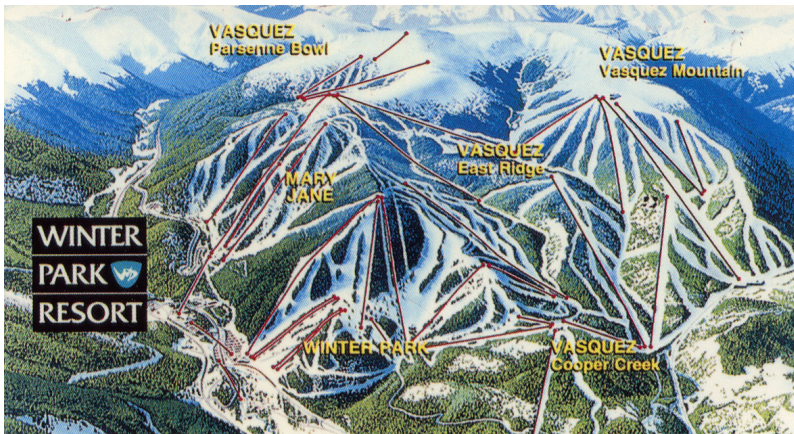
This is an opportunity to dig deeper into scriptural texts or topics from the day's sermon that you found intriguing, challenging, illuminating or confusing.

We'll meet every other Sunday for about an hour, and will order in box lunches for those interested.



**Everyone is welcome -
give it a try!**

Upcoming Events



TURN IN YOUR \$50 DEPOSIT NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE FIRST BAPTIST SKI TRIP MARCH 26- APR 1.

Turn in your \$50 deposit per person now to join us on our Spring Break adventure to Winter Park, CO. We are planning to leave Sunday afternoon to drive to Ottumwa, IA to catch the California Zephyr (Amtrak) to ride to Fraser, CO. Our group will be staying in a cabin (7 bedroom, sleeps 25) at the beautiful Snow Mountain Ranch.

The Ranch has a variety of free activities available for all ages (including a heated pool with climbing wall and slide, sledding and tubing, and ice skating) as well as a shuttle that will take us to the slopes each morning and pick us up at the end of the day. Winter Park offers incredible trails for everyone from beginners to experts and offers ski school (additional cost) for newbies. You can turn in your deposit between now and Nov 20th.

We are estimating the cost for travel, lodging, lift tickets, equipment rentals, and some meals to be:

\$600 for ages 13 and up

\$500 for 12 and below

\$400 for non-skiers

(meals while traveling, skiing, and dinners out are not included in the estimate).

If you have questions, please contact
Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org)
or Ed Rollins (rollins@fbc-columbia.org).

Sign up soon as we expect this trip to fill up fast.



Child Development Center Halloween Party

Friday, October 28

The Child Development Center at First Baptist is hosting a Halloween Party on Friday, October 28 from 6-8:30 p.m. First Baptist families are invited to join the fun. All children are welcome to come in costume, but please nothing scary, and no weapons. Two-five year olds will party in the Fellowship Hall. Supervised activities will be provided on the 3rd floor for children in 1st grade and up.

Child Development Center Eighth Annual E-Mail Auction

October 31-November 4

It's time to start fall cleaning! Search your home for treasures you would like to donate to the auction. Business gift certificates, products, services are also excellent items for the auction. A brief description and/or picture can be sent to Trudy Clevenger at momclev@rocketmail.com. All proceeds will be used to enhance the CDC's operating budget.



Support the American Baptist World Mission Offering in November

**Every dollar you give has the potential to be quadrupled -
yes, QUADRUPLED!**



First Baptist Church is proud to partner with American Baptist Churches-USA to support missions work and relief efforts around the world. Throughout the first four weeks of November, our congregation will have the opportunity to support these efforts by giving financially to the World Mission Offering.

First Baptist will match the first \$1000 given, dollar for dollar. Because of a matching grant given to the American Baptist, the World Mission Offering will double the total amount of money First Baptist can raise. That means if you give \$25, the World Mission Offering will receive \$100. If we are able to give as much as we did last year, that will be over \$8000 raised for ABC missions! Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. Please be sure to put ABC Missions Offering in the memo line and/or place it in one of the special missions offering envelopes. We hope you will give generously to support the work of the American Baptist Church throughout the world and take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Thank you,
Ross Kasmann
Chair of the Serving Team



Children's Ministry

Sunday Morning Schedule

During Awakening Worship Service

9:15 - 10:15 am

Birth - Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

3 - 5 year olds (including Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship. Our professional staff will escort them to the 3rd floor Children's Ministry area for a time of learning, stories and play. After worship, families are invited to pick up their child on the 3rd floor, or our volunteers/ professional staff will take them to their First Kids Sunday School classrooms.

1st - 5th graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their families.

First Kids Sunday School

10:15 - 11:15 am

Birth - Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

All children **ages 3 through 5th grade** gather in the Children's Classroom on the 3rd floor for music. After music, 3-5 year olds (including Kindergarten) go to the the Preschool Classroom, 3rd floor elevator lobby, for Bible stories, games, books and free play. 1st - 5th graders go to the Children's Classroom on the 3rd floor for Bible stories, crafts, and games.

During Traditional Worship Service

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Birth - Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

3 - 5 year olds (including Kindergarten) can be dropped off on the 3rd floor in the Children's Classroom for childcare. Families can pick up their children in the nursery after worship. The nursery is located next to the sanctuary.

1st - 5th graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

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Combined Worship and Business Meeting

Sunday, November 13 at 9:15 am

Awakening and Traditional worship services will join together on the 13th at the 9:15 am hour to worship together. Elements from both services will be utilized in worship.



Brunch and business meeting will follow worship, also in the Fellowship Hall.
First Kids (children's Sunday School) will meet at 10:15 as usual.