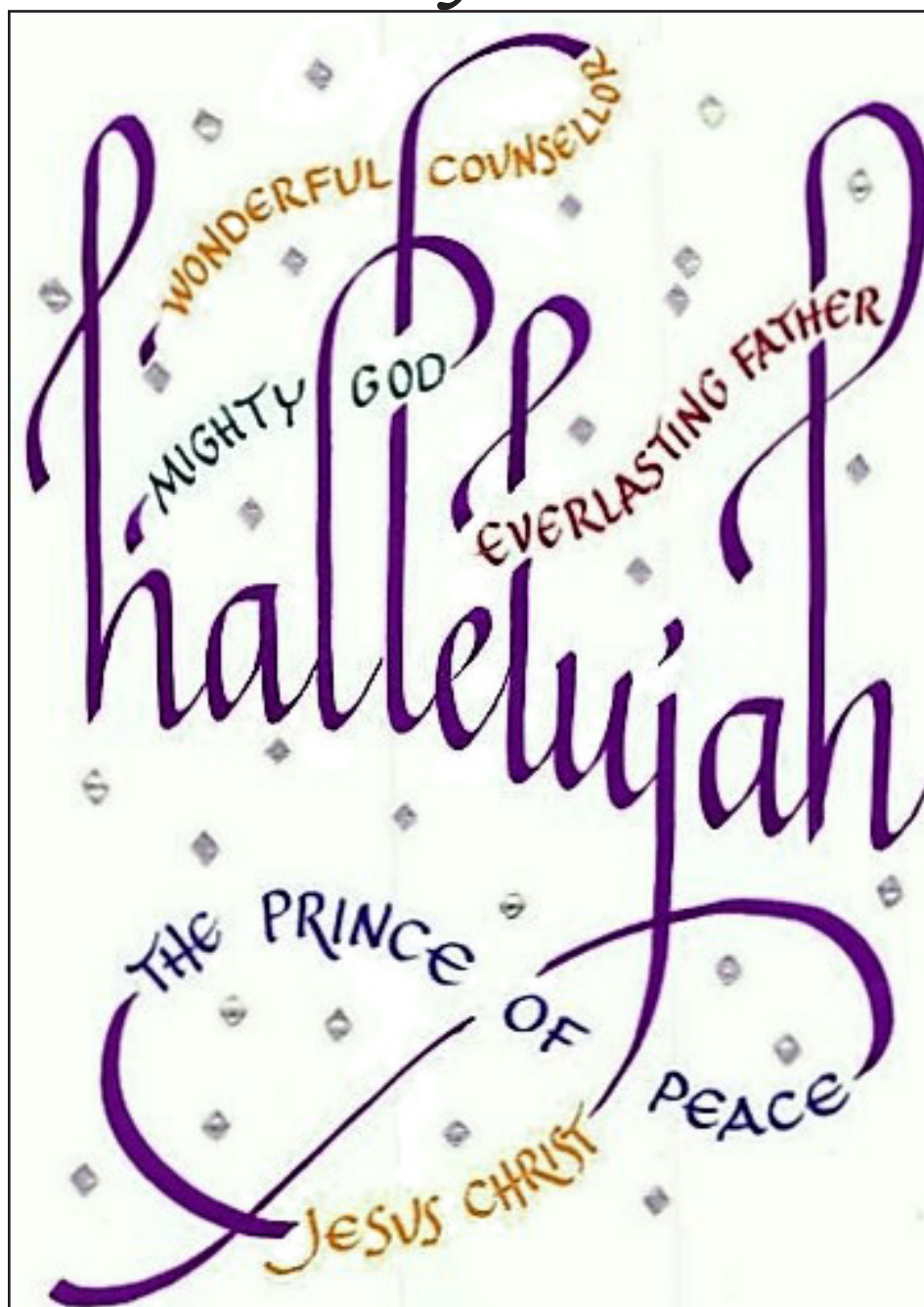


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Advent 2016



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." This Advent, as we examine Jesus' royal titles, we will also consider our own names.

Each Sunday morning of Advent we will focus on one of the names Isaiah suggested in his prophecy (Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace) to determine what it means for our relationship with the One whose coming we anticipate during this special season. One thing we are assured of, and especially celebrate in this season, is that Emmanuel - "God with us" - is coming to dwell within our hearts. Join us as we worship and look forward to Christ's coming.

Hanging of the Green

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.

See additional Advent 2016 information on the next page.

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Upcoming Events



Advent Decorating – How can you help us get ready?

As we prepare for the Hanging of the Green worship service, there is much to do to get our worship spaces ready and we could use your help! The following dates and times are set aside for “getting ready:

Advent Prep – Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10 am-12 noon, 2nd floor conference room

You can help us create a few new looks for our worship spaces. We need help cutting and assembling lots of ribbon decorations to be put in place the next week. Help of all ages is welcome!

Tree Set -up – Sunday, November 20 immediately following both services

We'll carry the trees into place and get them set up.

Advent Set-up – Monday, November 21, 10-12 and 6 pm-8pm. Wednesday, November 23, 9am-12

We will be pulling out the decorations to prepare them for the Hanging of the Green worship the following Sunday. There will be many jobs in both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. We have scheduled both an evening and a morning time to give more people an opportunity to assist.

Coloring Opportunities

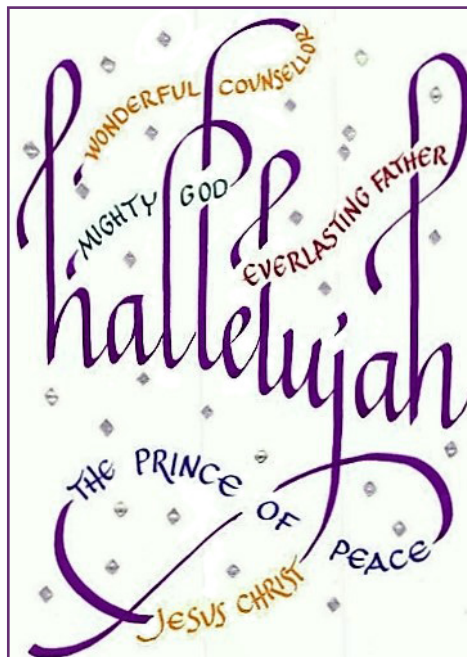
Several large canvases will be part of our weekly theme - one per week, colored by several church members. There will also be one in a common space so that you can add a few colors anytime you are here. More on this soon!

Annual Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 11 - 5:00 pm

Christmas celebrations would not be complete without the First Baptist Church Annual Christmas Dinner which will be held on Sunday, December 11.

The dinner will have an earlier start time this year of 5:00 pm and will take place in our Fellowship Hall. Please plan to arrive between 4:30 and 4:45 so that food can be in place for our 5:00 pm start. This annual event is a festive way for our church family and friends to gather for food, fun and the joy of the season. There will be carol singing, kids in action, the reading of the Christmas story, and a plethora of delightful holiday treats. Plan now to attend, and think about a friend you may want to invite. The church will provide turkey and ham. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.



Holiday Concerts

Odyssey Chamber Music Series

Friday, December 2nd, 7 pm in the sanctuary:

Join us for a “Hot Sleigh Ride” as Odyssey presents another fabulous chamber music concert. The virtuosity on display in this jaw-dropping program will leave you breathless! Enjoy Leroy Anderson’s popular *Sleigh Ride* for two pianos; *DRAX* with saxophonist Leo Saguiguit and percussionist Megan Arns; and Nikolai Kapustin’s *Concerto for Two Pianos and Percussion*.

Columbia Handbell Ensemble

Sunday, December 11th,

2 pm in the sanctuary

A holiday favorite for kids of all ages – come hear the concert and stay for the Christmas dinner!

Christmas Eve – December 24, 11 pm

The most beautiful service of the year, when we gather to celebrate the birth of our savior. Carols, the Christmas story, and the traditional candlelight singing of Silent Night, make this a memorable time of worship and celebration. It is a wonderful “homecoming” for many who have moved away from Columbia.

Christmas Day Worship – Sunday, December 25 – 11:15 am

Just a few hours after our Christmas Eve worship, we gather again at the 11:15 am hour for a combined worship celebration. Please note: there will be no Awakening service or Sunday Morning Bible Study.



Meet new members Sean and Marcy Douglas

Sean and Marcy met by the computer lab printer in High school, and they started dating shortly after. That's right! They were high school sweethearts! They mutually decided to end the relationship because Sean joined the Marine Corps. God's will be done, they met back up after he got back in 2005. Sean finally professed his unyielding love and they were married August 5th, 2006. They have been together for 12 years, and married 10 of those years.



Marcy, Sean and Kaylinn Douglas

Sean and Marcy tried for 7 long years to have a child, and God saw fit to give them one. They hope God blesses their family with one more in the future. God gave them Kaylinn Mae Douglas on October 1, 2014. Sean works for MBS Textbook Exchange along side Alex Bennett. Marcy is a stay at home mom. Marcy enjoys cooking, gardening, and playing video games. Sean loves the outdoors, archery, arts and crafts, and spending time with both girls in his life.



Sean at his baptism, October 16 2016

Prayers & Concerns

Those of Our Church Family in Need of Prayer:

Ann Blase, who has broken her hip and is facing surgery.

The Bennett family, for the death of Susie's father, Bob Hatfield.

Diana Groshong, who is home recovering from foot surgery.

Chelsea Wells, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Barry Kausler, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Nelda McCrory, who has moved to Lenoir Woods Winwood, 3801 Miller Drive, Columbia MO 65201.

Other Prayer Requests:

Christine Chang's step-father, Jim Jones, who is recovering from surgery for melanoma and is undergoing therapy.

Oleta Forsee's brother-in-law Don (Lora), who has lung cancer.

Joyce Hulett, friend of Joanie Sorrels, who has breast cancer.



Spiritual Growth

Sermon Discussion Group

Next meeting: Sunday, November 13

2nd Floor Conference Room

The sermon discussion group meets every other Sunday in the conference room after the 11:15 service. This time we will meet following the business meeting and brunch. The class provides an opportunity to dig deeper into scriptural texts or topics from the day's sermon that you found intriguing, challenging, illuminating or confusing. Everyone is welcome! Meeting dates for the remainder of 2016: November 13; November 27; and December 11.



Support the American Baptist World Mission Offering in November



First Baptist Church is proud to partner with American Baptist Churches-USA to support missions work and relief efforts around the world. Until Thanksgiving, our gifts to the World Mission Offering will be multiplied. First Baptist will match the first \$1000 given dollar for dollar; and through a matching grant given to American Baptist, the World Mission Offering will double the total amount raised at First Baptist - so your \$25 gift may become a \$100 blessing!

To give: make checks out to First Baptist Church with "ABC Missions Offering" in the memo line; or place your gift in one of the special missions offering envelopes.

Upcoming Events



Spring Break 2017 Ski Trip

If you hope to go on the ski trip to Winter Park the last week of March, please reserve your spot by turning in your deposit of \$50 per person by November 20. Details for the trip, including activities, costs and dates, are in the previous Spire and in the most recent bulletin.



First Baptist Adventures

The next First Baptist Adventure outing is a trip to the Museum of Art and Archaeology at Mizzou North. To accommodate those who work through the week, this trip will be on Saturday, November 12, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. We will meet at Mizzou North, and afterwards we will enjoy dinner at Cheddar's. Please RSVP to the church office via phone (442-11149) or email (churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org) by November 10th if you plan to come.



Scenes from 2016 Afternoon at the Farm



Parents and children gather in costume, ready to go trunk-or-treating!

Many thanks to the Bay, Kieffer and Bloomer families for another amazing afternoon at the farm. We had terrific weather once again and that seemed to bring out a huge crowd – there were probably more kids than we’ve had for years!! And that translated into a whole bunch of sugary goodness at our annual Trunk or Treat. Hayrides, 9-Square, conversation, s’mores, delicious meat straight from the pit, and a roaring fire helped contribute to a great time at the farm!!

How many of us remembered to get a costume for our cars?



The Boonslick Chordbusters provided lively entertainment.



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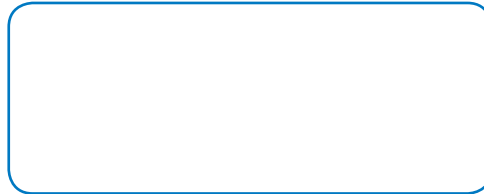
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Combined Worship and Business Meeting Sunday, November 13 at 9:15 am

9:15 am - Combined worship in the Fellowship Hall. Awakening and Traditional Worship services will be joined together for worship and our annual Stewardship Pledge Walk.

10:15 am - Following worship there will be a brunch and business meeting in the Fellowship Hall. During the business meeting, we will vote on the Congregational Ministry Leadership for 2017 coming from the Nominating Committee. In addition, the Residency Team will bring an update about the work on a proposed Residency Ministry at First Baptist Church, a ministry and mission designed to equip and train future pastors to do Kingdom work in today's challenging church environment.

Just a reminder, the Sunday Morning Small Groups will not meet. First Kids, Children's Sunday School, will meet as usual at 10:15.

Let Good Things Run Wild

This Sunday, November 13 is Commitment Sunday at First Baptist. It is that time when, as an act of worship and stewardship, our church family and friends are invited to turn in a commitment card that represents their intended financial support of God's mission and ministry in this place. Our theme reminds us that when good things are done in the name of God, there is wonderful potential for goodness to run wild.

We can only imagine how God takes our gifts and uses them to touch our lives and the lives of those around the world. It is to us a leap of faith because we do not always see how God uses us – how God uses our gifts – to make changes for good. So when we give, we are reminded that God uses our gifts to “run wild” for good!

During combined worship (9:15 this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall), First Baptist family and friends will come to share their goodness with God so that ministry in this place and around the world can run wild. Commitment cards were mailed last week, and will also be available with the worship bulletin. Please be in prayer about your commitment, fill out a commitment card, and join in the commitment walk during worship.

***Thank you for your willingness
to run wild for God.***