



Prayers & Concerns:

The church extends sympathy to the family of Lina Berrier, who passed away early on Sunday morning. A memorial service will follow in June.

Betty Blase is at Lenoir, recovering from a mild stroke.

Marjorie Bay has moved into Lake George Assisted Living. She is adjusting well.

Harry Cathey is at the Bluffs.

Bob Smith is receiving hospice care at the Neighborhoods.

Joyce Riley is at The Neighborhoods.

Barry Kausler is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer.

Marsha Randell has stopped taking chemotherapy. She asks for continued prayers for the tumor to shrink, and for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Imani Lopez has an appointment with an orthopedic physician to rule out scoliosis.

Guest Pastors During Pastoral Adoption Leave

Dr. Milton Horne will be preaching February 21, 28 and March 6

Milton Horne is a professor of religion at William Jewell, where he has taught since 1986. He holds the DPhil in Theology (1990) from Oxford University, specializing in Hebrew Scriptures (Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes); and the MDiv (1983) from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He completed his undergraduate BA in English (1979) at University of Missouri, Columbia, during which time he and his wife Karen lived in Harrisburg, Missouri, while he pastored the Harrisburg Baptist Church. Dr. Horne is a musician (pianist) and a Registered Piano Technician (Piano Technicians Guild). He and his wife, Karen, have raised two sons, Robert and Jared, and now have two grandchildren, August and Alice.



Dr. Horne's series of sermons here at First Baptist will explore the way that the thinking of Ecclesiastes prepares believers to appreciate the tragi-comedic (a literary genre that blends aspects of both tragic and comic forms) aspects of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The affirmation of the cross as both beautiful and horrific invites disciples to interpret the cross as more than mere contradiction and paradox, but as tragi-comedy. Lives of discipleship must themselves move beyond paradox in the ways that comedy grows from and interweaves around great tragi-comedic plots of our lives.

February 21: Ecclesiastes and his cross: leanings toward tragicomedy
February 28: Tragedy and travail in the encounters with the ultimate
March 5: At a loss for words: the comedic transformation in the cross

Dr. Mike Graves will be preaching March 20 and 27



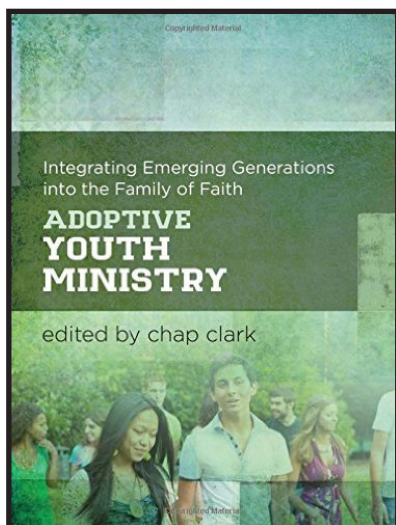
Mike was born in Houston, Texas, where he attended college at the University of Houston. After graduation he attended seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, getting his Master of Divinity and PhD there before moving to Kansas City back in 1989. He thought it would only be a two-year teaching appointment at one of the area's four seminaries, but twenty-something years later he is still here in the Midwest, and on faculty at Saint Paul School of Theology. Mike and his wife have three grown children, one grandchild, and several grand dogs. Mike served as the interim here at First Baptist in 1997.

Other guest preachers will include our very own Ed Rollins and Bob Russell and a Central Seminary Student, Dezo Desauguste, will be with us one Sunday in honor of Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Female Preachers.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Michael McEntyre, our Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Missions on his recent publication of a chapter in the book *Adoptive Youth Ministry*. A copy of the book will be on display outside the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

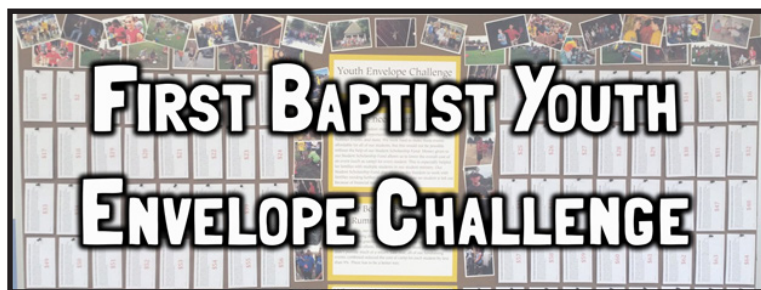


Welcome New Members

Ed and Betty Felts moved to Columbia from Alva, Oklahoma last August. Some years ago, Ed and Betty met while doing graduate work at the University of Missouri. Before retirement, Ed was a professor of geography. Betty has had several different careers including being a Missouri Cooperation income tax operator, teaching second grade and working as a church secretary. At previous churches, Betty was very involved in children's ministry, teaching Sunday School, and leading children's choir. They have two grown children, Daniel and Mary, who often attend church with them. Interestingly, they visited First Baptist for the first time after seeing one of our "Unity without Uniformity" brochures at the Chamber of Commerce! They stayed because they enjoy the music in Traditional Worship and because of the warmth and friendliness of the congregation.



Student Ministry



If you would like to help make sure that every student who wants to go to events like youth camp, fall retreat, and other ministry outings has the resources available to them to participate, check out the Youth Envelope Challenge located on the bulletin board in the Children's Building hallway during the month of February. All the money raised by this challenge will go directly to the Youth Scholarship Fund, which allows us to work with families who need assistance to

make sure no student is left out because of financial constraints.

Last year, this fundraiser raised enough money to cover our scholarship needs for the entire year. Instead of coming to the church with multiple fundraisers throughout the year, we've made the process simple. Just choose an envelope (or several) from the board, place the amount of money on the outside in the envelope, and drop it in the offering. Your gifts go a long way in making our ministry possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*Michael McEntyre
Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions*