

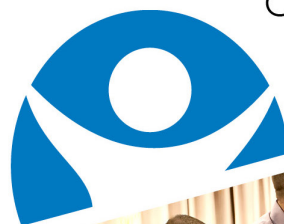
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Celebrating Baptism

Caryn McClanhan and Holden Kausler were recently baptized. Sunday afternoon, June 21, Caryn was baptized at Hulen Lake. About 30 people braved the heavy rains to share in this wonderful event. The next Sunday, June 28, Holden Kausler was baptized during our Traditional worship service, by Michael McEntyre. Congratulations to Caryn and Holden for walking with Christ in the waters of baptism.



above, left: First Baptist members gathered at Hulen Lake
above, right: Caryn McClanhan and Carol McEntyre
below: Holden Kausler and Michael McEntyre



Prayers & Concerns:

The church extends sympathy to the family of Ruth Hoffman, who passed away. A memorial service will take place at First Baptist on Friday, July 3 at 10:30 am.

Barry Kausler is undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer.

Marsha Randell is meeting with doctors and undergoing medical tests.

Robert Smith, Sr. is at University Hospital with pneumonia.

Ken West has stage 4 lung cancer.

The youth, and adult volunteers, as they travel to youth camp next week.

A camp report will be given during worship on July 19.

Community Need

Nene Peter, Pastor of First Baptist African Worship Service, is looking for an inexpensive used car. If you have a car that you would like to sell, you can contact Nene directly at 573-818-4111.





Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) General Assembly

Last week Michelle and I, along with Carol and Michael McEntyre, attended the CBF General Assembly in Dallas. I am the Moderator-Elect for our regional subset, CBF Heartland, and it was my first experience with the national organization. There were several things that let you know you were at a Baptist conference: worship, meals, breakout sessions, business meetings, etc. It was a great experience and I would like to share some meaningful takeaways from the event:

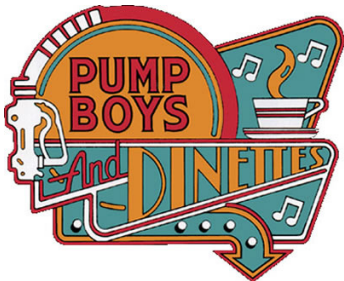
- First Baptist Church Columbia is special! We have unique people that make us special with their spiritual gifts and individuality. We should embrace our quirkiness and be ourselves.
- We are not alone. There are congregations, including here in Columbia, with whom we share many passions. I anticipate opportunities to work with them in the future on local issues as well as impactful missional work through CBF. Speaking of missions, we continue to seek venues for intergenerational involvement. There is exciting work being done that provides space for hands-on work. If you would like additional information contact me or check out <http://www.cbheartland.org/wp/missions/heartland-partnerships/>.

— Ross Kassman

UpcomingEvents



Fellowship Adventures Update



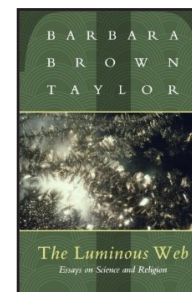
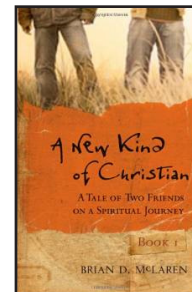
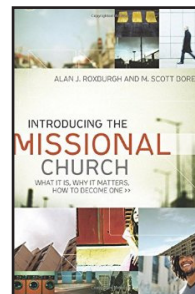
Dear Participants and anyone else who still wants to attend the musical *Pump Boys and Dinettes* at the Maple Theater in Macon, MO: Please send in your check for \$24.00 (made out to First Baptist Church) to the church office by **July 16**. I would like all the money in before we have to make our final payment.

Details: **Meet at First Baptist at 12:15 pm on July 18**; we'll be on the road by 12:30 pm. It takes about an hour to drive to Macon, so we will get there by 1:30 pm and the show is at 2:00 pm. The show runs about 2 hours so we will be out by 4:00 pm and to AJ's for dinner by 4:30 pm. Dinner should be over by 6:00 pm and we anticipate being back to the church parking lot by 7:00 pm.

There are still five seats open; any unclaimed seats will be released on the 16th. Thank you and see you on the 18th!

— Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair

Summer Book Club



The First Baptist Teaching Team is sponsoring Summer Book Club. The Teaching Team is recommending 3 books for you to read this summer. The idea is for everyone to read at their own pace over the summer and then, in the fall, we will have potluck book discussions about the readings. The church has ordered copies of the books which are on sale on Sundays for just \$10 each.

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