

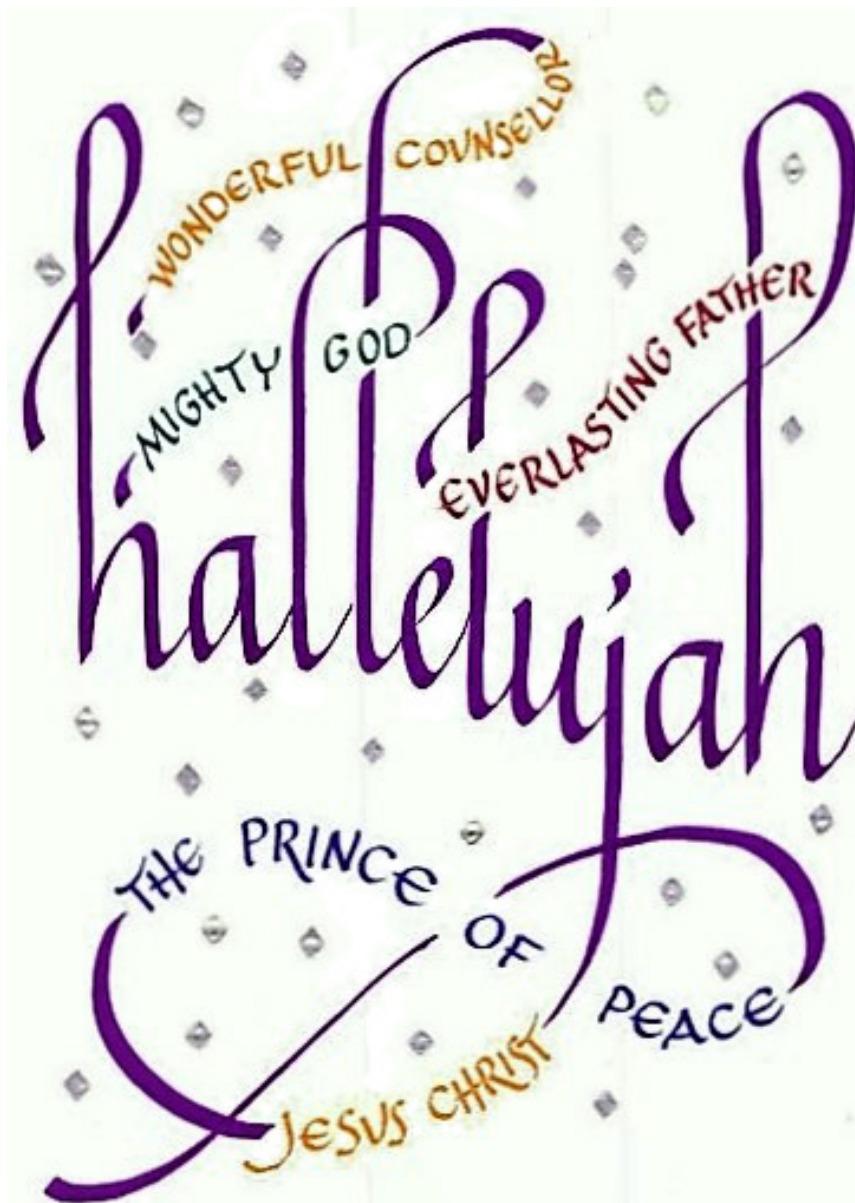
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First Baptist Church
columbia



What's In a Name?



Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 18

During our 9:15 and 11:15 worship services we have been exploring the meaning of Christ's royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father. On December 18th we consider what it means that Jesus is "The Prince of Peace."

Saturday, December 24th

Our Christmas Eve worship at 11 pm is the most beautiful worship service of the year. We celebrate Christ's coming with carols, the Christmas story, and the traditional singing by candlelight of "Silent Night." The service is a wonderful "homecoming" for those who have been away – and for those who have not!

Sunday, December 25th

We will celebrate Christmas Day with a combined worship service at 11:15 in the Sanctuary. There will be no Awakening service or Sunday morning small groups.

Sunday, January 1st

We resume our regular schedule of Awakening and Traditional worship, First Kids, and Small Groups.





Around the Church



Building Updates

Sanctuary Sound System

The sanctuary sound system is fully installed and operational. Please let us know what you think! Michael McEntyre spent a day with the Audio Acoustics engineers to help make sure sound quality is top notch. Thanks, Michael!

Message Board

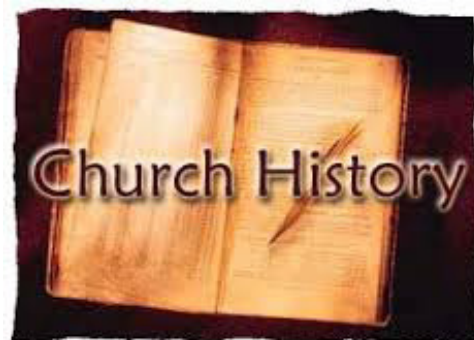
The sound system installers also set up the message board TV in the elevator lobby. We will be streaming announcements, seasonal theme graphics, welcome signs, and much more.

Men's Rest Room

Sanctuary men's restroom renovations are complete. Our thanks to John Shrum for his work on this project. Plaster walls were covered with drywall; visible HVAC pipes were hidden; the floor was replaced; a new stool and sink were installed; and there are new lights and fresh paint. Shelving will soon be added in the closet area. The women's restroom work will begin in early 2017.

Historical Project

Thank you to those who responded to Ken Hammann's call for volunteers to help read historical documents! Ken plans to begin this work right after the first of the year. Even if you responded earlier, please reconfirm your willingness to participate by emailing Ken (krhammann@gmail.com) or calling him at 573-268-2198 (please leave a message).



The Calling/ Studio 1B will wrap for the semester on Dec 14th. Our Youth Christmas party will be Sunday Dec 18th (from 5:00-7:00pm at the McEntyre's). The Calling will start back on Jan 11th with a trip to Laser Lanes for bowling and fun. Have a wonderful Advent season and a Merry Christmas.

Our **College/ Young Adult Bible Study** wrapped up last week for the semester. We will resume after classes begin in January. Please remember our students over the holiday season. Cards, emails, texts, and posts are a great way to let them know their church family is thinking of them.

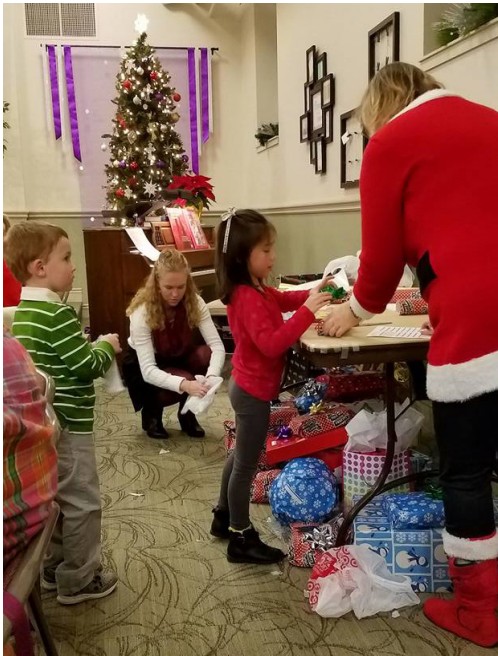
The Church Ski Trip is FULL!

We will be taking 25 people with us to Winter Park over spring break. There will be an important informational meeting for all of those participating following the business meeting on Jan 22nd. Your next payment of \$100 is due Jan 1st. Be praying for snow!

Save the Date!

We have a great night planned for kids ages 4-12 planned at Jaberwocky Studios, Friday, January 27th from 6 - 8 pm. It will be a night of music, movement, and lots of fun! We will also be serving pizza and juice. You may drop your child off, or stay for the fun yourself! If you have any questions please contact Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry, at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.





Christmas Dinner 2016

In the middle of Advent, the congregation took time to celebrate together with dinner, musical entertainment, the singing of carols, and general merriment.

Thanks to the host committee, to those who brought food, and to all who helped with set-up and clean-up!

Pictured: Kaitlyn Agan, center and Janet Kieffer, right, help Grayson Hoell and Camille Chang wrap gifts for Voluntary Action Center families.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Agan, who was baptized during the Awakening worship service on December 4, 2016!



What's in a Name is our theme for the Advent season focusing on the names for the Messiah given in Isaiah chapter 9: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. For our Advent series, we invited First Baptist members and friends to share stories about their names. Here is a story about one of our newest First Baptist family members, Andrew Marchbanks:

The story of our son's name begins back in 1998, when Beth went to Southeast Missouri State University and found herself involved in the Baptist Student Union there. The director of the Baptist Student Center at the time was Dr. Andrew Pratt, who was also a professor in the philosophy and religion department at Southeast. Beth took many classes with Dr. Pratt and spent a lot of time in his office during her undergraduate years, along with her friends. He was a great influence in her life during that time, and the same year she graduated, he got the opportunity to go back to his alma mater, William Jewell College, to serve as the chaplain, so he and his family moved to Liberty in 2002 ...

... where Eli was already attending school. Eli met and became friends with Dr. Pratt (whom he called Andy) and over his years in Liberty, developed a close and trusted friendship and mentorship. Andy was also one of the biggest influences in his life during his early 20s. Andy, incidentally, was also a friend of Ed Rollins during their time at Jewell and was the one who always told Eli that he would like First Baptist.

Years later when we had each moved to Columbia, we began dating and learned of our mutual friend and mentor. He continued to serve as a valuable teacher, mentor, and friend, and performed our marriage ceremony in 2014.

We decided not to find out whether Andrew would be a boy or a girl before he was born, so we had a list of three names for each and said we would decide on which one felt right when he was born. On that day, it felt right to name him after someone who had played such an important role in both our lives before we ever became a family.



Andrew Marchbanks meets Dr. Andrew Pratt, October 2016 at William Jewell College

A New Vision for Mission at First Baptist: Creating a Pastoral Residency Ministry

At the business meeting on Nov 13th, the Residency Team brought a report about the proposed Pastoral Residency Ministry for First Baptist. This was followed by a dinner and discussion on Nov 29th with guests Dr. George Mason (pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church on Dallas TX and creator of one of the longest running residency ministries in Baptist life) and Jason Edwards (current pastor of Second Baptist in Liberty MO and former resident at Wilshire Baptist). These meetings were a way for the Residency Team (a sub-team of the Serving Team) to share the research, planning, and preparation they have worked on since the idea of a Residency Ministry at our church first came about at an All Church Meeting in February 2015. These meetings, as well as previous meeting with the Church Council and representation from the Personnel and Finance Committees, were also a way to widen the conversation about this proposal and to incorporate feedback and ideas from the larger church as we consider this incredible ministry opportunity.

Residency programs are not a new idea. You don't have to look past Mizzou's Medical School or the School of Education to find thriving residency programs that are greatly impacting their fields. Yet the idea of a residency program for pastors is relatively unheard of. While seminaries and divinity schools can provide excellent opportunities for learning and insight into understanding Scripture and theology, the real-world challenges of church ministry and congregational care can come as quite a shock. Perhaps this is why, according to the Transition Into Ministry research, some denominations see up to 40% of new pastors within their first 5 years of ministry not only quit their job, but leave ministry all together. The Pastoral Excellence Network has found that Pastoral Residency programs can be an effective ministry to equip young pastors to overcome these odds and become effective leaders (ministers that have served in residency programs studied by the Pastoral Excellence Network have a 96% success rate after 5 years, with 90% of those still serving in church congregations). We feel that a ministry of this sort would be a perfect fit for our congregation.

What would this look like at First Baptist Church?

- Residents would serve for a two-year placement as a paid, full-time ministerial staff member without portfolio. This means they would serve the entire church, not just a specific ministry area.
- Responsibilities for residents will be divided into trimesters with focus on 7 core areas: Preaching and Worship, Pastoral Care and Care Ministries, Self-care, Church Leadership, Management, and Administrative Tasks, Teams and Councils, Missions and Benevolence, and Affinity Focused Ministries.
- Residents will work directly with the Pastor and Resident Director to oversee their development and progress.
- Weekly reflection upon tasks, support of a Lay Leadership Team, and care from our congregation will also play a vital role in the resident's formation.
- Upon completing the residency, candidates will be well prepared to lead in the work of the church in future congregations by carrying the experience and legacy of First Baptist with them as they serve.

Why is First Baptist an ideal place to start a Pastoral Residency Ministry?

Think about the experience, life, and community First Baptist has to offer. We are a church that leads by example. Through a Pastoral Residency Ministry, our congregation can shape pastors to effectively lead change and shepherd multiple congregations for decades to come. Our staff and congregation can provide a wide range of experiences, leadership, and opportunities for young ministers to engage in the difficult practice of pastoring. These residents will be shaped by everyone in our congregation and will carry the life lessons learned at First Baptist to whatever future congregations they serve. This is an opportunity to multiply the legacy of our church well beyond Columbia.

Our History

- Our church has a long and deep association with education. Members of First Baptist have been responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the founding and formation of several educational institutions including: William Jewell College, Stephens College, William Woods University, Hardin College in Mexico, Missouri, and the University of Missouri.
- Education has been our calling and is deeply embedded in our DNA.
- Building a pastoral residency program is a natural extension of our commitment to education. Our church will become the teaching institution, and all of our members will serve as the teachers, faculty, students, and advisors.

Our Mission

- This Program provides an unparalleled mission opportunity for our church.
- From our preschool programming to our homebound members, all members of our congregation would play a role in shaping and forming future pastors who would go on to lead a host of churches.
- Our church will be energized by the passion and ideas that residents will share with us. We will learn and grow together through this ministry.
- The Residency Program will have a positive effect on not only our staff and our church, but also the church at large.

The Residency Team is excited to announce that we have received a \$25,000 grant to be used for this ministry should we as a church choose to move forward with the idea. More information about this ministry opportunity will be provided in the weeks to come. The Residency team welcomes your thoughts, questions, and comments and encourages you to talk with any one of our team members about this proposal. Please be in prayer for this process. Thank you.

The Pastoral Residency Team consists of Mark Thomas (chair), Michael McEntyre (staff liaison), Dave Bennett, David Chang, Ken Hammann, Bob Russell, and Khaki Westerfield.



Around the Church

Winter Approaches!

If 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 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
- KMIZ-TV17

We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.



A sign-up board for 2017 sanctuary flowers is available in the children's hallway, outside the sanctuary doors. Please indicate clearly the names of those providing the flowers, and the name(s) those in whose memory or honor the flowers are given.

Our flowers are arranged by Allen's Flowers at a cost of \$40 per arrangement. Allen's will bill the giver directly. If you have a special request, please contact Allen's at 573-443-8719.



First Baptist Adventures

On Saturday, December 17, we will attend the Mizzou Women's Basketball game at 11 am. Tickets are low-priced, and we have a few available from those who generously donated tickets they are not using. If you have any question, or if you wish to donate the use of a season pass, please contact Paula Thomas at 875-1904 or paulalou52@gmail.com. Please bring a can of food for the food bank. After the game we'll reconvene for lunch at 44 Stone. Please reserve your spot by contacting either Paul or the church office immediately.

Children's Ministry

Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry, invites our children to deliver Christmas cards to residents of Lenoir Woods, 3710 S. Lenoir Street. Parents, children, and anyone else who would like to participate, should meet in Lenoir Woods parking lot by 1 pm on Sunday, December 18th. If you have questions, please contact Yvette at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.



Believe
Love,
First Baptist Church Kids

Holiday Hours

--The Child Development Center school and office will be closed December 21st for the holiday, and will reopen beginning January 4th.

--The church office will be closed for the holidays on December 23rd, 26th, and 30th; and January 2nd.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All-Church Game Night, Laser Tag, and Chili Cookoff



**Saturday,
February 4th at 6 pm
in the Fellowship Hall**

Spiritual Growth



Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

Feb 19 - Mar 1



We are once again taking our turn as hosts for the homeless. Room at the Inn (RATI) provides a warm place to sleep for those in need from 7 pm - 7 am. RATI will be based at First Baptist Church Feb. 19 through March 1. Volunteers are asked to attend at least one training sessions before attending, and you don't need to wait! Visit <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/> for training times and to find out specific ways to help.

Year-end contributions

For financial gifts to be included on your 2016 statement of charitable contributions for tax purposes, donations must be received by December 31. The church office will be closed December 23-26 and again on December 31 – keep these dates in mind if you want to bring your contributions by the church. If your contributions are mailed, they must be postmarked no later than December 31.



Worship and Small Group Series for All Ages

“Every church worships. Large, small, farming community, suburban, sanctuary, converted Walmart, cowboy, liturgical, liberal or conservative, every church gathers for times of formal worship. Worship enables us to hear and respond to God’s call to surrender ourselves to God as God’s people, individually and together.”

~ Bob Fox and John Essick from “When We Gather Together.”

Sunday, January 29, we will begin a new worship and Sunday morning small group series for all ages called We gather together!

For several years, the First Baptist staff has dreamed of having all ages, from preschool to adults, studying the same topic for a period of time. Last summer, we came across a 5 week curriculum, with lesson plans for preschool, children, youth and adults, written by Baptist Seminary of Kentucky and Kentucky Cooperative Baptist Fellowship on worship called “When We Gather Together: Building Up the Church in Worship.” Since worship is so central to our life together as a church, we can’t imagine a better topic to study together!

Our hope is that our depth of understanding and spiritual growth can be enhanced by the opportunity to learn about worship in the small group setting and then, to hear our Pastor Carol McEntyre preach about worship during the 5 weeks of the study. We hope that this intersection of discussion can lead to intergenerational conversations about worship at lunch on Sundays after church and all week long.

If you are not part of a Sunday Morning Small Group, we hope you will consider joining one for the We Gather Together series.

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9:15 am Combined Worship, Brunch and Business Meeting Jan. 22, 2017

