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# First Kids CAMP

The Children's Ministry team is excited to announce that this summer, First Baptist will host our inaugural day camp for children, 3-year olds through those going into 6th grade! First Kids Camp will be held Monday, July 31- Wednesday, August 2.

For the past few years, our summer Vacation Bible School has been limping along. Although the number of children in our church has grown, participation in VBS has gone down. Let's be honest, we could buy advertisements, we could pass out fliers, we could spend a lot of time and money promoting our VBS and then struggle to compete with every other church offering a VBS, too. So, instead of holding onto a model that isn't reaching people, we are trying to think outside the box.



First Kids Camp will not only give children the experience and joy of following Jesus through worship, Bible stories, crafts, and recreation, but we hope it will also meet a need for our working parents who need child care during the summer. First Baptist is working hard to build a net that supports families in our church and community and we believe First Kids Camp is a great opportunity to do just that.

Mornings at First Kids Camp will be filled with kid-friendly worship, bible studies and games. In the afternoons, we will switch gears and have special activities and guest speakers. The morning will be staffed with volunteers, while in the afternoon we will have paid workers to help out. The morning (from 9:00-1:00) is free, but to offset the cost of extended hours paid workers and afternoon activities there will be a fee of \$25 per child.

For more information, to get involved, or to give input, we are having a parent meeting March 5 at 4:00 pm in the hospitality room next to the sanctuary.



## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Heartland Partnership

Michael McEntyre, First Baptist's Associate Pastor for Youth, College & Young Adults, and Missions, has just returned from a week in Romania, working with the Gypsy Smith School. Michael found that time shared with our Roma brothers and sisters was very encouraging. Michael and his fellow travelers taught in three locations, and experienced the people as wonderfully receptive.



Pictured at left and below: Michael and attendees of one of the schools.

The groups they worked with consisted of pastors, church planters, lay leaders, church members, and community friends. It was fortunate to have both men and women attend. Many of those who came missed work to be here. Michael says, "I am encouraged by the faith and passion of the people and their desire to know more about prayer. It has been a humbling opportunity."



## Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations

### *Those of Our Church Family in Need of Prayer:*

Barry Kausler, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Trish Blair, who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Trish would love to receive cards with inspirational thoughts, Bible verses, and jokes. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 1013, Columbia MO 65205.

Mirek Henley, son of Sam & Crystal Henley, who had to get stitches last weekend.

Koge Yasuda, who is recovering from a seizure.

Oleta and Joe Forsee, on the loss of her brother-in-law, Don Jones.

Margaret Sullivan, on the loss of her sister, Edith Winkle.

The family of Maxine Thomas, a long-time First Baptist attender who passed away last week.

Robbie Scholes' brother, Rich, who is in hospice care.

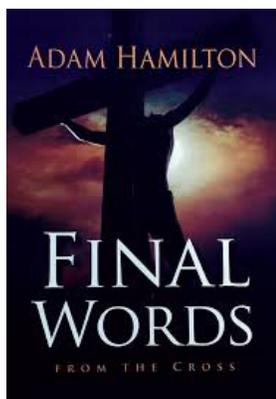
### *Celebrations:*

First Baptist celebrates the baptism of Misty Phillips, and welcomes new members John & Melinda Adams, Julia Meston, Kimberly Moeller & Ashley Evans, and Liz Tidwell.



## Two New Sunday Small Group Opportunities

Since 2013, First Baptist Church has hosted 6 Financial Peace University classes. We want you to be a part of the seventh, beginning on Sunday, March 5 at 10:15 am! Ramsey Solutions has introduced a new FPU format that allows churches to offer more flexibility to individuals and couples that want to become debt free and take control of their money. Class members will watch video lessons at home during the week and then participate in a small group discussion setting class on Sunday mornings during the 10:15 hour. Coordinators Amanda Jacobs and Caryn McClanahan would like to personally invite any FPU alumni back to take the class again as a refresher of the tools and also look forward to many first time attendees being a part of this life-changing journey! Amanda and Caryn will be reaching out to individuals and families with personal invitations to join the class, but you don't have to wait for them! Simply visit <https://fpu.com/1038339> to register for the course. The cost of class materials is \$102.30 (only one registration is necessary for couples) or if you already have class materials you will not need to purchase them again. Please email Amanda at [Amanda@jacobsrealty.com](mailto:Amanda@jacobsrealty.com) with any questions you may have. Financial assistance is available if needed, please inquire with Pastor Carol McEntyre at [mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org).



On Sunday March 5, the Discussion Class, which meets in the Parlor on the second floor of the education building, is beginning a new series on the book *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. Each session will include a 10 minute video of the author discussing the final sayings of Jesus. Moving through each chapter, you will begin to understand and respond to Jesus' final words at the cross while learning about those who were eye witnesses to the crucifixion. In the final chapter, Hamilton moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection. Bob Russell will be leading the series.

## Will You Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. First Baptist attenders, Dave and Julie Walker, are involved in the leadership of this program and invite you to participate.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, supports the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

The next Men's Walk is March 16-March 19, 2017 and the next Women's Walk is March 30-April 2, 2017. The cost for the 3 nights is \$160 and includes room and board. Full paid scholarships are available for those with need.

If interested in attending the Walk to Emmaus, please contact Dave and Julie at [walkerdavi@missouri.edu](mailto:walkerdavi@missouri.edu) or 573-576-5850, or learn more at [www.mochrysalis.org](http://www.mochrysalis.org).





## Welcome New Music Intern Bria Jones

Thanks to a generous gift designated for Music Education purposes, we are blessed with the opportunity for Bria Jones to serve as Music Intern for the spring semester. Please welcome her this Sunday, and acquaint yourself with her through her own words:

“Hello! I’m from Lee’s Summit, Missouri, finishing my degree and certification in K-12 Music Education at Mizzou. I have been singing at First Baptist since 2014 as a scholarship singer, and have always enjoyed the variety of services and family-like community at First Baptist.

“I was inspired to start a Children’s Music Group after seeing some of our kids perform at Vacation Bible School last summer. I was overwhelmed by the cuteness, and eager to provide our children with more opportunities to worship through music, so I began working with Ed and Carol to officially start a Children’s Music Group! It has been a pleasure getting to work with your talented children each week, and is something I enjoy from the bottom of my heart. A goal of mine is to introduce our kids to a variety of church music and ways to worship and having them perform for our families at services.

“As the Music Intern, I am able to expand my teaching and musical experiences through directing Children’s Music, singing with the Chancel Choir, and directing hymns and anthems at Traditional Service. I’m excited to get more and more involved in the church! The Music Intern position is such an honor and a blessing, and I am glad to be able to continue making music with the children and families at First Baptist Church.”



## Church History

First Baptist has an impressive collection of beautiful and historic photographs. Many of them are unlabeled, however, and we would love to identify the time frame, event, and people depicted in as many of the photos as possible.

Beginning the week of Monday, March 13th, hundreds of these pictures will be on display in the 2nd floor conference room. Please stop by Monday through Friday - no appointment needed - between 10 am to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 pm to see if you recognize anything from these photos. Someone will be on hand to help you. You will be blessed by the memories! Thanks to Ken Hammann and Diana Groshong for helping to organize this effort.

As part of an ongoing church history project, on Sunday, February 26th, Ken Hammann presented a history moment during Traditional worship with the introduction of two special people: Liz Kennedy, the great-great-granddaughter of Hiram Phillips, the church’s first clerk; and Hank Steere, the great-great-great-grandson of Allen McGuire, the church’s first full-time pastor, serving from 1828 to 1836.



Above: The Steere family - Andy, Becky and friend Michael, Carrie, Hank, Brian, and Jennifer.

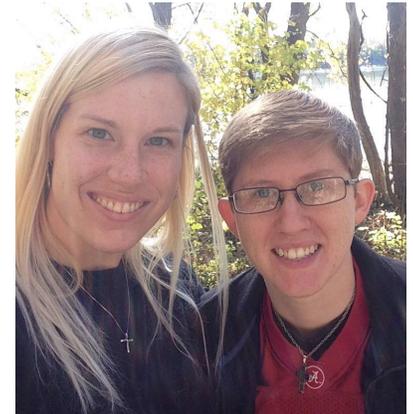
At right:  
Liz Kennedy.





## First Baptist Church Welcomes New Members!

Kimberly Moeller and Ashley Evans started attending Awakening Worship at First Baptist in November, and immediately felt welcome. Kimberly is from Missouri and moved to Columbia for graduate school in 2010, while Ashley is from Alabama and moved to Columbia three years ago. They met while playing rugby, and were married this past June. Kimberly works for the University of Missouri as a Social Sciences Librarian, and Ashley works as a Paraprofessional at Ashland Elementary School. They love traveling together to see musicals, to watch soccer games, and to visit the beach.



John and Melinda Adams started attending First Baptist Church when they learned of our values of welcoming all people, including any LGBTQ status. John and Melinda have three children: Joel is a 19 year old cis male who



is attending Missouri S&T pursuing a bachelor's degree in Nuclear Engineering; Charles (CJ) is a 19 year old cis male who is working full-time and attending MACC part-time; and Emmett is a 17 year old trans male at Hallsville High School.

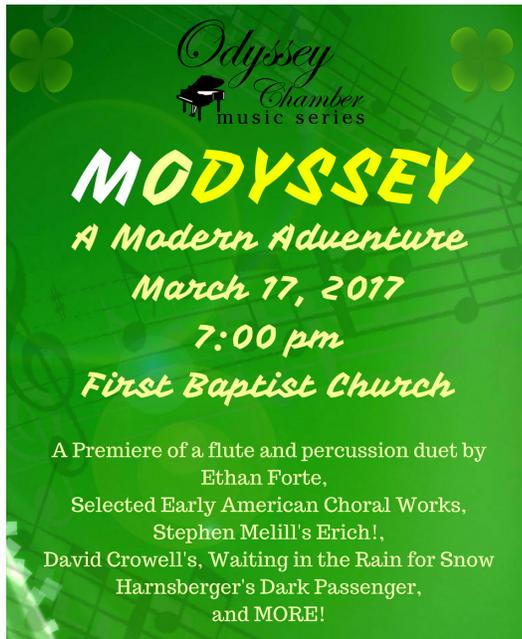
John was raised in the United Methodist Church, and later was an active member of the Presbyterian Church for several years before returning to a Methodist congregation. Melinda attended a Catholic Church in her youth, and then came to Christ as an adult at Open Door Baptist Church here in Columbia.

John and Melinda have both worked at Mizzou for over 20 years. They spend most of their free time with family,

enjoying a nice meal, watching movies or playing board games. On Sundays, you will often see them at the Awakening service. Melinda and her mother, Julia Meston (another new member), love the energy of the Awakening service, and John also loves singing in the choir during the Traditional service. In their words, "FBC offers the best of both worlds for our family."

Julia Meston was raised as a Catholic in Douglas, Arizona, but left the church in her early 20's. "I came to Christ in May of 2002, but was not baptized until May 11, 2003 at Forum Christian Church. I moved to Missouri to be close to the grand kids and to help my daughter, Melinda, in December, 2002. Moving to Missouri has been a pleasure and a positive experience. We purchased an old church building in Hallsville and refurbished it into a beautiful home. I had attended ultra conservative churches until my transgender grandson came out. This has opened my eyes to different cultures and beliefs. I know that God loves us all. First Baptist is a a great fit! I hope to become involved with the church group and continue to meet more of the parishioners. My husband just passed away on November 18, 2016; he had been quite ill the last two years so we pretty much stayed to ourselves. It's time for me to branch out and meet new friends! I work at the Columbia Interventional Pain Center as their Office Manager doing accounting, HR, and billing reconciliation."





## Odyssey Chamber Music Series presents

With the program titled “M-Odyssey,” the Odyssey Chamber Music Series continues the 2015 initiative to mentor and provide real work experience in music administration to young professionals. A few outstanding musicians will have the opportunity to create and produce their own Odyssey concert, with the guidance of the Artistic Director and a supervising Board Member. The title reflects the more modern, “MOD” Odyssey for younger musicians, while the capitalization pays homage to our state. The program is on Friday, March 17th at 7 pm in our sanctuary.

## Children’s Ministry Lenten Project

Research shows that the most important factor in a child’s faith formation is their family. Accordingly, First Baptist strives to equip parents and caregivers to talk with their kids about faith. To do this, we are utilizing special times during the church year to focus on children’s faith formation at home. This Lenten season, we want to put resources in parents’ hands so that families can talk about faith by learning about and celebrating Lent at home. We are making Pockets magazine available for our kids and their families. Pockets includes daily devotionals, memory verses, questions and answers, and games and activities related to Lent. Preschoolers and children will receive Pockets during First Kids Sunday School at 10:15 on Sunday, March 5.

In addition, the children’s ministry is focusing on giving during Lent. Giving to God is a core value of our faith and so is serving those in need. Children are invited to bring gently used toys on Sunday morning and place them in the basket outside the Children’s Ministry area. The toys will be donated to Rainbow House, for children who are displaced without a parent; and the True North Shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

For more information or to get your copy of Pockets contact Yvette Chambers, Director of Children’s Ministry, [chambers@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:chambers@fbc-columbia.org).



**Save the date!**



**April 15  
10 am - Noon**



One of the main goals of our Student Ministry is to develop our ministry to and with families. Parents are still the number one factor for influencing the faith of their kids. We strive to help equip parents and students with the tools and support needed to grow in faith together as a family. We also recognize that the roots of youth ministry need to extend deep into childhood and grow beyond graduation. That is why we are excited to offer something a little bit different in the way of camp this year. Our student ministry is inviting all of our families with kids from preschool to college to join us for Quest Family Camp.

## What is Quest Family Camp?

**Think of it as a youth camp, kid's camp, an adult retreat, your family vacation, and a place to get away and be with God all rolled into ONE!**



How will that work?

- \* Students grade 6-12 will have the Quest experience with separate rooming, Bible Study tracks, evening events, etc. All of this will still be directed by the Quest staff as it was last year.
- \* Concurrently, Quest will offer tracks for adults, college students, and elementary school kids, as well as childcare for infants and toddlers.
- \* Youth and kids will have time with their own age group as well as times of corporate worship and play with everyone.
- \* Adults will find time for: quiet prayer, relevant Bible Study experiences and group discussions on parenting and faith, opportunities to enjoy the facilities including hiking, time on the lake, or even a round of golf, and more.
- \* As an added bonus, the camp is incorporating a date night just for adults, giving couples time to reconnect while their kids enjoy planned activities.

Not only does this promise to be a great camp experience, but will give our church members the opportunity to build shared memories and grow together in faith and support. We hope you will make every effort for everyone in your family to join in. We are still working out the details for cost, but it certainly will be less than your family would spend for a week of vacation together, and the potential benefits for your family, our church, and our kids are incredible.



We are opening our summer mission trip to Bridger, South Dakota to our whole church family. First Baptist has been invited to come the week of June 10-15th to serve at the Lakota Reservation in Bridger. This date will allow us to take between 15 and 20 people to the reservation to help with light construction work, building fencing for horses, engaging the community, and connecting with the kids on the reservation. We also hope to help strengthen the relationship with the Takini school that some of our members were able to work at last year. More details, including cost for the trip supply needs, will be available in the weeks ahead. This promises to be a great trip for the entire church! Please contact Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) if you are interested in going.

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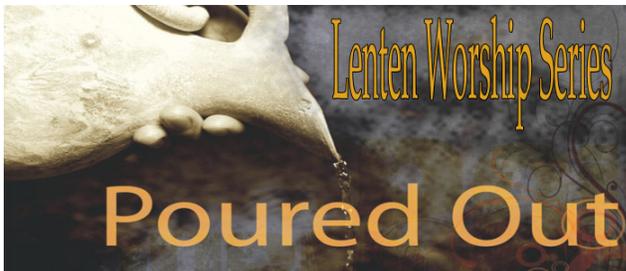
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In 2017, Lent begins on March 1 with Ash Wednesday and ends on April 16 with Easter. Our Lenten Worship Series is entitled Poured Out. It focuses on the “elements” (oil, water, wine, blood, and tears) that show up in the story of the week leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion.



*Jesus' life poured out for us - John 3: 1-16 (March 5th)*

*Mary, friend of Jesus, anoints him with oil - John 12:1-11 (March 12th)*



*Simon Peter has his feet washed with water - John 13: 3-16 (March 19)*

*Judas shares a cup of wine with Jesus - John 13: 21-30 (March 26th)*



*Jesus' mother Mary sheds tears for him - John 19: 19-27 (April 2nd)*

*Roman centurion sheds Jesus' blood - John 19: 28-42 (April 9th)*

