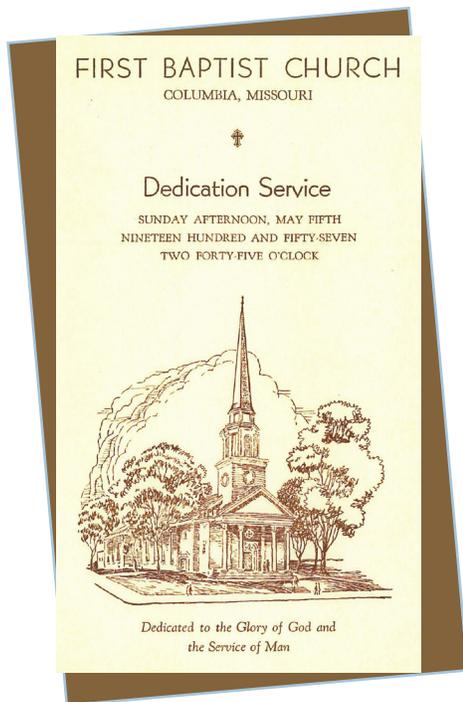


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Happy 60th Anniversary!

On May 5, the sanctuary of First Baptist Church marked its 60th anniversary. The sanctuary was dedicated May 5, 1957 in three services: 11 am, 2:45 pm, and 7:15 pm.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4 during our combined worship, we will celebrate the 60th birthday and rededicate the sanctuary to the glory of God.

Sunday June 4th - All Church Worship and More!

10:15 am - Regular Sunday Morning Small Group sessions

11:15 am - Combined Worship in the Sanctuary, celebrating the birth of the Church

12:15 am - Lunch and business meeting to vote on 2017 - 2018 Endowment recommendations.



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Love Yourself, Love God, Love Others- The Enneagram Summer Series

Sunday Morning Small Group Offering, July 9-August 27, at 10:15 am

I know what you are thinking: the Ennea-what? The Enneagram is a tool that is used to help people grow toward maturity in Christ. It is based on 9 basic personality types and has an uncanny accuracy in describing how human beings are wired, both positively and negatively. At first, the enneagram appears to be just another personality inventory, something akin to the Myers-Briggs. However, once you learn about it, you begin to realize that this is a tool with great depth and strong understanding of not only our strengths but what Richard Rohr calls our “shadow” side as well - those areas where we tend to fall into sin and brokenness.



The Enneagram brings about a deeper knowledge of ourselves, compassion for others, and love for God, since it not only helps you learn more about yourself, but it also helps you to see the world through other people’s eyes, understanding how and why people think, feel, and act the way they do. By exploring the Enneagram, you will be able to better understand yourself in the unique way God has created you. You will learn about why you behave the way you do, and get specific direction for individual growth.

This summer series will last for 8 weeks and is designed to accommodate busy summer schedules. All the Sunday Morning Small Groups are invited to come together for this series. We know many people in our congregation will be in and out this summer, but we hope you will join us when you can. The Teaching Team and I thought that learning our personality types together could be fun and also deepen our community as we come to know and understand each other. We also felt like in this time of polarization in our country any tool that can help us talk to people who are not like us is a really good thing! To make the study more interactive, we are going to meet around tables in the parlor and we have asked our facilitator, Rev. Dr. Wallis Landrum to make it very interactive and conversational. Wallis is a minister in the Presbyterian tradition and has five years of training in the Enneagram. We look forward to hearing from him this summer!

Carin McEntyre

Prayers and Concerns

Barry Kausler, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Trish Blair, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Koge Yasuda, who is in hospice care.

Lynn Lampe, whose husband Rob will begin treatment for prostate cancer in June.

Lili Vianello and John Shrum, as they prepare for John’s surgery for prostate cancer on May 22.

Family and friends of Joanie Sorrels, who passed away on May 11.

Steve Potter, on the loss of his sister, Sharon Rose Hoskins.

Michael and Riki Shipley, whose son Beckett passed away. Sue Crane is his grandmother.



It's a Parade!

In honor of Memorial Day, the City holds a parade that begins at 10 am on Monday, May 29th. For a good view of the parade, you are welcome to gather on the front steps of the church.

The church office will be closed for Memorial Day.

We wish you a blessed Memorial Day as our veterans are honored!

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for summer 2017 and the 2017-2018 school year. The summer program will run from June 5-June 29 and July 6-July 27. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. CDC hours are 7:15-5:30 Monday-Friday. For more information contact Ms. Debby at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org.



Child Development Center
at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

First Baptist Adventures: May Edition

Come join us for an old time hymn sing!

Place: Larry & Esther Rollins, 4211 Fall River Drive

Date: May 27th

Time: 1:30 pm

Cookies and tea provided



Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:19-20)

Crafty Critters

The Crafty Critters, a ministry of First Baptist Church, began with a question about a crochet stitch from one First Baptist crocheter to another. The group of knitters and crocheters makes infant hats, prayer shawls, and other handcrafted items for individuals in our faith community.

The group recently honored Bea Brophy, a delightfully witty and engaging woman who spent 20 years of her life leading canoe trips through the watery wilderness of the boundary waters of Minnesota. Crafty Critters presented her with a prayer shawl as an expression of congregation love and support. The shawl is a symbol of God's love, and was created by Sandy Taylor with love and intercessory prayer.

Crafty Critters invites you to join their weekly meeting and fellowship on Tuesdays on the second floor of the church, Room E-2. Meetings begin at noon and end at the discretion of each "Critter." Attendance is not mandatory, and donations of handcrafted items are welcome. Children and snacks are also welcome!

Left to right: Donna Ostercamp, Miss Bea, Pam Humphreys, Sue Hammann, and Betty Felts (seated).



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Annual Church Picnic at the Twin Lakes Pavilion June 11 at 3 pm



All are welcome to join us for games, fishing, biking, walking, running, and playing!
This year's egg toss championship is up for grabs. Who will scramble to the finish line
to take on the yoke of victory?

At 4 pm we will enjoy a special treat - the Pepto Bismol Men's Bake-off and Auction for Missions!
Men, bring your best baked treats - and everybody, bring your checkbook.
It's a sweet way to raise money for missions.

At 5 pm dinner is served. The main dish (Lee's fried chicken), drinks, and place settings are provided.



Please bring food for 12, according to
the first letter of your last name:

- A-G Veggies
- H-S Side Dishes
- T-Z Desserts