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Pastoral Residency Candidate

The Pastoral Residency Team is excited to announce our candidate for the residency, Brittany McDonald-Null. On Sunday, June 4, during the business meeting, you will be given the opportunity to vote on extending the call to Brittany. Pending your approval, she will begin her ministry with us in August. Inside you will find a brief history of the Residency program as First Baptist.)

Below is a letter from Brittany introducing herself to First Baptist:

Dear First Baptist,

It is an absolute honor to be recommended as your inaugural Pastoral Resident. My name is Brittany McDonald-Null and I am a recent seminary graduate from Logsdon Seminary at Hardin-Simmons University where I received my Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry. I currently serve as the Associate Youth Minister at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene, TX.

I was born in La Porte, TX and was raised by my grandfather. I became a Christian in middle school, and first felt a call to ministry my senior year of high school. My calling was not met with a lot of encouragement, which led to me majoring in Social Work while an undergraduate at Hardin-Simmons University. During that time, I interned for Pioneer Drive's student ministry and several other areas of the church. By my senior year, I knew I was passionate about congregational ministry. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Pioneer Drive, but I am incredibly excited about the opportunity to serve at First Baptist. When I first heard about the Pastoral Residency I was enamored by the care put into designing the program and knew this would be a wonderful opportunity to gain experience and better discern my calling.

I met my husband, Bryce, during my first seminary class and he has been my constant champion and support through school and ministry. We have been married for two years and have a cat who loves him and tolerates me. Bryce and I have lived in Texas our entire lives (except for 6 months I spent in South Africa while studying abroad) and cannot wait to experience all the beauty Columbia, Missouri has to offer. I was excited when Carol called a few weeks ago to inform me that I was the final candidate for the Pastoral Resident program; I am deeply honored by this. I apologize that I am not able to be with you this Sunday, June 4 but know that I am eager to begin working with you. Both Bryce and I look forward to joining the church family at First Baptist Church.

Kind Regards,
Brittany McDonald-Null





What You Don't Know About Yourself Can Hurt You

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

The Enneagram is an ancient personality type system, which describes 9 basic personality types. It has an uncanny ability to describe how human beings are wired both positively and negatively. Here is a brief description of the nine types from the book used in the study, *The Road Back to You* by Cron & Stabile:

Type One: The Perfectionist. Ethical, dedicated and reliable, they are motivated by a desire to live the right way, improve the world, and avoid fault and blame.

Type Two: The Helper. Warm, caring and giving, they are motivated by a need to be loved and needed, and to avoid acknowledging their own needs.

Type Three: The Performer. Success-oriented, image-conscious and wired for productivity, they are motivated by a need to be (or appear to be) successful and to avoid failure.

Type Four: The Romantic. Creative, sensitive and moody, they are motivated by a need to be understood, experience their oversized feelings and avoid being ordinary.

Type Five: The Investigator. Analytical, detached and private, they are motivated by a need to gain knowledge, conserve energy and avoid relying on others.

Type Six: The Loyalist. Committed, practical and witty, they are worst-case-scenario thinkers who are motivated by fear and the need for security.

Type Seven: The Enthusiast. Fun, spontaneous and adventurous, they are motivated by a need to be happy, to plan stimulating experiences and to avoid pain.

Type Eight: The Challenger. Commanding, intense and confrontational, they are motivated by a need to be strong and avoid feeling weak or vulnerable.

Type Nine: The Peacemaker. Pleasant, laid back and accommodating, they are motivated by a need to keep the peace, merge with others and avoid conflict.

In *The Road Back to You*, Ian Morgan Crone and Suzanne Stabile write, "What you don't know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships and how you make your way in the world. It can also keep you in the shallows with God." Knowing yourself, figuring out who you are, and why you tend to repeat the same mistakes, can help you get on the road to your best and truest self; the person God created you to be.

If you regularly attend a Sunday morning Small Group, or if you never have, you are invited to join us for this series!

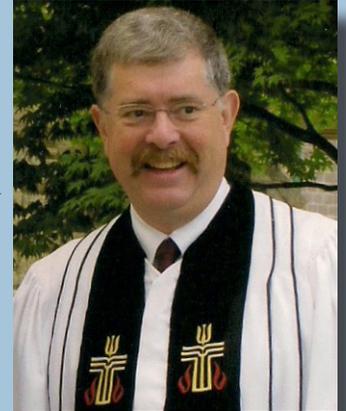
*Without knowledge
of self,
there is no knowledge
of God.*

~ John Calvin



Meet the Facilitator for the Enneagram Small Group

Our facilitator for the Enneagram series will be Rev. Dr. Wallis Landrum. Wallis Landrum was born in Louisville, Kentucky and raised in the Presbyterian Church. After graduating from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia with a BA in Psychology, Wallis attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, earning a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1983. Wally served as the pastor of the Coates Street Presbyterian Church in Moberly, Missouri for 24 years, retiring from full time ministry in 2016.



In 2012, Wally began to learn the Enneagram from Suzanne Stabile, co-founder of “Life in the Trinity Ministries” with her husband Joe. Suzanne learned the Enneagram from Father Richard Rohr over thirty years ago and has been teaching it internationally since. Last fall, Suzanne co-authored “The Road Back to You” which has already become the best seller ever for Inter-Varsity Press. Wally will use much of Suzanne’s wisdom and insightful/humorous stories to help our class know what energizes us to see the world, take in information, and relate to others the ways we do. We will also strive to better understand, have compassion for, and relate to others whose personalities are so different from ours. The Enneagram is not the only spiritual means to enhance our faith, but it is one of the most powerful and unforgettable and Wally looks forward to joining us on this journey in July and August.

Pastoral Ministry Residency: How We Began

In January at the church business meeting, First Baptist approved the Mission Team’s proposal to begin a Pastoral Residency Ministry. With this, First Baptist is beginning to identify itself as a “teaching congregation,” just as some hospitals are “teaching” hospitals with medical residents. The rigorous training afforded in seminaries and divinity schools focuses primarily on essential academic and biblical knowledge. What’s missing is practical teaching about the work of the church. First Baptist is seeking to fill that gap by offering recent seminary or divinity school graduates two years to learn the ropes of local church ministry in a safe and healthy practicum. The resident will serve at First Baptist for a 2-year period where he or she will learn, with the support of the church staff and the congregation, how to be a pastor.

Following the January business meeting, the Pastoral Residency Team immediately began sending information about our residency job opening to seminaries and divinity schools. We received eight excellent resumes. In comparison, Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, which has had a residency ministry for many years, typically receives 8-12 resumes per year. Consequently, we were elated at the response that First Baptist received and impressed with the quality of the candidates.

The resumes included three men and five women from three different seminaries. The residency team then narrowed the pool of candidates to four. We checked their references and listened to their sermons. We conducted Skype interviews with three candidates and a second round of Skype interviews with two candidates. Brittany emerged as our top choice and we invited her to Columbia for an in person interview. That interview confirmed our decision! We were drawn to Brittany because of her passion for congregational ministry, her clear call to pastor, her previous experience working in the church and her ability to articulate what she has learned in seminary and how that translates into ministry.



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



Left: last year's picnickers enjoy a game of 9-Square.

Right: Ken Hammann waits for a ball to come his way - or maybe he's already watching for the eclipse.



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

First Baptist Adventures

On Sunday, June 25th, we will see the 2:00 pm showing of Columbia Entertainment Company's production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" by David Yazbek & Jekrey Lane. After the show, we will reconvene at Cracker Barrel for dinner.

On Saturday, July 15th we will enjoy a picnic at the castle at Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site. Bring a dish to share, and your own drinks. Utensils, plates, cups and ice will be provided. This is a very family friendly event, with table games, three legged races with prizes, and time to tour the castle. Please RSVP to our Fellowship Coordinator, Paula Thomas, at paulalou52@gmail.com by July 10.



A view of Bothwell Castle

On Friday-Saturday, October 6-7, we will take an overnight trip to Bentonville, Arkansas to visit Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Permanent exhibits are free for viewers, but at the time we are going there will be a special exhibit of Chihuly artwork, for which there is a \$10 entrance fee. The trip will also include a stop at the Top of the Rock museum in Branson. Final cost will be determined when we get a head count. RSVP's must be made to Paul Thomas (paulalou52@gmail.com) by September 1 in order to secure tickets, transportation, and lodging.



An example of Chihuly art



Congratulations to Beth and Eli Marchbanks and their son, Andrew, who was dedicated to God at the Traditional worship service on Sunday, May 21. Andrew was born August 6, 2016.

On Sunday, May 14, we recognized our graduates at both worship services, and celebrated with a cake between services. Congratulations to (pictured left to right with Pastor Carol) Bria Jones for completing her undergrad degree, Karlye Jeffries on her graduation from high school; and Bruno Nascimento on completion of his Master's degree.



Missions Lunch with Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen

The Missions Team is hosting a lunch for Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen on Thursday, June 22 at Noon in the Parlor. Keith and Mary were members at First Baptist before being commissioned by, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, as missionaries in 1996.

Keith and Mary, a husband and wife team living in the Netherlands, dub Christian films, children's videos, and audio recordings of scripture in major Romany languages.

The Romany people, often referred to as gypsies, have more than 20 different languages and dialects. With an oral rather than a written culture, Romany often must rely on what they hear about Jesus. As a minority, they face discrimination not only socially but by government systems as well. The discrimination extends even into churches.

Come hear more about their work! You may RSVP for the lunch by emailing Janet Deneke, Administrative Assistant at First Baptist, at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.



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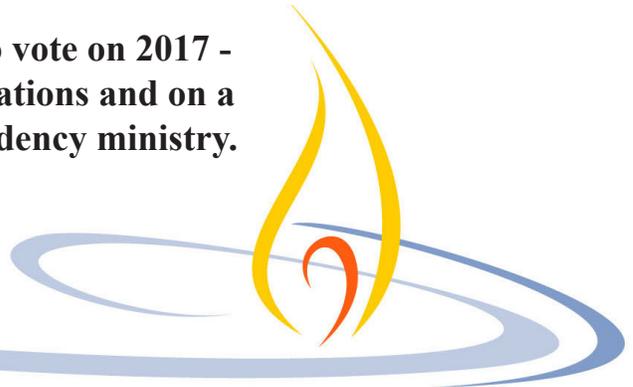


Sunday June 4th - All Church Worship and More!

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 and on a
candidate for our pastoral residency ministry.**



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