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Upcoming Worship Series: Discernment

Speaking to God is one thing; learning to listen is discernment. Join us for a sermon series on knowing God's will and hearing God's voice. Here are the themes for each week:

August 20	<i>I Would Know Your Skinny Butt Anywhere</i>
August 27	<i>Paying Attention</i>
Sept 3	<i>What God's Guidance is Not</i>
Sept 10	<i>How God Speaks</i>
Sept 17	<i>Practicing Discernment</i>



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Discernment: Listening for God's voice



Warm Welcome

Pastoral Resident Brittany McDonald Null

Sunday, August 6th

Brittany and her husband Bryce will be introduced, and Brittany will give her testimony, during both the 9:15 Awakening Service and the 11:15 Traditional Service. One of the key elements of the Residency Ministry is that everyone in the congregation will have the opportunity to invest in the life of our resident.

In keeping with that idea, we invite you to help welcome our resident on Sunday August 6th with an updated take on the old-fashioned church “pounding.” Now this has nothing to do with fisticuffs, but with the old church tradition of welcoming a new minister to the community by sharing a bit of what you have. You might share a pound of sugar or a pound of flour,



some canned goods, bake mixes, or some vegetables from the garden. If food prep isn't your strong suit, then consider sharing a gift card to a favorite Columbia eatery or grocery store. If everyone pitches in, no one has to give much. It is a simple way for us to practice hospitality as we welcome our new Pastoral Resident into our church family.



You can sign up for items by marking your bulletin insert on Sunday July 30th, or by using the church web page, fbc-columbia.org. Please bring your items to the church on or by Sunday, August 6th. We will present them to Brittany and Bryce during the service.

Brittany's first day in the office is Monday, August 7th. We encourage you in the coming weeks to reach out and make Brittany and Bryce feel welcome by extending an invitation for coffee, lunch or dinner, or just stopping by the office to get acquainted!

Our New Custodian

Even as we celebrate the retirement of our long time custodian, Glenn Owings, we are delighted to welcome Jason Bell onto the staff of First Baptist as our new custodian/maintenance engineer. Jason has assisted us on several occasions on the recommendation of our former Children's Ministry coordinator, Marsha Randell. As a 13+ year employee of the Columbia Public Schools, Jason also seems to be known and appreciated by almost every CPS employee who attends First Baptist. He is a terrific worker with a great attitude and you will love the opportunity to work with him starting next week.

Jason enjoys family life with his wife, Tyann, and their 4-year-old son, Ayden. In addition to his custodial work, he has a small painting and cleaning business. Jason is looking forward to helping out and doing his best for First Baptist. He describes himself as helpful and friendly, and those who already know him totally agree!





Sunday Morning Small Group Offering

The Enneagram

Now through August 27,
at 10:15 am in the Parlor



It's summer! You may have missed that our Sunday Morning Small Groups are combined for the summer to study the Enneagram. Don't worry - come anyway and enjoy this interesting personality type study. Our study is led by Rev. Dr. Wallis Landrum, and is based on the book "The Road Back to You" by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile. Join us as we learn who we are and how we relate to one another.

FALL KICK-OFF

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FRONT LAWN

SUNDAY AUG. 27TH - 12:15PM

BARNYARD BOUNCE HOUSE, INFLATABLE HORSE RACES,
ROPING COMPETITONS, BARNYARD PHOTO OPS AND
OF COURSE GOOD FOOD & FELLOWSHIP





Around the Church

Welcome Our Guest Preacher for July 30



Rev. Clyde Ruffin will be preaching for us on July 30. Clyde was officially licensed as a minister in the fall of 1970 as he entered the University of Iowa, where he completed undergraduate and graduate degrees in Speech and Dramatic Arts. Clyde became a senior faculty member at Mizzou in 1982. He has long followed a vision of a church overflowing with believers of all races and backgrounds who are fervent in love and worship, grounded in the Word of God and committed to serving the community; he lives this out as pastor of Second Baptist Church. In 2017, Rev. Ruffin was re-elected to the Columbia City Council as the representative for the First Ward and Mayor Pro Tem, which has provided a platform to address issues of social inequity, racial disparity and economic opportunity that continue to challenge our community. Rev. Ruffin and First Lady Sheila Ruffin have been married for forty years and are blessed to have four daughters and six grandchildren.

Sanctuary Cove Lighting Installed

The fluorescent lighting that runs in the ceiling coves of the sanctuary has been removed and replaced with LED lighting. You may have noticed that there were many dark spots along the coves – the old fluorescent lights are harder to find because they are being phased out of existence and the old ballasts are almost impossible to replace. The Trustees made this project one of their priorities for the year and work was completed last week. To accomplish this installation, every pew in the sanctuary was moved – quite a task.



Save the Date!

Kick-off
Wednesday, August 23rd

Wednesdays 6:00-7:15pm,

the calling

Students 6th- 12th Grade



First Kids Camp Starts Monday!

For three days, July 31 - August 2, kids from 3 years old through those entering 6th grade will learn to put faith into motion through worship, Bible stories, games and activities. Mornings are free; children can stay through the afternoons for \$25 per child. Those staying through the afternoon should bring a sack lunch.

Here is the daily schedule:

7:30 am	Early drop off for parents who work
9:00-Noon	Worship, Bible Study, crafts, recreation
12:00-1:00	Sack lunch and quiet activities
1:30-5:30	Special activities (such as Jabberwocky Studios)

Thy Kingdom Come



Church-wide Mission Trip July 28- Aug 3 Lakota Reservation- Bridger, South Dakota

On Friday, July 28th, First Baptist Church will send 14 members to the Lakota Reservation in Bridger, South Dakota to experience God's love as expressed through the people of the Bridger Community. Last year we began this relationship with the Lakota when four of our members joined with Second Baptist Church in Liberty as a part of the *Together for Hope* initiative, a ministry that began in 2001 to assist the 20 poorest counties in America. This year we once again partner with Second Liberty as we plan to tackle a wide range of tasks:

Host a rummage sale

Replace a water hydrant for the animals

Lay new cable to the windmill

Assist with a few community projects

Fix the roof on the horse shed

Do some trim work and painting

Repair fencing around the property

We also hope to do some work at the Takini School that we were able to connect with last year. As an additional task, we will be working on a video project to highlight the efforts of some of the specific ongoing ministries to the community that are supported by our partnership, including the horse ministry.



As you can see there is much to do so please be in prayer for our team.

I hope you will make it a priority to find the time at least twice this week to choose 3 names from the list below (even if you do not know them) and say a prayer for what God is doing through them and to them with this work among the Lakota people.

Julia Edgar

Elizabeth Edgar

Joe Edgar

Will Edgar

Monica Fulkerson

Karlye Jeffries

Michelle Kasmann

Elijah Kasmann

Holden Kausler

Jordan Kausler

Sheila Kausler

Michael McEntyre

Misty Phillips

Jackson Bush

Associate Pastor of Associate Pastor
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and Missions

First Baptist Bus

We have a new (new to us) bus, and it has already proved its usefulness. Immediately after its purchase, it was used for transportation to the Quest Family Camp. A few days later, First Baptist Adventures, pictured at right, took it on their day trip to Bothwell Castle. This weekend it serves as primary transportation for the mission trip to Bridger, South Dakota. When it's not in use, you can see this mobile addition to First Baptist's facilities in our parking lot.



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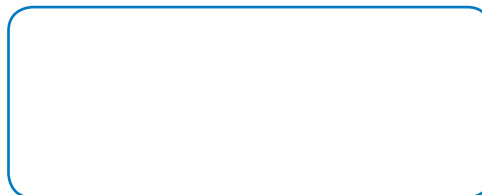
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Celebrating Glenn Owings' Retirement Sunday, July 30th

This Sunday, July 30th, marks Glenn's last day with us after nearly 35 years of service. To thank him and to congratulate him on his retirement, we will recognize him in Awakening and Traditional worship services this Sunday. There will be a reception in the Elevator Lobby after the Awakening service, and in the children's wing following Traditional worship. A basket will be provided for cards. Monetary gifts already received by the church will be presented to Glenn as one consolidated gift on Sunday.



Register Now for First Kids Camp Starts Monday!



Register on-line through First Baptist's website, fbc-columbia.org. If you prefer you may print and complete the registration form, and either drop it in the box downstairs or turn it in when you bring your children. Further details are inside.