

August 9, 2017

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## Church-wide Mission Trip to Bridger, South Dakota



Our team had a great week ministering to and learning from the Lakota people in Bridger, SD. We are grateful to Second Baptist Church in Liberty, Missouri for their continued partnership in this effort. Our team consisted of 6 adults, 6 youth and college students, and 2 preschoolers, along with several others from Second Baptist. We hope you will make an effort to join us for our Mission Report on Sunday, August 20th in both worship services, when we share more about our experience.

Thank you for your prayers and support during our trip.

**Fall Kick-off**  
August 27th, 2017  
12:15pm on the Front lawn  
Food, Fellowship and Fun

The banner features a blue background with a brown rope border and red and white paisley patterns on the sides. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.

We will enjoy a western theme with a barnyard bounce house, inflatable-horse races, roping competition, photo ops, and – as always – good food and fellowship! The church will provide chicken, beverages, and tableware. Please bring a side dish to share.



*Through all the varied songs  
 Earth's many voices raise  
 Hear how the whole creation longs  
 To sing the artist's praise  
 Who tunes the world for sound  
 And sets our hearts to beat,  
 and with a music more profound  
 Makes all our songs complete.*

*(Thomas Troeger)*

Someone once said that “music is the best way to unite with God.” That’s pretty amazing stuff! And that’s something I think many of you may want to experience firsthand! If that’s the case, we’ve got music for you that not only unites you with God but also enables you to share laughter and tears with others making music for God.

Here are a few of the options that are starting up in the near future – why don’t you consider joining us?

**Chancel Choir** – rehearsals resume August 16. The choir rehearses in the sanctuary from 7:30-8:45, and we’ve got a place for you.

**Chancel Bells** – rehearsals resume August 23. The bell choir meets in the sanctuary from 6:30-7:30. If you’ve played for years, come on and join the fun. If you’ve never played, I bet we can help you learn and discover the joy of ringing for God.

**Psalm Players Band** – this group will begin again on Wednesday, August 23 from 5:30-6:30 in the sanctuary. We are looking to add new instrumentalists to our group. If you currently play an instrument in a band, here’s another place to practice. If you haven’t played in years, but wouldn’t mind trying again, you are welcome!

We have fun and we grow in our faith at the same time. There’s a place for you in music at First Baptist. Contact Ed Rollins for information or to chat at 442-1149 or [rollins@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:rollins@fbc-columbia.org).

Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church

## Office Closed

The church office will be closed August 21, the day of the solar eclipse.



Enjoy the sight without ruining your sight - don't forget your eclipse glasses!



**Child Development Center**  
 at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year, which begins August 15.

We welcome children ages 2 through 5. Our hours are 7:15-5:30 Monday-Friday. For more information contact Jess Wolfe at 573-443-7677 or [ccddirector@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:ccddirector@fbc-columbia.org).



## Sunday Morning Small Groups will kick-off September 3 at 10:15 am

Our adult Sunday morning small groups are dedicated to studying scripture and building community among the adults of First Baptist. This summer, our small groups have been meeting together to study the Enneagram. September 3, we will resume our normal Sunday morning schedule. If you haven't participated in a group in the past, this is a great time to join one.

**The Faith Forum Class** is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another. We try to put the lesson in the context of our personal lives and current events. The class does not have a teacher but all help with the learning. Charles Hunter helps guide the discussion. Anyone is welcome, any Sunday you want to stop in. We meet in E-2 by the elevator on the second floor.

**Young(ish) Adult Group** is made up of people who are single and married, with kids and without. We meet in the library outside the church offices on the second floor. We spend a lot of time building community, just getting to know each other and sharing life. The facilitator is Sherry Wyatt. Come join us!

**The Discussion Class** is beginning a study of God's covenants with humans. These lessons challenge us to live as the covenant people we are, reminding us of God's promise: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I will remove your stony heart from your body and replace it with a living one" (Ezekiel 36:26). Join us for the journey. We meet in the Parlor on the second floor!

**The Women's Small Group** studies and discusses the sermon text for the day; the group is facilitated by Pastor Carol McEntyre. We try to create a space for women to develop deep friendships, share joys and concerns, support one another and study scripture together. Join us in the hospitality room off the Sanctuary.

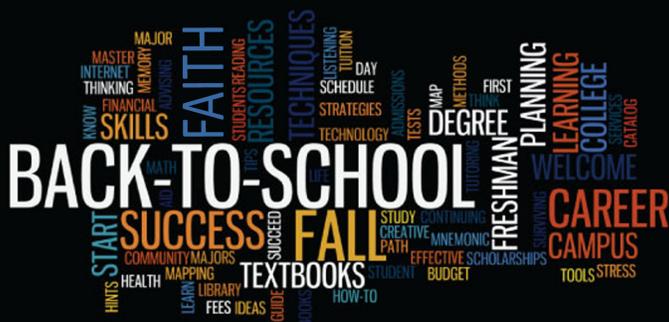
Jesus was in a small group.



life change happens in small groups

## Save the Date!

College Bible Study starts back  
Sunday, Sept 10th at 5:30pm



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Kick-off  
Wednesday, August 23rd

Wednesdays 6:00-7:15pm,

the calling

Students 6th- 12th Grade



## **Solar Eclipse: A Celestial Celebration** Friday, August 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary - free admission Reception to Follow

Pre-concert music at 6:45 p.m.:

Saint Saens: *Danse Macabre*, arr. G. Anderson for 5 pianos

Concert pieces:

Clarke: *Orange Dawn* for flute & piano

Finzi: *Fear No More the Heat o' the Sun*

Prokofiev: *Memory of the Sun* for mezzo-soprano & piano

Tsontakos: from *Eclipse* for clarinet, violin, cello and piano

Daughtrey: *Tangling Shadows* for soprano saxophone and percussion

Holst: *The Planets* arr. G. Anderson for 5 pianos

Crumb: *Makrokosmos III: Music for a Summer Evening* for 2 pianos and percussion



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## **Contact Information Updates**

“The only thing that is constant is change.” (*Heroclitus*)

This applies to addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, even our names and family configurations. I've made many changes to this information in Servant Keeper (our member database) in my several months here. Unfortunately, when the office computer crashed and was restored several weeks ago, Servant Keeper was not restored to the newest data. Even if that had not happened, however, contact information and family data simply becomes obsolete over time.



For the remaining Sundays in August, please check the entrance to our worship spaces for a data sheet with the information we currently have for you in Servant Keeper, and mark it with any changes. Especially be sure we have a current phone number so that Janet, our Administrative Assistant, can reach you for any clarifications.

We will also reach out to any of you who worship with us in spirit during that time, so that we can stay in touch with you!



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## **Special Thanks**

A crash and a tinkle is never a good thing, but especially when it happens in the sanctuary with such beautiful windows. A nearby leaf blower threw this object from across Waugh Street into one of our windows.

We are grateful to Michael Brewer for matching the stained glass and repairing the window.

# First Kids Camp



## First Kids Camp

We had a wonderful three days with over 40 children from the church, the Child Development Center, and the community participating in our inaugural First Kids Camp, with VBS-style learning opportunities in the mornings, and specialized activities in the afternoons. Thanks to all who brought their children to us, and much gratitude to all who gave time and other resources to make the event a success!



"I loved the games!"  
-Gilam Galloway

"I liked  
the music and Mr. Ed.  
I liked how you did the actions and  
made funny faces."  
-Grayson Hoell



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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 Would Know Your  
Skinny Butt Anywhere*

August 27

*Paying Attention*

Sept 3

*What God's Guidance  
is Not*

Sept 10

*How God Speaks*

Sept 17

*Practicing Discernment*