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First Baptist Church  
columbia



## And None Shall be Afraid

### Advent 2017

Our Advent theme this year comes from a line in a hymn by Brian Wren, which says, "When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid." This Advent, come contemplate how the birth of Jesus invites us to move from a culture of fear to a place of more hope, more peace, more love and more joy!

#### Worship Schedule

**Advent I: Sunday, Dec 3**

Hanging of the Greens  
Luke 1:5-17: *From Fear to Hope*

**Advent II: Sunday, Dec 10**

Luke 1:26-38: *From Fear to Peace*

**Advent III: Sunday, Dec 17**

Matthew 1:18-25: *From Fear to Love*

**Advent IV: Sunday, Dec 24**

Luke 2:8-20: *From Fear to Joy*



## First Kids Music: Breaking News!!

Our children are doing a great job preparing for the annual Christmas dinner and a presentation of “Breaking News!,” a newscast of events that happened on the night of Jesus’ birth. Parents, a recording of all the music is available now for you to play at home, in your car, or on your cell phone. See Associate Pastor Ed Rollins or Director of Children’s Ministry Yvette Chambers to get your copy.

### Extra Fun Bonus Rehearsals

The first extra fun bonus rehearsal takes place this Saturday morning, November 18, from 9:30-11 in the Fellowship Hall. We’ll sing, move, have some snacks and play. Even if your child has not been able to attend the Sunday afternoon First Kids Music time, please plan to come and join in the fun. This is for our four year olds to 5th graders. It will be a great time to start thinking about putting the newscast together.

The 2nd Extra Fun Bonus Rehearsal will happen on Saturday, December 9 and we’ll provide more information about that.



*The children are not learning sign language for “nanny nanny boo boo,” but the sign for “mother.” You’ll see it used as they sing “Silent Night.”*

## Christmas Dinner



Sunday evening, December 10 from 5-8 pm is First Baptist’s annual Christmas dinner. Come prepared for a lovely meal with turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and wonderful side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. Our dinner this year will feature “Breaking News!,” the Christmas story as presented by First Kids.



## Advent Decorating and You: Here’s How to Help

During Advent our worship spaces will be adorned with hundreds of stars. Many thanks to all of you who have been cutting and/or folding stars – it’s amazing how many are starting to appear. During the business meeting last Sunday, you created almost 200 stars. Thank you - you are All-“Stars!” That being said, keep them coming – the more the merrier.

Now, what will we do with all of those stars? That’s part of the fun and mystery of our Advent this year. We need your help to create a worship space where the stars shine bright and remind us of that bright star that led us to a manger. The manger is the place where God joined us on earth to love us and remind us to trust and not fear. Star helpers are needed on **Monday and Tuesday, Nov 20 and 21** from 9-12 to help us begin preparing the stars for their placement in our worship spaces. It will be easy work, but again, the more star helpers the merrier.

Then, a reminder that on **November 26th** following worship, we will set up trees and unpack Advent decorations.

The following two days, **Monday November 27th and Tuesday the 28th** will be when we need your assistance to set stars up and prepare for the Hanging of the Green which will take place on Sunday, December 3. Our work times will be Monday from 6-9 pm so that those who work during the day can assist, and on Tuesday from 9-3. We’d love to have you join us as we prepare for the Advent season.



## Poinsettias

During Advent, the church's worship spaces will be graced with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to place one or more of these festive plants in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the envelope form (found in the worship spaces on Sunday) along with \$10 for each poinsettia you order. Return the form to the office or place it in the offering plate. You may also send an order by mail. Please be sure to specify your name; the person the flower is to honor or memorialize, and the number of flowers. Orders should be received by November 29.



## Staff Open House

On Wednesday, December 20 from 3-6 pm the First Baptist staff is hosting an open house at the home of Michael and Carol McEntyre at 1604 Brady Place. As a staff, we feel grateful to serve at First Baptist. This is our way of saying "thank you!" Thank you, First Baptist, for being so good to us and for making our job easy!



## Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Should snow, ice, or other inclement weather fall on the weekend, Sunday morning Awakening Worship and Small Groups will be canceled; we will join together in one combined 11:15 am worship service.

On the weekdays, our policy is to cancel all events if Columbia Public Schools are canceled.



Notification will be made on the church facebook page or at these local media stations: KFRU (1400 AM), KPLA (101.5 FM), Zimmer Radio Groups, KOMU-TV8, and KMIZ-TV17. We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.

## Advent Events At-a-Glance

Clip this calendar out for convenience!  
All events are detailed elsewhere.

### November 18

9:30-11 am First Kids music rehearsal

### November 20 & 21

9 am-noon preparing stars for hanging

### November 23-24

Office closed for Thanksgiving

### November 26

After worship set up trees, unpack decorations

### November 27

6-9 pm hanging stars and other Advent preparation

### November 28

9 am-3 pm hanging stars and other Advent preparation

### December 1

Odyssey Concert

### December 2

First Baptist Adventures to Holiday Homes Tour  
University Concert Choral concert

### December 3

Hanging of the Greens During Worship  
College and Young Adult Christmas Party

### December 8 and 12

Columbia Handbell Ensemble concert

### December 9

9:30-11 am First Kids music rehearsal  
Columbia Civic Orchestra concert

### December 10

5 pm Church-wide Christmas Dinner  
and First Kids Music Program

### December 20

2 pm office closes for staff open house  
3-6 pm Staff Open House at McEntyre's Home  
5:30 Youth Christmas Party at McEntyre's Home



## Columbia Handbell Ensemble Winter Concerts

The nationally recognized Columbia Handbells are back on stage for their annual crowd pleasing Winter Concerts, Friday, December 8 – 7:00 pm and Tuesday, December 12 – 7:00 pm in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall. The group will be presenting a terrific concert of songs about “peace,” seasonal carols, a sing-a-long, and of course, the famous bell carol – “Hark, hear the bells....” It will be fun for all ages! It’s always a seasonal favorite when this group rings in the holidays, so plan to join us and root on First Baptist participants, Noah Hartsfield, *anna provo* (now playing percussion in the Awakening Praise Band) and Ed Rollins. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door, and only \$1 for kids 12 and under.



### Other Holiday Concerts at First Baptist

**December 2**

3 pm University Concert Chorale

**December 9**

7:30 pm Columbia Civic Orchestra

The Columbia Civic Orchestra and the Perlman-Stoy School of Ballet present scenes from Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite, Prokofiev’s “Troika,” and “Winter” from Vivaldi’s Four Seasons. The concert begins at 7:30 pm. Admission is free. For more information go to <http://cco.missouri.org/>.

Odyssey Concert Series Presents:

### JOYEUX NOËL: Fauré & Ravel

Friday, December 1 at 7 pm, First Baptist Church with a pre-concert performance at 6:45pm by Thornbrook Piano Trio.

Leroy Anderson’s popular ‘Sleigh Ride’ is tricky in a rendition for two pianos by Greg Anderson. That’s only the beginning: executions required of this jaw-dropping program will leave you breathless! Featured are Guillaume Connesson’s Techno-Parade for



clarinet, saxophone and piano; DRAX with Leo Saguiguit, saxophone and Megan Arns, percussion; and Nikolai



Kapustin’s jazzy and notoriously virtuosic Concerto for two pianos and percussion. This is one musical party you will want to attend!



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

### CDC Annual Auction

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s silent auction. We raised around \$1200. The proceeds for the auction will be used to help support the Child Development Center’s working budget. A special thank you to Trudy Clevenger for all of her hard work! Many items are in the CDC office for pick-up.

## Office Closed

Please note that the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

We will also close early on Wednesday, December 20 for the staff open house.



## First Baptist Adventures



December's adventure will be organized by Lili Vianello and John Shrum, whose home is featured in the 2017 Women's Symphome League's Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, December 2. The tour also includes the homes of Mayor Brian Treece and Mary Phillips; Jane Mandel; and the Swain family, as well as a decorated area of Provision Living. These homes will be beautifully decorated for the holidays. Most of the homes are older; some have had extensive renovations.

We plan to meet at the church at 12:30 on December 2 and use the bus to travel to the featured homes. Depending on the group's needs, we will either walk between the houses or move the bus from house to house. The tour will take 2-3 hours.

Advance tickets are \$15 each, or \$10 each for a group of at least 10. Please contact Lili if you are interested, and when there is a final count she will announce the final price. The tour benefits the Missouri Symphony Society.



## Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-lesson class on money management taught by America's most trusted financial guru. With facilitator Amanda Jacobs, Dave Ramsey and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future and much more. Amanda is offering the course on Wednesday evenings from January 10 through March 7, 2018, from 6:00 -7:30 pm in the conference room.

When you start Financial Peace University, you get immediate access to your online account which includes video of Dave's teaching as well as additional reading and tools to help you win with money! Come learn how to handle your money God's way!

To sign up, contact Amanda Jacobs at [amanda@jacobsrealty.com](mailto:amanda@jacobsrealty.com).



Wednesdays 6- 7:15pm, Youth Suite

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Students 6th- 12th Grade

### Youth Bible Study

Wednesday Nights, 6:00-7:15 pm. The Calling is our mid-week Bible study designed for students grade 6-12. Join us in the Youth Suite on 3rd floor! On Wednesday, December 20 we will meet at the McEntyre's for a Christmas party.

## Upcoming Events for College and Young Adults

**Sunday, Nov 19:** Thanksgiving Break - no College and Young Adult Bible Study.

**Sunday, Nov 26:** College and Young Adult Bible Study. Students are invited to join us for dinner at 5:30 pm followed by the continuation of our study on the Incarnation.

**Sunday, Dec 3:** We will celebrate Christmas at our I-Can't-Believe-We're-Having-a-Christmas-Party-This-Early Party. Details will be announced soon.

## Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations

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

Jone Huggins, who is recovering from a stroke.

Barry Kausler, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Trish Blair, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Koge Yasuda, who is in hospice care.

### Other Prayer Concerns:

Emily and Scott Dahm (Deb Carr and Ed Rollins' daughter and son-in-law), during Scott's deployment.

Michelle Kasmann requests prayers for her grandfather, who has begun treatment for cancer.

Rebecca Leach's dad Kerry, who is battling with pancreatic cancer. Prayers for him and her stepmom, Pam.

Christine Chang's stepfather, Jim Jones, as he continues to battle cancer.

### Celebrations:

Congratulations to Grandpa Charles Hunter and Great Aunt Jane Hunter on the birth of Delia Carol Pine. Delia was born on November 11 at 1:09 am, weighing in at 8 pounds and measuring 21 inches long. The parents are Scott and Leah (Hunter) Pine.

Congratulations to Becky Steere on her upcoming marriage! The church family is invited to a shower in her honor on Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 at the home of Janet Kieffer at 7 E. Burnam.

Thy Kingdom Come



## Give to American Baptist Churches- USA Mission Offering this November

During November our First Baptist family has the opportunity to support the mission efforts of our American Baptist partners at home and around the world. This year our annual missions offering will support the much-needed disaster



recovery efforts funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry, and the ongoing work of ABC-USA missionaries around the world.

Our hope is to give to those who are currently working to overcome tragedy and destruction, as well as those who will remain after the relief efforts are finished to

carry on the good work of the Gospel. Contributions should be

made out to First Baptist Church. Please be sure to put ABC Missions Offering in the memo line of your check and/or place it in one of the special missions offering envelopes. We hope you will give generously to support the work of the American Baptist Church throughout the world and take advantage of this unique opportunity.



Thank you,

Mark Thomas, Chair of the Serving Team



## Voluntary Action Center

the heart of service  
in Boone County

## VAC Family Sponsorship

Voluntary Action Center (VAC) is a non-profit that exists to help low-income individuals and families bridge the gaps between crisis and stability and improve quality of life in Boone County. Each year VAC coordinates the collection and distribution of food and gifts for approximately 4,000 people during the holiday season. First Baptist is participating in the VAC holiday program by sponsoring 3 families. In addition to toys, books, and games families often receive needed clothing and household supplies through this program. The cards listing the items that our families have requested are located on the bulletin board, in the hallway, outside the Sanctuary. Get involved by choosing an item that you would like to donate, take the card, bring item backed wrapped and attach the card to the outside of the package. Contact Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Missions, with questions at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org).

## 2018 Pledge update

Pledges for the 2018 general operating budget are coming in steadily after the pledge walk during our combined worship on November 12. To date, 52 pledges have been received, totaling \$208,764 - thank you!

If you have not yet been able to return your pledge for 2018, pledge cards are available at each entrance of our worship spaces. We are hoping to reach \$300,000 in pledges.



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## Advent Wreath Workshop

Enhance your home devotional life for Advent with your own handcrafted wreath! Sunday, November 26 at 10:15 during the Small Group Hour, all generations are invited to an Advent wreath workshop. We'll have cider and carols to help set the mood.

Not crafty or artistic? Don't worry - Brenda Rice will be on hand with how-to's, instructions and advice. Brittany McDonald Null and Michael McEntyre will also be there to help you understand the ritual use of an Advent wreath together with a printed Advent devotional guide with a reflection on the theme of each week of Advent. The wreath can become a centerpiece that calls you to enter into the hope, peace, joy and love found in God's gift of Jesus.

We will have wreath forms, greens, wire, candles and ribbon. There is a suggested donation of \$20 per wreath.



**REGISTER  
NOW**

Please sign up now to ensure we have enough supplies on hand - contact the church office at [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org) or 442-1149.