

December 27, 2017

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First Baptist Church
columbia



Calendar of Events for Visioning

Sunday, January 7 and 14, 10:15 am:

Community Leader Forum

During the Sunday Morning Small Group Hour, we will hear from different community leaders about Columbia from their perspective. It is an opportunity to learn more about the community we are called to serve! Come hear from Columbia leaders including Jim Spain, Interim Provost at MU, and Stephanie Browning, Director of Columbia/Boone County Public Health & Human Services.

Sunday, January 28, 9:15 am:

Combined Worship & Ministry Review

We will come together for Combined Worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for a continental breakfast and a ministry review. This will be an opportunity to learn about all the different ministries and to reflect on them. To ask questions like: what in congregational life is working well? What needs improvement? If we were going to drop something, what would it be?

Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am:

Visioning Listening Session

Dr. Chris Gambill will lead us in a time of reflection on our past. This will be an opportunity for you to share what the church means to you and when we have been at our best.

Sunday, February 4, 9:15 am:

Combined Worship & Visioning Listening Session

We will come together for Combined Worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for a continental breakfast and a visioning session led by Dr. Chris Gambill in which we will reflect on the gifts God has given us and how we might use them in unique ways for ministry.



Business Meeting

January 21 at 10:15

(during the Small Group hour)

The meeting will focus on discussion and approval of the budget for 2018, and on the nomination of church leadership for 2018.



Christ the Savior is Born!



Early Sunday morning snow did not affect the warmth of joy that characterized our worship last weekend. In the morning we talked about what it meant to move from fear to joy. Then at 11 pm, the joy of Christ's coming was celebrated with the retelling of the Christmas story, the lighting of the Christ candle, communion, and our beautiful candlelight experience as we sang Silent Night. May the joy of Christ's coming continue to bring you joy, now and always.



Kids@Heart: A Children's Concert **Tales Around the World**

January 13, 2018 – Saturday 3pm, First Baptist Church
(Snow day Jan 20)

In collaboration with the Mid-Missouri Area Music Teachers Association

Performers include students of
Carrie Conklin, Janelle Lutz, Anne Manahan, Ayako Tsuruta

Upcoming Events



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 videos of Dave's teaching, additional reading material, and tools to help you win with money! Come learn how to handle your money God's way!

You can save \$20 on registration by visiting <https://fpu.com/1053453>.

Unidiversity Youth Camp- July 22-28th

Deposits due Feb 4th



Our youth are heading back to Unidiversity Camp this year (July 22-28th). Like many of the camps we have been to, Unidiversity offers the opportunity for our students to meet, worship, and grow with other students from churches around the country. Unidiversity offers a good mix of fun, worship, and community that our students look forward to.

The cost for camp will be \$230 per camper, with a \$30 discount for additional siblings. There is the possibility of leaving early or coming back a day later if we add a side trip (cost may fluctuate depending on additional activities). As always, further financial assistance is available if needed. Please contact Michael at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. \$50 deposits for camp are due by Feb 4th.

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Critical Conversations in Troubled Times

Beginning in January, First Baptist will be partnering with Second Missionary Baptist Church and Broadway Christian Church to participate in a conversation about racism and how faith communities can help bring about grassroots change. The kickoff will be a potluck dinner on January 14 at 4:30 at Second Missionary Baptist Church in Columbia. The meat will be provided. You are invited to bring a dish of food to share.

The conversation will revolve around reading and discussing “America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America” by Jim Wallis. We will meet monthly on a Sunday evening to talk about the book and learn from one another. The books are being provided by a grant, which Broadway Christian received. To get your free book and join the conversation, RSVP to Janet Deneke at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

Dreaming Together in 2018

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