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Did God Kill Jesus? UNDERSTANDING THE CROSS



Lent Sermon Series-February 24
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Upcoming Events

February 7-9
Church Directory Pictures

February 8-10
CBF College Pause Retreat

February 15
7:00 pm Odyssey Baroque Concert

February 17
11:15 am Combined Worship and Brittany McDonald Null's Ordination Service

February 18 - March 3
First Baptist Hosts Room at the Inn

February 24
Lent Sermon Series: *Did God Kill Jesus? Understanding the Crucifixion*

CBF Offering for Global Missions

February 2019

During the month of February, First Baptist members will have the opportunity to support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Your support of the Offering for Global Missions will share the Gospel message and provide tangible gifts of God's grace and mercy. 100% of your gifts to the offering goes to missions funding, including the work of our very own Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen. Your gifts can be placed in one of the Global Missions envelopes in worship or indicated on the memo line of the check. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. The church will send one check to CBF following the offering. Thank you for your generosity.



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Did God Kill Jesus?
UNDERSTANDING THE CROSS

Sermon Series
 Feb. 24
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 April 21

Throughout history, Christians have contended that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, humans are reconciled to God. The cross has been considered a focal point of that reconciliation. In theological terms, this is called the atonement. The word atonement literally means at-one-ment. Atonement is the process by, which God makes humanity one with God; it is the process of reconciliation.

So, Christians agree that through Jesus we are reconciled to God but exactly how that act of God actually works, its mechanics, has never been agreed on in Christian history. There is no consensus about how it works! Some Christians have taught that reconciliation happens because Jesus Christ died as a ransom sacrifice, paid either to Satan (the most dominate view), or to God. And, Jesus' death then acts as a payment to satisfy the debt on the souls of the human race. Because this debt is paid, we are reconciled. Other Christians have taught that reconciliation happens because Jesus Christ's death defeated the powers of evil (such as sin, death, and the devil) in order to free humankind from their bondage. Throughout Christian history, different models or lenses have been used to explain how reconciliation happens- the two I just mentioned are called The Ransom Model and Christus Victor Model.

Since this sermon series is a weighty theological study of the cross and atonement, we are offering two small group opportunities to coincide with the sermon series. The small groups will be a chance to dive deep into each approach to the atonement, unpack what we are learning, and ask questions. Even if you don't typically go to small group, you are invited to join the discussion.

-Lent Discussion Groups-

Understanding the Cross

Facilitated by: *Kim Siegenthaler*
 March 17-April 21

Sundays at 10:15 am in the parlor

Understanding the Cross

Facilitated by: *Henry Imler*
 February 24-April 21

Sundays at 10:15 am in the library



I love to read. There are so many great accessible books about the Christian faith. Books that are written in a conversational style. Books that include stories and humor, but deal with topics we all think about like: how to grow in our faith, what to do when we have

doubts, prayer, or understanding the Bible. Often times, I will read a great Christian book and think, "I wish the whole church could read this!" So, I had the idea to put together a little free library that would be stocked with the best in Christian books. Mike Brewer graciously agreed to build us a lovely Little Library, which looks like a church. It will be located on the Second floor of the education building in the elevator lobby. Come by and borrow a book. When you are finished, return it and let someone else read it. P.S. It is small library, so we are not equipped to take donated books. The teaching team and I will keep the library stocked with great books.

Carl McEntyre



*-2019 Chili Cookoff Winners-
1st-Shelby Myers, 2nd-Brian Steere
& 3rd-Carol McEntyre*



Odyssey Chamber Music Series Baroque Concerto February 15, 7:00 pm First Baptist Church

"Baroque Concerto" will feature a pre-collegiate concerto competition winner with the Odyssey Chamber Ensemble, led by Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra conductor Patrick Clark. The highlight of the concert is the annual Bach Cantata with Bach Collegium Choir directed by R. Paul Crabb, performed with the Odyssey Chamber Ensemble.



Laser Tag was fun for all ages!



Mary Beth Ming strikes a menacing pose



Room at the Inn Still needs volunteers

There has been an increased need for beds at Room at the Inn due to the cold weather and snow. They are trying to accommodate as many guests as possible, but have an increased need for volunteers as a result. If you are available to assist with the check-in shift (arrive at 6 pm), please consider helping them.



First Baptist will host Room at the Inn from Sunday, February 17 to Sunday, March 3 in the Fellowship Hall, but you don't have to wait until then to help. You can sign up for a volunteer spot with RATI today by going to <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org>.

Child Development Entrance Volunteers Needed February 18-March 1

7:15-8:30 am and 4:00-5:30 pm.



First Baptist is also specifically asking for volunteers to serve outside the CDC entrance each morning and afternoon during dropoff and pickup to greet CDC parents and kids and direct any guests for RATI around to the front of the building for check-in or assistance. Sign up for this opportunity can only be done by contacting the church directly. You can call the office at 573-442-1149 or find the sign up link on our website at www.fbc-columbia.org



*Fun at the College & Young Adult Group
Kickoff 2019 at The Axe House*

Wednesdays 6-7:15pm

the calling

Students 6th- 12th Grade

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Wednesdays 6-7:15 pm

The Calling, our mid-week Middle and High School Bible study, meets from 6:00-7:15 pm in the Youth Suite. All students and friends are welcome.



First Baptist children creating word art!

First Baptist Church Children's Ministry

New Spark House Lectionary Curriculum

We have kicked off our new Sparkhouse Lectionary curriculum. It has been a wonderful and meaningful experience for our children. This amazing curriculum helps our children explore Bible story themes with creative activities, interesting facts, and stories. These fun, thoughtful activities help kids see how the Bible stories relate to the world around them. The active learning includes hands-on activities, interactive games, and creative crafts. This week, Ms. Lillian's class learned that Jesus was God's favorite word. We used our bodies to learn how to spell JESUS and had great conversation while doing so.

-Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry



Lucas Tratchel helps with offering during the Awakening Service

\$50 For 50!



In celebration of their 50th year of quality preschool education, the Child Development Center is asking church members to donate \$50 during the month of February to help replenish their scholarship fund. This fund provides educational experiences for disadvantaged youth, contributes to their technology initiative which will enhance the overall program and safety, and for new tricycles to replace broken ones.

Donations can be made to the Child Development Center and left at the CDC office, church office, or left in the offering plates during Sunday service.

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"Return Service Requested"



**Brittany
McDonald
Null's
Ordination**

February 17
11:15 am
in the Sanctuary

Come and join us
for a very special
combined worship
in the Sanctuary
as we celebrate
Brittany McDonald
Null's ordination.

Following the
service, a reception
will be held in the
Fellowship Hall.



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