

April 3, 2019

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First Baptist Church
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Palm Sunday

April 14

Palm Sunday is a joyous day at First Baptist!

Children are invited to take part in a Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both Awakening (9:15 am) and Traditional (11:15 am) worship; parents, please bring your children to the back of the worship space a

few minutes before worship, so they can receive a palm leaf and join the processional.

First Baptist will also participate in the Downtown Palm Sunday Service in conjunction with other area churches. This special service takes place in the middle of the street on Broadway. We will meet on the front lawn at 10:20 am and walk downtown together.



Upcoming Events

April 14

Palm Sunday

April 19

6:00 pm Good Friday Worship

April 20

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

April 21

Easter Sunday

May 3

7:00 pm Odyssey Spring Night Concert

Good Friday - April 19

Friday: the day the world turned dark and all hope was lost - the day of death. On Good Friday, we will gather at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to join the lament of those who follow Christ. It is a final moment of preparation prior to the joy of Easter.

Easter Sunday- April 21

Easter morning begins with a celebration of the Resurrection at the 9:15 am Awakening Contemporary Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy pastries and beverages from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. Traditional Worship will celebrate the Risen Christ at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.



ALL IN Visioning Team Presentation - April 28

The Visioning Team is excited to announce that on Sunday, April 28 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall, during the Small Group hour, we will report on the outcomes of the visioning process. The goal of the visioning process was to help us focus our intentions as we seek to be Christ-like disciples in authentic community for the good of the world. It was a chance to think about how we, as First Baptist, use our voice, our energy, and our money to share the inclusive, transforming love of God in the next few years to come. From the outset, we planned to come out of the visioning process with some focus statements or areas that we would give particular attention to over the next few years.

Last fall, the church held 3 visioning sessions.

Over the course of two weekends, we spent time dreaming about the future of our church and reflecting on what we are doing well as a church, and where we need to improve. Through these sessions, we collected 542 individual comments, statements, suggestions, dreams, and thoughts about our church and ministry! Since the fall, the Visioning Team, comprised of John Adams, Oleta Forsee, Sandy Hall, Noah Hartsfield, Stephen Hoell, Ross Kasmann, and Kim Siegenthaler, has been working to organize the data and look for areas of focus.

We were trying to determine what themes and patterns emerged, to see where our passions for ministry and our desires for our community of faith were in alignment. After months of faithful work, the Visioning Team is excited to present to the congregation the areas of focus that emerged. The focus areas are:

- *Strengthening authentic community within the congregation*
- *Increasing accessibility and inclusivity in First Baptist ministries and facilities*
- *Enriching ministry to children and their families*
- *Sustaining the Pastoral Residency Ministry*
- *Deepening community engagement*
- *Expanding external communication*

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Please plan to join us on Sunday, April 28 for the Visioning Team's presentation about the focus areas, discussion about the action items that relate to each focus statement, and an opportunity for you to give us feedback.

Carl McIntyre



Are You ForColumbia?

Sign-ups are open for ForColumbia, the city-wide day of service for churches which takes place on Saturday, April 27. There are morning and afternoon time slots available. ForColumbia is a city-wide day of service that brings together churches in Columbia to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. You can register through the church website or at www.forcolumbia.com/volunteer/. If you wish to work at one of the sites First Baptist is leading, simply put the project name in the comments section during your registration (project names and descriptions are listed below). Know that First Baptist volunteers are not limited to one of these sites. Currently there are over 65 unique ministry opportunities around the city you could participate in that day. You can find out more about these sites on the ForColumbia webpage. You can list your skills and preferences on the registration page and ForColumbia can place you where you are most needed. First Baptist will be leading sites at:



- Hickman High School (working outside with landscaping and painting, some light painting projects inside, and building storage shelves for athletics)
- Benton Elementary (working to restore 2 greenhouses to working form by creating a ground cover to block weeds, restructuring shelving to better suit needs, and creating an innovative watering system)
- FBC Prayer Hub (morning site gathered to pray for the day of service and specific needs that arise during the day)
- Meal Prep at Memorial Baptist (a family friendly site helping to prepare freezer meals to supply to area ministries in need)

If you need help registering, there will be people to assist you after the services on April 7 and 14. We hope you will make plans to join this city-wide day of service on April 27. Be sure to sign up by Sunday, April 14!



Online Giving

Have you tried our new online giving option yet? To give online, go to the church website at www.fbc-columbia.org. On the top of the page, click on the link that says Online Payments/Giving. There you can create your secure account and make a single payment or even set up a recurring payment.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions or need assistance with the process.

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Life of the Church

-First Baptist Ski Trip 2019-



\$50 for 50 Thank You!

The Child Development Center extends a huge thank you to everyone who donated to our \$50 for 50 drive. Thanks to all of your generous contributions, we have already raised \$1,100 to go towards our scholarship fund. This fund helps provide quality preschool education to children with financial need. We are still accepting donations if you would like to help with this worthy cause. Again, thank you for your support.

-Jess Wolfe, Child Development Center



Child Development Center
at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

Now Enrolling!

The Child Development Center at First Baptist Church is now enrolling for Summer and Fall for children ages 2 - 6 years.

Space is limited, so don't delay in turning in your enrollment forms. Enrollment forms may be found in the CDC office or on the bulletin board in the CDC hallway.

For more information contact:

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UNIDIVERSITY *Youth Camp*



Unidiversity Youth Camp

July 20-27

Our youth are heading back to Unidiversity Camp this summer, July 20-27! 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 \$250 per camper, with a \$30 discount for additional siblings. As always, further financial assistance is available if needed. Please contact Michael at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

\$50 deposits for camp are due by April 28. Two \$100 payments will be due May 26 and June 23.

Youth Envelope Challenge

April 2019

The Envelope Challenge is a way to help make sure that every student who wants to go to events like youth camp, mission experiences, fall and spring events, and other ministry outings has the resources available to them to participate. Envelopes ranging from \$1 to \$100 are placed on the bulletin board in the Children's Building hallway. Church members are encouraged to use these envelopes to give during the month of April. All the money raised by this challenge will go directly to the Youth Scholarship Fund, allowing us the freedom to work with families needing further assistance to make sure no student is left out because of financial constraints. Just choose an envelope (or several) from the board, place the amount of money printed on the outside in the envelope, and drop it in the offering. Your gifts go a long way in making our ministry possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Blessings,
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Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place for toddlers up to 5th Graders at First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am. There will be games, crafts, and treats. Please bring your own baskets for the egg hunt!

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