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First Baptist Church
columbia



Enjoying delicious food at the annual First Baptist Church Picnic last Sunday.



Children having fun in the bounce house.

Upcoming Events

July 20-27

Unidiversity Youth Camp

July 29-Aug 2

First Kids Camp

August 4

Combined Worship



Getting ready for the annual, highly competitive, Egg Toss Championship.



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly

June 19-21

Next week, June 19-21, Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre, Pastoral Resident Brittany McDonald Null, and I will be in Birmingham, AL for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly.

I will be participating in Governing Board meetings prior to the Assembly. During the assembly, Brittany and I will be leading a workshop entitled Creating Experiential Worship in a Historic Baptist Church. We will be talking about the research from my doctoral project and how First Baptist seeks to create worship that is multi-sensory, experiential, enhanced with art and other imagery, is more participatory in nature, and less clergy centric.

Michael McEntyre, our Associate Pastor for Youth, College, Young Adults and Missions, will be attending workshops on youth and missions ministry and will have a chance to connect with CBF Field Personnel from around the world.

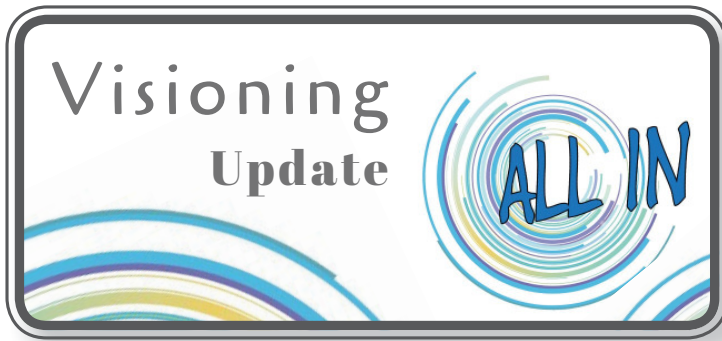
Carl McEntyre

Volunteer Background Checks

It is that time of year again! Once a year, First Baptist asks all our nursery, preschool, children and youth ministry volunteers to renew their background checks. All new volunteers are also asked to complete a background check before they begin to volunteer.

The safety and well-being of children and youth is essential; we want to do everything we can to protect children and youth while they are in our building and at church sponsored events. Background checks for volunteers are an important part of that protection. In addition, they are a standard best practice for ministry today.

The application and background check processes are handled through Protect My Ministry, a secure online service used by hundreds of churches and faith-based organizations. In the coming weeks, we will be distributing background check releases to all our volunteers. You can either bring it in a sealed envelope and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or bring it to the church office.



Inclusion Training August 2019

One focus area that came out of our All In Visioning process was “Work toward increased accessibility and inclusivity in First Baptist ministries and facilities.” To do this, we have committed to expand opportunities for inclusion education and

experiences. We know that it takes intentionality to be a diverse community.

We have identified two areas of inclusion that we want to work on this summer. The first is inclusion of people with disabilities, particularly children. The Children’s Ministry Team is already working to assess our current ministry and exploring ways to make it more accessible for children with disabilities. In addition, on August 18, during the small group hour, Christy Edwards, the mother of a special needs child, will talk about how churches can be supportive. Parenting a child who has autism or other special needs is challenging. Families often feel isolated and unwelcome within the church. We will be talking about how faith communities companion this growing population.

The second area of focus is the inclusion of transgender and nonbinary individuals. In 2014, First Baptist Widened Our Welcome and made it official that we would perform weddings for same-sex couples. At that time, our conversations focused on marriage equality. We took a deep dive into scripture, heard testimony from our gay and lesbian members and invited a therapist and a theologian to speak. Throughout all those conversations, we spent very little time talking about people who are transgender (a term used to describe people whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth) and nonbinary (a term used by those who experience their gender identity and/or gender expression as falling outside the categories of male and female). The one Sunday that was supposed to be devoted to talking about transgender and nonbinary individuals, the guest speaker went in their own direction! Transgender and nonbinary individuals are among the world’s most marginalized, misunderstood people. In 2017, advocates tracked at least 29 deaths of transgender people in the United States due to fatal violence. As a church that says we welcome LGBTQ+ individuals, we want to understand and learn how to be good allies. On August 4 and 11, Dr. Christy Hutton and Dr. Loren Bauerband will be leading the training.

Christy Edwards is a graduate of Truett Seminary and serves as a chaplain in Kansas City, MO. She is a regular contributing author for Baptist News Global. She is also the mother of a child with autism.

Christy Hutton, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist at the University. She has a clinical specialty in working with LGBTQ clients. Christy is also a cofounder of the Parents for Parents support group, providing education and support to families with LGBTQ children of all ages.

Loren Bauerband, PhD. is an assistant professor University of Missouri. They have been researching the experiences and health of transgender and gender nonconforming individuals for over 7 years. Loren currently serves on the exec board for the Transgender Health Network in Columbia, MO.



Youth Ministry Workshop Summer Small Group

June 9- July 21

10:15 am, 2nd Floor Conference Room

This summer we are beginning the work of reshaping our youth ministry (and possibly, by proxy, some of our children's ministry) future format and curriculum. This small group will help form and guide this process. Michael McEntyre will be leading the group with the

help of Stephen Hoell and Noah Hartsfield. Working with the input of the visioning process, we will be gathering to discuss the following:

June 16- Look at reshaping what and how we teach so that the church and our faith more holistically speaks into the lives of students' identity formation. We want to broaden our influence beyond spirituality to include areas such as understanding self, sexuality, society, and social connections.

June 23- Discuss and identify possible spiritual anchor points and rituals to celebrate and imprint belonging and faith in our church and for families to engage in at home.

June 30- Brainstorm what we need as parents to help our families, our students, and our student ministry grow together and meet each other's needs.

July 7, 14, and 21- Intro the Journey to Adulthood curriculum that Michael has chosen to help guide our discussion and hopefully build our future framework on.

This is an exciting endeavor and we hope you will make an effort to join us this summer when in town. The group is open to everyone and we especially hope to hear from those in our congregation with kids (preschoolers to college students). We look forward to seeing what God (and you all) create for our students here at First Baptist.

New Small Groups

Coming Soon!

Small groups of all kinds surfaced in the Visioning process as an area for continuation and improvement. Last Fall, the Teaching Team introduced Fellowship Groups which were designed to help people get to know others in the First Baptist family better. Reports from participants indicate that the groups serve this purpose well, and we plan to continue with the Fellowship Groups. To go beyond the Fellowship Groups, we need to hear from you about the kind of group you're most interested in being part of. We've developed a Small Group Interest Survey to get your input. The survey will be available both online and in paper form over several weeks. So be on the alert for the link to the survey and paper copies on Sunday.



-Kim Siegenthaler, Teaching Team Coordinator



Annual Church Picnic 2019

Bake Sale for Missions and Awards

Thanks to all who helped make our annual church picnic such a success. The food and fellowship were both exceptional. In total, the Bake Sale raised \$1,163 to go towards the flood and tornado relief efforts in Jefferson City (serendipitously, the previous focus of fixing a water leak at the church in Bridger, SD was providentially paid for by the city).

Our 2016 Egg Toss Champions (Auben Galloway and Michael McEntyre, as well as Nate McEntyre and his dad) regained their crown, while the "Most Impressive Catch" award went to Nick Kieffer. It was a beautiful afternoon of laughter, shared stories, fun activities, and, of course, great food. Summer 2019 is off to a grand start!



*Egg Toss Champions
2016 & 2019*



-Prayer Requests-

- Please be in prayer as we look for a new Director of Children's Ministry
- Also please be in prayer for those affected by the recent tornadoes and flooding in mid-Missouri.
- The family and friends of Clare Thomas. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, June 16 at First Baptist Church at 12:30 pm.
- Barry Kausler, who is still undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Jim Butt, who is recovering from pneumonia at Reach Rehabilitation at Lenoir.

-Celebrations-

- Barbara Anderson, mother of Donna Ostercamp, recently celebrated her 100th birthday!



First Baptist Giving Update

Thank you for giving! Your gifts help fund our missions efforts, church ministries, pastors' salaries, and our beautiful facilities. Through the end of May, we have received \$142,979 in pledges and unpledged gifts, which puts us at 2% below expected levels.

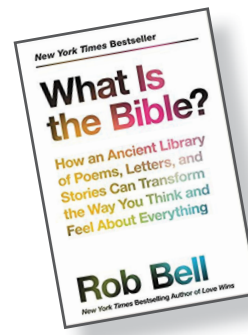
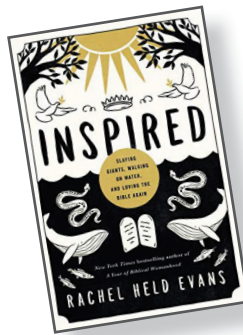
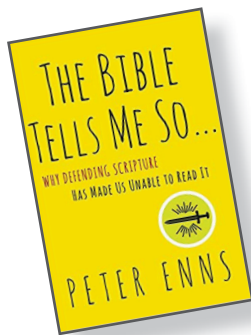


Summer Book Club

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Everyone is invited to join our summer book club!

Purchase one of the selected books about the Bible and read it over the summer. In the Fall, we will have small groups devoted to discussing each of them. The books are *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, *The Bible Tells Me So* by Peter Enns, and *What is the Bible?* by Rob Bell.

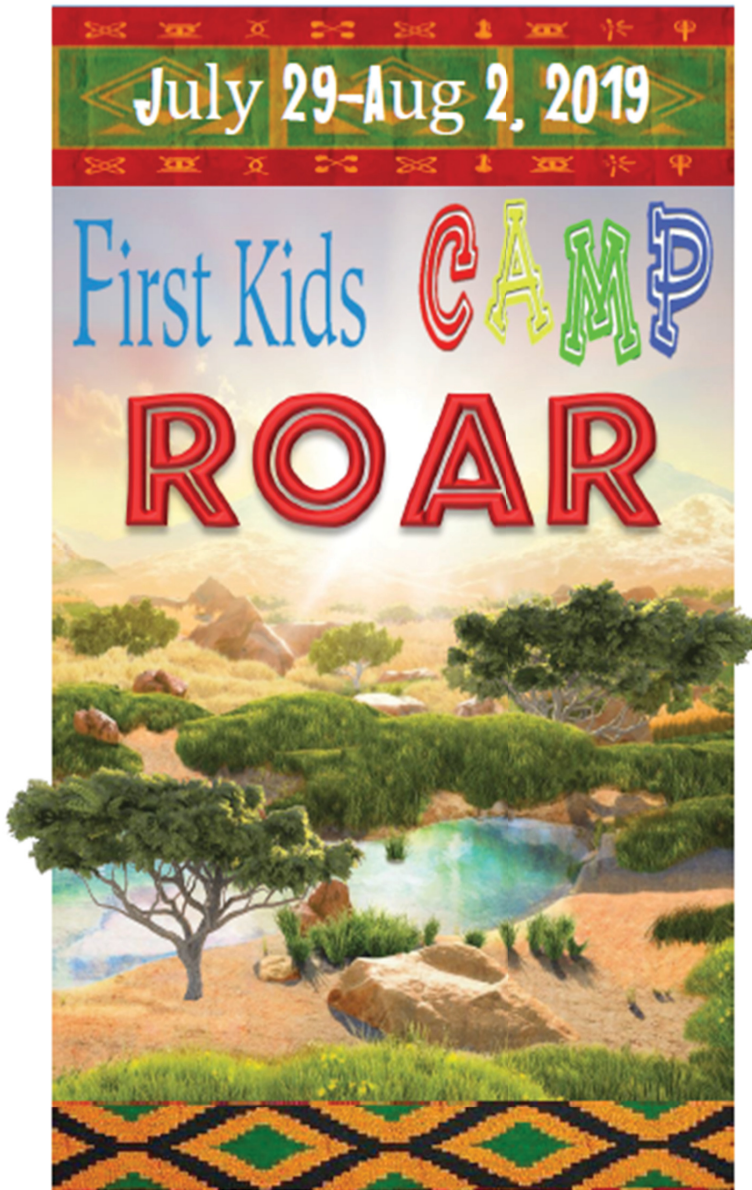


11:15 am Combined Worship Sunday, Aug. 4



Combined Worship Service - August 4

Mark your calendars! Our next Combined Worship Service will be August 4 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.



First Kids Camp Registration

Online registration is available
until we reach capacity at:
<http://fbc-columbia.org>.

For more information email
firstkidscamp@fbc-columbia.org

Phone: 573-442-1149

First Kids Camp 2019

July 29 - August 2

For 3-year-olds (who are potty trained)
through those going into 6th grade

8:45 am - 12:00 pm Bible School is FREE.
Cost for before & after care for all 5 days is \$50
for the first child and \$40 for each additional
sibling.

Daily Schedule

7:30 am

Early drop off begins for extended care
participants

8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Bible School (worship & activities)

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch & quiet activities for extended care
participants

1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Special activities for extended care
participants

Volunteers Needed!

Our goal is to reach 70 kids, but we need your help! Kids Camp is about creating intentional time and space for kids from 3 years old to 6th grade to learn about the love of God revealed in Jesus. Whether you like working directly with kids or just helping in the background, we need you for First Kids Camp! We need help for Bible School 8:45 am-12 pm and during extended care 12:00 pm-5:30 pm. Let us know how you are interested in helping and we will find a place for you.

Contact Lillian Hoell or Shelby Myers by emailing
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Pentecost 2019

We had a beautiful celebration of Pentecost last Sunday!