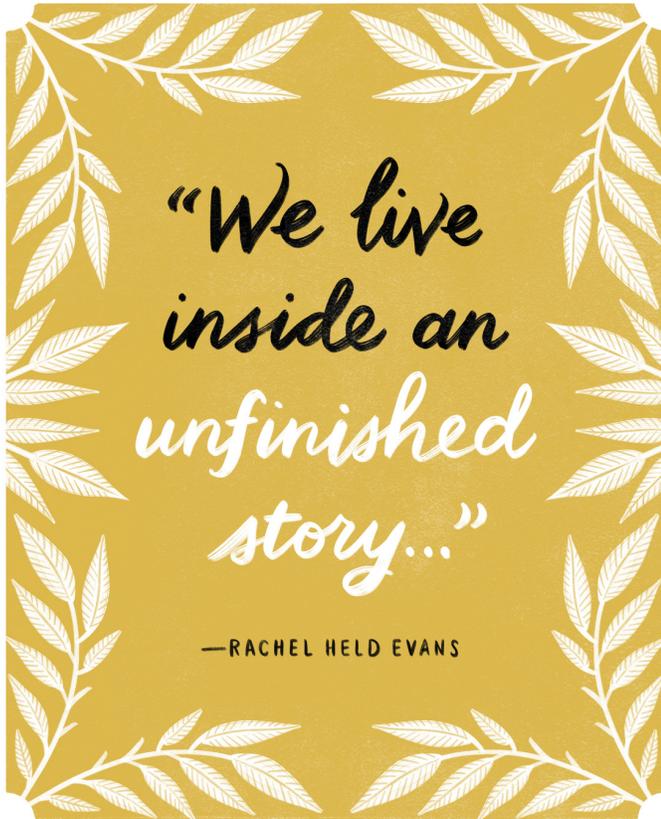


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Upcoming Events

July 14

6-8:00 pm Diaconate Ice Cream Social

July 20-27

Unidiversity Youth Camp

July 29-Aug 2

First Kids Camp

August 4

11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

August 4, 11, 18

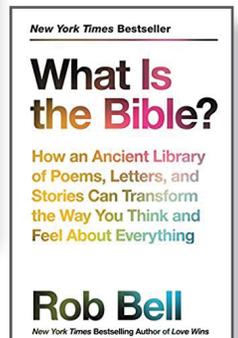
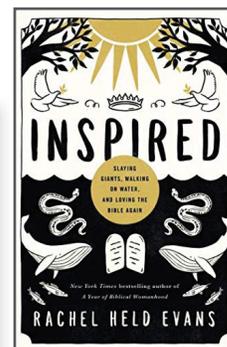
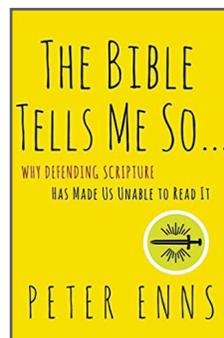
10:15 am Inclusion Training, combined Small Groups in the parlor

Summer Book Club

Over the next few weeks, we will be posting some of our favorite quotes for our Summer Book Club books on social media.

- Facebook: FirstBaptistChurchCOMO
- Instagram: @FirstBaptistChurchCOMO

Follow us and join the conversation!





Moments of Hope

Last week, Pastor Carol, Associate Pastor Michael, and I ventured to Birmingham, Alabama for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly. CBF General Assembly is one of my favorite events because I get to hear about all the incredible things happening in the life of our Fellowship. Last week, I witnessed as over 50 individuals gathered around tables to plan next steps for the Affirming Network of CBF. I heard stories about how different churches



are working toward racial justice. I saw the incredible work our field personnel are doing around the world. I celebrated as our Pastor was voted to be the moderator-elect of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the highest elected position within the CBF (be sure to congratulate her!)

Another highlight was the workshop Carol and I co-led about Experiential Worship at First Baptist. There we collaborated with other ministers about how they could begin to implement liturgical art and experiential worship within their own congregations. (Special thanks to Michael for troubleshooting our technology problems and ensuring that the workshop was a success!) Around 100 people attended to hear all of the creative work we have done together. It's always fun to brag about you, First Baptist! I enjoyed getting to talk about all the creative things we've done together, whether that was making hundreds of stars for Advent or drawing in ashes during Lent. Being a part of a creative and participatory congregation is something I will cherish forever.

I also found General Assembly life-giving. It provided a time to catch up with friends whom I had not seen in a year. I had the chance to converse with former seminary professors, get dinner with friends from college, and share stories with Pastoral Residents from around the country. It gave space to dream, hope, and celebrate together. To be honest, searching for a pastorate is exhausting. CBF General Assembly allowed me to talk with other ministers who are in the trenches of the search, as well as network with state coordinators and CBF personnel. One of my highlights was when Pam Durso, Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry (pictured above center), introduced me to Wendy Peacock, Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Americus, Georgia (pictured above left). Wendy has been a Pastor for 25 years. Wendy's story gives me hope. CBF gives me hope. And most of all, you, First Baptist, give me hope.

Thank you for giving me the time to go to the General Assembly. I hope you will make plans to attend next year, in Atlanta, Georgia, as we celebrate what God is doing in the Fellowship.

Brittany McDonald-Null



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 expanding opportunities for inclusion education and experiences. We have identified two areas of inclusion that we want to work on this summer.

The first is the inclusion of people with disabilities, especially children. On August 18 at 10:15 am in the parlor, Christy Edwards a minister and mother of a special needs child, will be talking about how faith communities can companion this population.

The second area of focus is the inclusion of all genders including people who are transgender and non-binary. On August 4 and 11 at 10:15 in the parlor, Dr. Christy Hutton and Dr. Loren Bauerband from the University of Missouri will be leading this training.

Inclusion Training
Sundays at 10:15 am in the Parlor



-August 4 & 11-

Inclusion of all genders, including people who are transgender and non-binary.

-August 18-

Inclusion of people with disabilities

First Baptist Small Group Survey 2019

The FBC Small Group Survey 2019 is here! This is your opportunity to tell us what kind of small group you're interested participating in. Enter the below link into your browser search bar to access the electronic version of the survey.

https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dcbvXCKA0HFo2IT

Paper copies of the survey are also available on Sundays at the entrances to our worship spaces.

-Kim Siegenthaler, *Teaching Team Coordinator*



Small Groups

Youth Ministry Workshop Summer Small Group

June 9- July 21

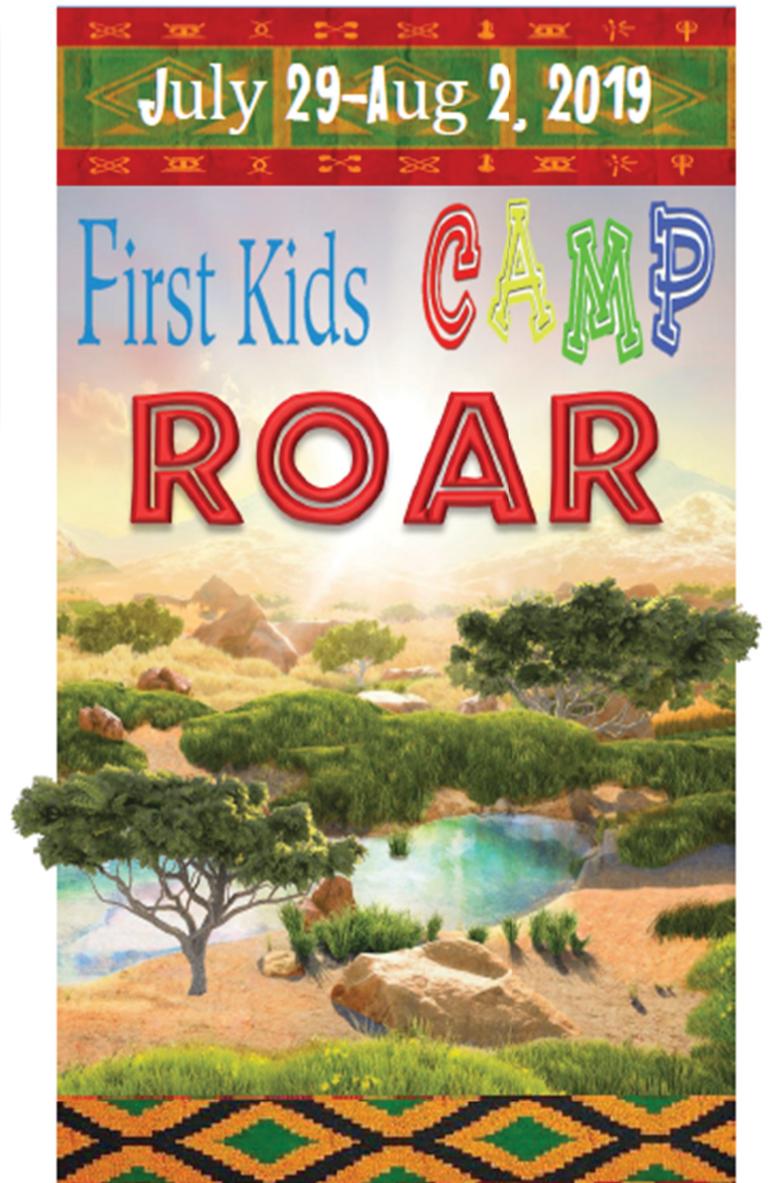
10:15 am, 2nd Floor Conference Room

This summer we are working to reshape 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 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.



First Kids Camp Registration

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

For more information, or to volunteer, email
firstkidscamp@fbc-columbia.org

Phone: 573-442-1149



Community Events

American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region

Area 5 Annual Gathering

Saturday, July 20
10:00 am-2:00 pm

Bethel Baptist Church,
201 E Old Plank Road,
Columbia, MO

On Saturday, July 20, American Baptist Area 5 will be hosting their Annual Gathering. This year's theme is Family Reunion. It is going to be a chance to make new friends, greet old friends, help with a missions project (packing back-to-school kits), participate in the World's Briefest Business Meeting, eat great BBQ meal, and celebrate Area V Mission Partnership with Puerto Rico and do the Electric Slide!

Adults \$10.00, Teens \$5.00.

Children under 12 and under free.

To register RSVP to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columiba.org. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Prayers & Concerns

-Prayer Requests-

- Please be in prayer as we look for a new Director of Children's Ministry
- Barry Kausler, who is still undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Doug Clem's mother Dorothy Clem, who is recovering from a stroke.
- Yvette Chambers is undergoing infusions and transfusions at Ellis for 10 weeks.
- Jim Butt, who is recovering from pneumonia at Reach Rehabilitation at Lenoir.
- Chris, a friend of Kim Siegenthaler, who is undergoing treatment for secondary cancer.

-Celebrations-

- Mike and Cheryl Brewer have a new granddaughter! Ivory Brewer Collins was born June 19, 2019 in Ogden, Utah to Emily and Jeremy Collins, their daughter and son-in-law. This is their fourth grandchild.

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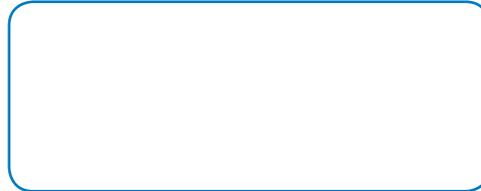
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Diaconate Ice Cream Social

July 14, 6-8:00pm



The Diaconate are hosting an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 14 from 6pm-8pm. We will have ice cream and toppings. Please feel free to bring homemade ice cream as well! (Sign-up sheets will be located on the bulletin boards outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall).

We will be helping the Kids Camp team with decorations in preparation for Kids Camp July 29th-August 2nd. We will also be accepting donations which will go to a scholarship for Kids Camp participants.

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