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First Baptist Church
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What we need
is here

Annual Pledge & Giving Drive

November 17

November is our annual pledge and giving drive at First Baptist. A few weeks ago, I stumbled across a poem by preacher and poet, Wendell Berry, and fell in love with the last line, "What we need is here." It is a reminder that most of the time, what we need is right in front of us. This is especially true here at First Baptist. We have so many gifts; we just need to learn to trust God and draw upon the abundance God has given. Pledge and giving season is about being grateful for all that God has given us and giving back a portion for God's continued work in us and among us.

Our annual pledge walk will take place again this Sunday, November 17. You will receive a commitment card that you and your family can use to pray over and plan for how you will give financially to God through First Baptist in 2020. There will be a time during the worship services when you can come forward and place your card in the offering basket.

Upcoming Events

November 17

Advent Jesse Tree Workshop

November 23

Tailgate Party

November 24

12:15 pm Freezer Meal Prep

December 1

Hanging of the Green

December 6

6:45 pm Odyssey Concert Series:
Tchaikovsky Holiday

December 8

College Christmas Party

Carl McIntyre



Personnel Task Force Letter from Church Moderator

First Baptist Church Community,

As you all know, we currently have a number of interim staff members: Michael McEntyre is serving as our Interim of Administration; Brittany McDonald Null, as Interim Assistant Pastor; and Marques J. Ruff, as Interim Music Director-Traditional. The interims have done an amazing job, giving us the opportunity to take our time, pray and think about our staffing needs going forward.

The Church Council has had a couple of good conversations about our staffing needs and the desire ensure that we hire the staff we really need going forward, a staff which matches our vision for the future.

At the last Church Council meeting, the council decided to form a taskforce to look at the church's staffing needs from a holistic perspective. The job of the taskforce is to look at what all our staff members do to get a bird's eye view of their work. They will also take into account what we learned through the All-In Church-Wide Visioning process about our dreams for the future. Their goal is to recommend to the Church Council the kinds of positions we should hire permanently.

John Shrum and Randy Wyatt from the Church Council, Charles Hunter and Mary Beth Ming from Personnel Committee and a representative from the Finance Committee have agreed to serve on this taskforce. The taskforce is beginning its work next week by meeting with our current church staff to understand everything they do. The taskforce plans to bring a recommendation to the Church Council in early 2020 so that we can move forward with hiring. Please give them your prayers as they undertake this important work for First Baptist Church.

Thank you,

Khaki Westerfield, *Church Moderator*





Jesus' Family Tree: A Vulnerable Genealogy

2019 Advent Sermon Series

December 1-29

Our Advent worship theme this year is Jesus' Family Tree: A Vulnerable Genealogy. We will explore the genealogy of Jesus from Matthew Chapter 1. Matthew opens his account of Jesus' life with a list of names: the genealogy of Jesus' family on his father Joseph's side. At first glance these verses appear to be a simple collection of names and seem kind of boring, but these verses, like Mary, are pregnant with hidden treasure. Specifically, these verses mention five women and their families. In a time when genealogies didn't normally contain even a single female name, why are these women included? These particular women, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary are all vulnerable- either young or poor, two are widows, all are disenfranchised.



We invite you to read the stories of these women and their families for yourself, and learn about Jesus' vulnerable genealogy, as we prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ once again. Throughout Advent, these women will come to life in monologues dramatically portrayed by First Baptist members during worship.

<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>A Vulnerable Genealogy Tamar & Judah</i>	<i>Matthew 1 Genesis 38:6-30</i>
<i>Dec 8</i>	<i>Rahab & Salmon</i>	<i>Joshua 2</i>
<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Ruth & Boaz</i>	<i>The Book of Ruth</i>
<i>Dec 22</i>	<i>Bathsheba & David</i>	<i>2 Samuel 11 & 12:1-25</i>
<i>Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)</i>	<i>Mary & Joseph</i>	<i>Luke 1:26-56</i>

Sunday, December 1

Join us for the

Hanging of the Green



VAC Family Christmas 2019

First Baptist is sponsoring 3 families this year through VAC's Holiday Program. Voluntary Action Center (VAC) is a non-profit that exists to help low-income individuals and families bridge the gap between crisis and stability and improve quality of life in Boone County. Each year VAC coordinates the collection and distribution of food and gifts for approximately 4,000 people during the holiday season. First Baptist is participating again in this needed ministry. In addition to toys, books, and games, families often receive needed clothing and household supplies through this program. Cards with individual gift requests will be available Sunday, November 24 on the bulletin board, in the hallway, outside the Sanctuary. Get involved by choosing an item that you would like to donate, take the card, then return the purchased item to the church by December 8. Items do not need to be wrapped but we do ask that you include the card from the bulletin board with your gift. If you do not have time to shop but still want to participate, you can make a monetary donation by December 1. Simply indicate "VAC Family Christmas" on your check or offering envelope. A few of our "shopping elves" will be making a trip to pick up last minute items. If you have any questions, please contact Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, Interim Administration, and Missions, with questions at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



One Great HOUR OF SHARING

November Missions Offering

Give to American Baptist Churches- USA Mission Offering this November to help with the ongoing disaster relief efforts in the Bahamas.

This November, our First Baptist family will have the opportunity to support the mission efforts of our American Baptist partners at home and around the world. As a response to the recent hurricane devastation in the Bahamas, our annual missions offering this year will support the much-needed disaster recovery efforts funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry. Our hope is to give to those who are currently working to overcome tragedy and destruction, as well as those who will remain after the relief efforts are finished to carry on the good work of the Gospel.



Freezer Meal Ministry

The Diaconate and Serving Team are looking for 8-10 people to help prepare freezer meals to have on hand for members in need. Our first meeting will be Sunday, November 24 following the Traditional Service. If interested, please email the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org no later than Friday November 22.

-Rena Tratchel, *Diaconate Chair*



Children's Ministry Listening Sessions

December 8 & 15

Following the Church-Wide Visioning Process, the Children's Ministry Task Force has been diligently working to strengthen ministries to children and their families. The group has been brainstorming ways to increase communication, provide meaningful lessons and learning experiences, and equip leaders, volunteers, and parents.

The Task Force wants to hear from you! On Sundays, December 8 and 15 in the Conference Room, during the 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour, the Children's Ministry Task Force will be hosting listening sessions for parents of children 3-years-old through 5th grade and anyone else interested in providing insight and input into the Children's Ministry. Since we are entering the holiday season when families might be traveling, we are hosting two listening sessions so that we can catch everyone who is interested in contributing, but you only need to attend one session. During these each of these two Sundays, the Task Force will host a qualitative needs assessment to hear what brings you and yours to Sunday School and other First Baptist Children's Ministry events, as well as provide space for honest feedback and suggestions.

The Children's Ministry Task Force will also have a separate time to speak with the teachers and kids about what they love and hope for about First Baptist Children's Ministry too! We hope you will join us as we continue to go All-In and strive to enrich ministry to children and their families.



Christmas Dinner

December 15, 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday evening, December 15 beginning at 5:00 pm is First Baptist Annual Christmas Dinner. Come prepared for a lovely meal with turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church and wonderful side dishes and desserts made by you and your First Baptist friends. We will sing carols and hear musical offerings from our First Kid's Choir. Hope you will join us.

Advent Preparations November

November 16 & 25

It's that time of the year where we prepare to prepare for Christmas! Join us on Saturday, November 16 from 10 am-noon and Monday, November 25 from 10 am-noon as we gear up for the holiday season. Seasoned crafters and novice decorators are all welcome as we prepare trees, fluff ribbons, paint backdrops and prepare to transform our spaces for the Hanging of the Green.



Child Development Center

at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

Lloyd's Pumpkin Patch CDC Fall Field Trip 2019

October was a busy month for us at CDC with field trips and Halloween parties. The Star and Bear Classes visited Lloyd's Pumpkin Patch in Ashland while the Train and Bee Classes traveled to Strawberry Hill Farms for pumpkins and activities.



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OPENINGS FOR
CHILDREN
&
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS!**

**PLEASE CONTACT
THE CDC OFFICE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION.**

573-443-7677



Child Development Center Accreditation

Congratulations to teachers, staff and everyone who works hard to make CDC the exceptional preschool that it is. We passed our accreditation review with flying colors and are now accredited through December 2022!!





Tailgate Party for MO vs. TN

Saturday, November 23

Our pre-game party will start two hours before kickoff in the Grasslands (about two blocks from the Stadium) at the home of Lili Vianello and John Shrum, 1005 Wayne Rd. Lili and John will provide the main course and tailgate attendees are encouraged to bring sides and favorite beverages.

Please RSVP to John Shrum & Lili Vianello.



Winter Cancellation Policy

Should snow, ice, or other inclement weather fall on the weekend, Sunday morning Awakening Worship and Small Groups will be canceled; we will join together in one combined 11:15 am worship service. On the weekdays, our policy is to cancel all scheduled church events if Columbia Public Schools are canceled. Depending on the severity of the weather, the office may remain open. Call ahead to verify. Notification of cancellations will be made on the church facebook page or at these local media stations:

KFRU (1400 AM), KPLA (101.5 FM), Zimmer Radio Groups, KOMUTV8, and KMIZ-TV17. We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.



Online Giving

Many members have been utilizing the online giving portal. Have you tried it yet?

To give online, go to the church website:
www.fbc-columbia.org

There you can create your secure account and make a single payment or set up a recurring payment with NO credit card fees.

Please call the office if you need assistance:
573-442-1149



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Advent Jesse Tree Workshop

Sunday, November 17, 10:15 am

Join us for an intergenerational Advent event on Sunday, November 17 at 10:15 am during the Small Group Hour.

The Jesse tree gets its name from Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. Each day of Advent, we adorn the Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Along with all of the supplies to make your own Jesse tree, you will receive a simple guide for placing the ornaments each day.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per Jesse Tree. Please RSVP to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org