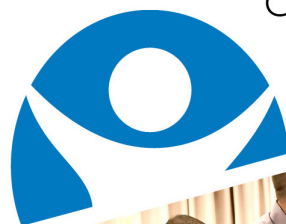


March 4, 2015

the SPIRE



Celebrating

190

years



Easter Egg Hunt!

April 4th — 10:00 am

at First Baptist Church on the Front Lawn

Join us for activities, treats, and a BIG egg hunt!



Bring Your Own Basket!

Easter Lilies & Spring Flowers



During Easter, the First Baptist sanctuary will be filled with beautiful lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to place one or more of these beautiful plants in the sanctuary in memory of, or in honor of, a family member or friend, please fill out the form provided on Sunday morning, and return it to the church office, along with \$10.00 for each flower you order. Orders may be made until March 29. We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Christ with you all.

The Way

For the worship series the Lenten season, we will offer a unique prayer opportunity to help us find "The Way." The labyrinth is a path which leads, via a circuitous route, to the center of an intricate design and back out again. Often during prayer, we get distracted, Labyrinths help us focus as we pray and walk. The Labyrinth will be open:

Wednesday, March 11

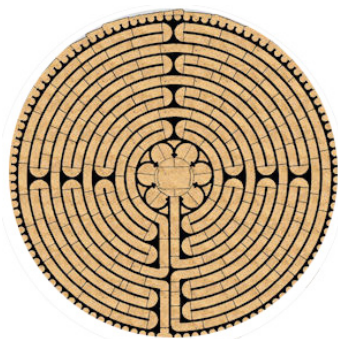
5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Thursday, April 2

9:00 am-5:00 pm



Youth Sonrise Service!

On **Easter Sunday, April 5**, in addition to our usual Sunday morning schedule, please join us on the front lawn for the Youth Sonrise Service at **8:15 am**.

Breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall.





Church Keys

If you currently have a church key or keycard that you no longer need, please turn them in to the main office.

Info Update

If you have an updated address/phone number/email, please contact the main office and we will update our records.

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee is seeking office help volunteers to help with vacation coverage or special projects. If you would have some time to assist, please contact Charles Hunter.

Available Dates for Sanctuary Flowers:

June 7
June 14
June 21
July 12
September 20
September 27
November 1
November 8
November 15

If you wish to donate flowers for the sanctuary on any of these days, please sign up on the board in the children's building hallway.

Prayers & Concerns:

Moray Kiehl's 8 month old great-grandson, Emerick, is battling multiple infections.

Betty Blase is at Lenoir recovering from a cracked hip.

Celebrations:

Lexie Stone is being baptized in Awakening worship on March 8.

Mirek, Sam and Crystel Henley's son, will be dedicated on Sunday, March 8, in Traditional Worship.

Upcoming Events



Circle Meeting

The next meeting of the Ann Judson Christian Action Circle will be March 5 at 1:00 pm in the library.

Fellowship Adventures

Fellowship Adventures: opportunities for the First Baptist community to get together for fun and fellowship! All are invited!

Upcoming Adventures:

March 14: 5:30 pm dinner at Sophia's, wear green!

April 18: Drive to Vienna, Missouri for lunch at Moreland's Restaurant

Contact Paula Thomas (paulalou52@gmail.com) for more information!

Plowman Chamber Music Competition

March 21 marks the return of the Plowman Chamber Music Competition to Columbia and to First Baptist Church. This event happens every two years and brings 15 small ensembles to Columbia from all across the nation to compete for prizes totaling over \$10,000. Each ensemble will perform 20 minutes of prepared music for 3 internationally renowned judges, and the top five groups will be selected to perform in the finals competition taking place on Sunday at the Missouri Theater. This is the fourth time that First Baptist has the privilege of hosting the semi-final competition, and if you have never experienced it, this is an amazing day of music by some of the finest musicians in America. If you would like to assist in volunteering for the event, please visit <http://www.plowmancompetition.org/> and look under "Support" for more information! It's a huge day and any assistance will be most appreciated. Thanks.

— Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

Youth, College & Young Adults



The Calling- Lessons in Lent

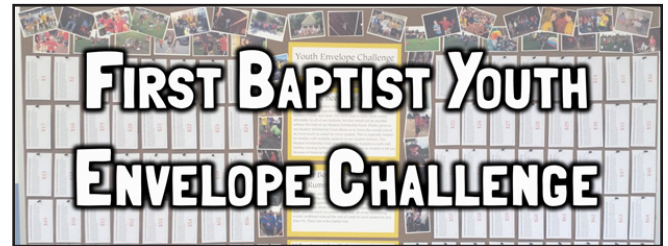
Don't miss our special Lenten series March 8-29 (no meeting on the 22nd due to Spring Break). As we journey towards Easter, we will prepare our hearts with a lesson set that we will share with the church Easter morning at the Sunrise Service. We need all of our students to participate to make this successful.



College and Young Adult Bible Study
Meets on Sunday Nights at 8:00 pm.
(pictured above)

Meet our New College Intern: Nikki Rieken

Nikki was born and raised in Ava, in southern Missouri. She earned her Associates Degree in General Studies from Missouri State University-West Plains in May 2013. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management December 2015. Nikki plans to start law school in August 2016 at the University of Missouri. She is involved in Christian Campus House, pre-law organization, intramural soccer team, tutor and TA for business courses. She loves her dog, Harley! Nikki has traveled on mission trips to St. Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago, and with First Baptist to Haiti in 2014.



As of our last total, you have given \$2105 that will go directly to our Youth Scholarship Fund! These contributions will allow us to make the cost of Youth Camp more affordable for everyone and ensure that additional assistance is available for students who need it. If at any point in the future you would like to give to this ministry, simply indicate on your check or envelope that your donation is intended for the Youth Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all the people who supported our students through the envelope challenge.

— Michael McEntyre
Associate Pastor for Youth,
College and Young Adults, and Missions



Youth Camp

This summer, July 6-11th, our youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join us for Student Life Camp at Cedarville University in Cedarville OH. Thanks to the generosity of our church, this opportunity is available to all of our students for \$250 per person (\$25 discount per person for members of the same family). Please turn in your \$150 deposit today to reserve your spot. If you have any questions, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

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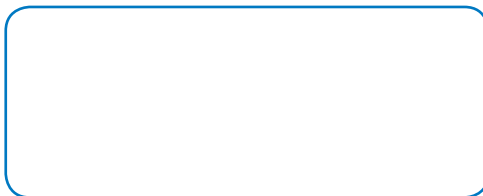
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The Gift of Years — A Discussion About Growing Older Gracefully

The Gift of Years will be co-facilitated by Bob Russell and Carol McEntyre on Tuesdays at noon over lunch, beginning April 7 to May 17 in the parlor. In *The Gift of Years*, Catholic nun, activist and author, Joan Chittister, who is now in her 70s, examines how it feels “to be facing that time of life for which there is no career plan.” The book is an easy read; it is a collection of inspirational reflections in which she ponders topics like fear, mystery, forgiveness and legacy. She also spends time debunking the myths of aging and encouraging older adults to live to the fullest. Her writing is filled with profound insights and striking aphorisms: “‘Act your age’ can be useful advice when you’re seventeen; it’s a mistake when you’re seventy-seven.” This study is open to people of all ages, and could be particularly meaningful to those who are nearing retirement or are beyond retirement. You are encouraged to invite friends to participate; the book will be on sale in the church office and before and after worship in the hallway outside the Sanctuary for \$10 beginning this Sunday.

