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Baptist Women in Ministry Sunday

On Sunday, April 3, Louisenie Desauguste AKA "Dezo" (Day-zoh) will be our guest preacher, in honor of Baptist Women in Ministry Sunday. Please get to know her through her bio below.



Dezo was born and raised in Haiti. She earned her Bachelor's Degree at Northern Haiti Christian University, Limbe, Haiti. Before Dezo moved to the United States, she worked in women's ministry at Baptist Convention of Haiti. She also worked as a guide and interpreter for American mission groups visiting Haiti. She has been in the US for 4 years. She is in her

second year at Central Seminary getting a Masters of Divinity. She is also the children's ministry leader at her home church, First Baptist Church, KCMO. She also has served as pastor-in-training at First Baptist Church, KCMO during the 2015-2016 school year. When she first came to America, she was associated with the First Baptist Church of Lawrence, Kansas. Both churches have supported her during her seminary years. In her spare time she likes to go for 3 to 5-mile walks. Dezo is a passionate woman in ministry; she burns with desire to be an agent of change in her home-country, Haiti. She yearns in participating in changing this world. Last January, Dezo was selected by Central Baptist Theological Seminary to represent the school at the "Academy of Young Preachers" in Lexington, KY. After she graduates from Central, she is not sure where she might head. But her interest in Mission, pastoral care, Church, women, and children's ministry keeps her heart and mind open to God's possibilities and opportunities. In fact, she always says, "I am open to go wherever God feels that I am needed."

Serving the City



Serving the city is on **April 23**. We will gather between 8:30 and 9 am, and work until 12 or 1 pm. We will have three projects available: working at The Wardrobe, participating as part of a larger, city-wide event called For Columbia, and an option for families with younger children. Team leaders are: Mark Thomas, Rena Tratchel, and Janet Kieffer, respectively. There will be a debriefing time at the conclusion of our activities that is still being planned. Please join us for a day serving our community.



Last year's group of volunteers!



CommunityNews



Scholarships

Every year, First Baptist awards scholarships to individuals pursuing higher education. These scholarships are made available through the generosity of former members of our First Baptist Church family. Graduating First Baptist high school seniors, college students, and graduate students can receive an application online at www.fbc-columbia.org (click "Resources" then "Forms and Policies") or by emailing the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org. The scholarships available are:

The Lionberger Scholarship Fund
The Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Luebbers Scholarship Fund

The deadline for returning the application to the church office is **May 1**.

Dawnings: A Retreat May 1-2, 2016 At First Baptist Church

Dawnings is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship program that offers to help churches see the world and ministry with fresh clarity and purpose. Rather than offering a new program to try, Dawnings helps congregations develop skills that can transform how your church focuses its ministry and missions efforts. During the retreat, Dawnings leaders will work with participants on three processes: visioning, forming and engaging.

This is an exciting new ministry for the CBF, and First Baptist is delighted to be able to host this regional retreat. We would like to see a number of First Baptist participants - this is a Sunday afternoon, Monday conference, so if your schedule allows, please contact Ed Rollins to let him know of your interest. We're excited to host this and hope you will be able to participate.

Spring Break

For safety reasons, during Spring Break (March 28 - April 1) the church building will remain locked. The office will be open, so if you need to come by, please schedule a time with Madison Reynolds, Administrative Assistant, at 573-442-1149 to ensure entry to the building.



Child Development Center

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for summer and the 2016-2017 school year. Our summer program will be June 6-June 30 and July 6-August 5. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. Our hours are 7:15 am-5:30 pm Monday-Fridays. For more information contact Ms. Debby at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org

We are collecting store receipts for a fundraiser with Shoparoo. Last year schools nationwide earned over \$800,000. Receipts from any store will help us earn instant cash donations and entries into sweepstakes of up to \$15,000. We have placed a basket in the hall by the nursery to collect receipts. We will be happy to scan your receipts!

Prayers & Concerns:

Doug Clem will have knee replacement surgery next week.

Sherry Wyatt is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Betty Blase is home, following her stay at Lenoir.

Harry Cathey is at the Bluffs battling pneumonia.

Barry Kausler is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer.

Nelda McCrory has moved from the Terrace to Provision. She is doing well. Her new address is Provision 233 Chapel Hill Columbia, MO 65203.

UpcomingEvents

Ann Judson Christian Action Circle

The Circle meets on the First Thursday of the month, at 1:00 pm in the conference room. For the next two months, there will be different guest speakers during the meetings:

April 7 Dr. Frank Fain from the Baptist Home will be teaching about "Laughing Your Way Through Life."

May 5 Khaki Westerfield will be giving a program entitled "FBC Memories."

The Women's Circle cordially invites all church members to attend these very informative presentations.

Laughing Your Way Through Life

On Thursday, **April 7** at 1:00 pm in the parlor, Dr. Frank Fain will present "Laughing Your Way Through Life" - This program will share facts about the many health benefits laughter provides to adults. When we laugh there are many positive emotional, mental, physical and social benefits for us.

During the program, you will be invited to laugh at jokes, readings, and television clips while you are also learning the positive influences of humor and laughter in our life.

Dr. Frank E. Fain has been the Director of Adult Ministries Services for The Baptist Home since 2000. In this capacity Dr. Fain serves as a resource person to churches, congregational leaders, senior adults, boomer adults and their families on issues related to aging and adult ministries.

Fellowship Adventures

Fellowship Adventures: opportunities for the First Baptist family to get together and build community, through fun activities and outings! Dates are subject to change.

Be sure to watch the Spire for more information as each date gets closer.

Contact Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair, with any questions/to RSVP at: paulalou52@gmail.com.

April 16: Road trip to St. Louis for lunch and the Missouri Botanical Garden. The deadline to sign up is April 10. The cost for admission will be \$6.00 if there are 15 or more signed up (the cost will be \$8.00 per person, for a group of less than 15 people). We will depart from First Baptist at 9:00 am and arrive at the Gardens at approximately 11:00 am. You will have time on your own to explore the grounds. We will depart at 1:00 pm for the Hill. We will visit the St. Louis Bakery on the Hill (family owned for over 60 years) followed by an late lunch/early dinner at Zia's. We plan to be home by 8:00 pm.

May 21: Let's go Cruising! We will enjoy a 1.5 hour cruise on the Lake of the Ozarks, with Celebration Cruises! The cost per person is \$20. The cruise begins at 12:00 pm. Lunch is available onboard, but Paula is going to organize lunch at another place, following the cruise. Reservations are absolutely required for this one; please RSVP by April 12. This is a very popular excursion at the Lake, and adding late reservations to the group may not be possible.

June 19: "The Music Man" at Columbia Entertainment, followed by dinner at Lone Star.

July 16: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in Macon; 2:00 pm performance, followed by dinner.



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Holy Week at First Baptist

— *The Beauty of the Cross* —

Holy Week is the most significant time of remembrance and celebration for the church. In this troubling week, Jesus entered Jerusalem, shared a meal with his friends, prayed in the garden, was denied, tried, and crucified. It is a reminder of the tragedy that Christ endured for all people. This is a time that we must experience anew if we are to understand the joy of Easter. Please plan to join us as we gather in worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday, **March 25**, we will gather for worship in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. This most meaningful service reminds us of the suffering and pain that Christ endured during the crucifixion. We will gather around the cross, as we have during Lent, for a time of communion, prayer and reflection.

On Sunday, **March 27**, Easter services begin with the Sonrise service led by our youth on the front Broadway steps at 8:15 am. Following this we will share in our annual Easter brunch in the (children's building hallway), followed by our worship services at 9:15 and 11:15 am. We look forward to a wonderful day of celebration. Please invite a friend to come with you, as we worship the risen Lord.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, **March 26**, at 10:00 am there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children from toddlers to 3rd grade. There will also be face painting, bubbles, games, story-time, and more!



Youth Easter Sonrise Worship Rehearsal

Following the Easter Egg Hunt, all youth are asked to participate in an “Easter Sonrise Worship Rehearsal.” Please meet in the Youth Suite at approximately 11:00 am.