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Sign up now for Serving the City, Saturday April 25



Get involved in supporting our community and ministry partners with a day of missions, Saturday, **April 25** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Meet at the church that morning for some words of instruction and encouragement and then head out to our ministry sites. You can sign up to serve for one of four different projects:

1. Habitat for Humanity build- We are looking for 10-12 volunteers to help work on the Habitat House for Pastor Nene. All volunteers who work on this project will also help fulfill the necessary sweat equity hours for Nene and his family. Volunteers will need to wear close toed shoes, long pants, a t shirt or shirt with sleeves. No previous construction experience is necessary, but it may be beneficial. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old (16-17 must be accompanied by an adult).
2. Baptist Student Union (BSU) Mizzou Spring Cleaning- The BSU is in need of 12-15 volunteers to come help spruce up their campus location. Window washing, cleaning, painting, and moving items to storage or trash will all be on the menu. This is a great way to get to know the ministry offered by BSU and help serve students on campus.
3. Serving at the Wardrobe- The Wardrobe is a non-profit corporation operated by a volunteer executive board and staffed entirely by volunteers. Donations of gently worn clothing for all ages and other household items are sold at nominal prices and given to those in need. 5-6 volunteers are needed at this site to help organize merchandise, sort clothing, clean, and help with other needs.
4. Cookie Care Packages (Kid-friendly site)- Volunteers for this project will help make, bake, and package cookies and care packages to be given out to students that pass by our church every day going to class. There will also be cards to color and fold, banners to create, and more. The cookies will be given away the following week as students prepare for finals. This project is open to all ages.

To sign up for a project, you can simply put your name under the desired project listed on the bulletin board located in the Children's Building area outside of the sanctuary or email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.





CommunityNews

Easter weekend at First Baptist was a beautiful celebration of the Risen Christ.



Youth Sunrise Service



Celebrating the Risen Christ in Traditional Worship



Enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4.

Prayer Requests:

Ray Smith had a pacemaker put in on Tuesday.

Celebrations:

Marsha Randell's son, Jon Mark Arnsmeier, will marry Caroline Corbin at The Hobbs in Kansas City, Missouri, on Saturday, April 18.

You're Invited:

Mr. Muzuzi Nduwayo Fidele & Mrs. Nyangabigwa Yoram and

Mr. Maximano Jeremie & Mrs. Nabigondo Sophia
Request the pleasure of your company as

Dollard and Clement

Exchange vows on

Saturday, the sixteenth of May at one o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church.

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Kindly Respond by the twenty seventh of April by email at mdollard11@yahoo.com or by phone at 573-673-4373.

Thank You to Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers

I can not thank Christine Chang, Co-Director of the Easter Egg Hunt, enough for her organization and hard work. Approximately 50 children and adults enjoyed crafts and games. Then they hurried and scurried across the church lawn to find 700 eggs that the Children's Ministry Team had assembled!

If you see any of team members: Abby Hartsfield, Marilyn Zumwalt, Lisa Lang, Cheryl Harris, Meridith Green, Caryn McClanhan please give them a pat on the back for setting up the wonderful morning for our First Baptist families and Child Development Center families. Steve Potter, a new member of our church, created delicious brownies and cupcakes. How nice to have homemade treats!

—Marsha Randell, Children's Ministry Director

UpcomingEvents



Pulpit Swap



Sunday, **April 19** is the downtown church pulpit swap. Knute Jacobson (pictured at left), the Senior Pastor at Calvary Episcopal Church, will be our guest preacher here at First Baptist. Carol McEntyre will be preaching at Russell Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mark Your Calendars:

Church Wide Business Meeting and Breakfast Sunday, **May 17** at 10:15 am, in lieu of small group hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Combined Worship on Sunday, **May 24** at 11:15 am.

Columbia Handbell Ensemble

Sunday, **April 26** at 3:00 pm the Columbia Handbell Ensemble will prevent its 25th Anniversary Spring Concert. Please plan to attend this celebratory concert. We thank First Baptist for 25 years of collaboration and support! Following the concert, stay a while and join us for a 25th year reception.

The Wardrobe Volunteers

A huge thank you to Sylvia and Keith Roys for serving many years as our First Baptist Volunteer Coordinators for the Wardrobe. Esther and Larry Rollins are now our church's volunteer coordinators. Contact them if you have any questions. First Baptist volunteers at the Wardrobe on the **third Friday of each month**, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Youth, College & Young Adults

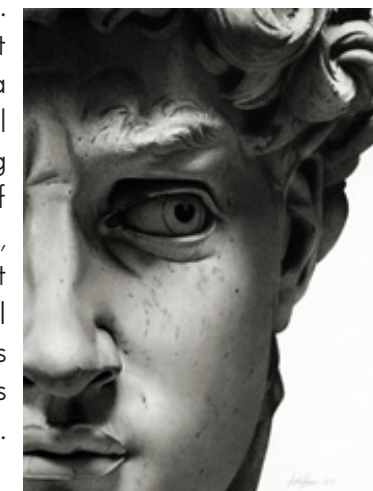


Sundays 5pm, Youth Suite

the calling

Students 6th- 12th Grade

For the next 6 weeks our focus at the Calling will be on becoming God's Masterpiece. When a great artist chisels a sculpture from marble, it is a long and intentional process. Crafting a plan, selecting the block, removing the excess stone, shaping, defining, refining; all of these steps are crucial to creating the masterpiece. The same can be said about our lives. God did not hastily throw us together at the last minute. God has a plan for us, a plan to create a masterpiece, if we are willing. Too often we feel like we aren't good enough, that we have nothing to offer, or that we are too damaged to be of use to our Creator. But we need to remember, God does not make junk. Eph 2:10 tells us that we are God's handiwork- God's masterpiece. I hope all our students will join us on Sunday nights at 5:00pm as we explore God's work in our lives and the Masterpiece we are intended to be. #Imnotjunk



Attention All Graduates!

First Baptist Church would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 10th. Graduates will be recognized in both services and there will be a light brunch between services as well. We are asking that all graduates send your graduation information to the church no later than Sunday April 26th so it may be featured in the Spire. (For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school graduating from, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. Graduates and/or parents may also bring photos to display on a table during the brunch on May 10th. Congratulations to all our grads.



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Kitchen Item Sale

The recent kitchen renovation prompted a “spring cleaning” of all kitchen-ware and there are many items that have been made available for sale to church members. Come by the church office anytime during office hours (9:00 am - 4:00 pm) next week, **April 20-24**, to peruse the items for sale! Please make your purchases in the main office. Items for sale include historic First Baptist Church monogrammed dish-ware and more!

Child Development Center Update:

A big THANK YOU to First Baptist friends for helping Child Development Center with their Shakespeare's Fundraiser! We earned \$90.74 to be used for field trips! We are currently enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year and 2015 Summer School. Contact Debby Riley at the CDC office if you have any questions.



CBF Offering for GLOBAL MISSIONS

This month First Baptist is focusing on our partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) and our special offering to support CBF Global Mission. CBF engages in God's mission with and among the most neglected and least evangelized people on earth. The 2014-15 Offering for Global Missions emphasis is #EndHunger. Through the work of field personnel and through CBF's rural poverty initiative, Together for Hope, the Fellowship is helping to #EndHunger with partners across the United States and around the world. CBF works to #EndHunger with partners such as the Baptist General Association of Virginia and the Texas Baptists Hunger Offering as well as with state and regional CBF organizations such as Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Heartland, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Your gifts to the Offering for Global Missions impact the work of field personnel who are working to meet needs worldwide. To give, simply indicate CBF Global Missions on your check and place your offering in one of the specially marked mission envelopes. Please give graciously, April 5-26.