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## Welcome to the new [fbc-columbia.org](http://fbc-columbia.org)



Did you know that the front door to the church has moved? According to recent research, nine out of ten prospective guests will visit our church through our website before they ever walk through the door to a worship service. The front door of First Baptist is no longer located on Broadway, instead, the website serves as the new front door. As a result, First Baptist Telling Team decided it was time to update our "front door". Our new website is streamlined, interactive, and purposeful. It is image-centric, with photos and videos welcoming others into the life of our congregation. The new site is responsive, adapting automatically across multiple platforms, which means it looks great on a computer screen, mobile phones, or tablets/ iPads. The content of the site has been designed and determined based on the latest research of how websites are used. Guests and members alike will appreciate new features such as our live webcast, video and audio sermon archives, registration forms that allow sign ups and payment online, easy navigation, links to social media, interactive calendar events, and more. What's even better, our new website is easily updated for both content and style to allow us to grow and change as our needs change. So be sure to check us out at [www.fbc-columbia.org](http://www.fbc-columbia.org) and let us know what you think. If you see something that needs to be updated or have an idea to make the site better, email us at [website@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:website@fbc-columbia.org).





## CommunityNews



Last Saturday was Serving in the City, a yearly day of service, that the Mission's Team at First Baptist sponsors. Serving in the City is an opportunity for us to get to know our local ministry partners and to be involved in serving our community. Serving in the City is also a chance to fulfill our call as Christians in joining what God is doing in renewing and transforming the world. We are co-laborers with God in that work. We are called to minister in redemptive ways to the spiritual and physical needs of individuals and our community.

On Saturday, my 5 year old son, Nate and I volunteered to help make cookies to be distributed, along with information about the church, to college students during finals week. I was amazed at how long Nate and the other children who participated stayed involved in the project. They had a great time taste testing cookies, coloring signs and even folding First Baptist brochures. I also appreciated the intergenerational nature of the project, seeing children working alongside their parents and other adults to make cookies. Thanks to the Mission Team for giving us this opportunity to have some fun together and bring people of all ages together in mission's service.

*Caren McEntyre*

## Trustee Update

The trustees are always at work, making improvements to the building. 1) New doors are being installed on the south Waugh St. entry of the sanctuary. The old original doors have been vandalized numerous times, but the most recent attempt to break in damaged the doors beyond repair. 2) The front yard is being dug up. The city discovered that our drains in front of the Education Building send water to the sewage infrastructure of downtown and they required that we correct the problem. To do so, workers are digging down about 4 feet, connecting new drain pipe to the old plumbing which will then be routed towards Broadway where the storm water will flow onto the street. This is a \$10,000 fix that the Finance Committee approved as an emergency Endowment request. 3) And while all of that is taking place roofers were here to prepare bids for fixing the small flat roofs around the steeple.

Things are beginning to shape up in our new kitchen. Many thanks to David Lang who spent the better part of a day with me installing shelves in our new small storage closet in the Fellowship Hall. Then, under the guidance of Diana Groshong, all of the dishes stored away prior to renovation of the fellowship hall were unpacked. Some have been sold, some cleaned and some are in process of moving to new areas of storage. She also called in Donna Ross, Mary Lou Spradling, Esther Rollins, Oleta Forsee and Kee Groshong to help unpack and clean new kitchen pots, pans and utensils. Special thanks also to Madison Reynolds, Administrative Assistant and Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator who have done amazing cleanup work and have been invaluable assistants through this process. We're not done, but we're moving forward.

Coming soon - a revamp of our office space. You'll be seeing more details as we move along in that project.

—Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

## Prayer Requests:

Thomas McCartney, a student at the Child Development Center, underwent a cardiac catheterization on April 22 at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Doctors will use info from the catheterization to plan Thomas' valve replacement (open heart) surgery.

## Celebrations:

Congratulations, Chandler Wyatt, for fulfilling all the requirements to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

## UpcomingEvents

### Child Development Center (CDC) News

The week of **May 4-8** is "Teacher Appreciation Week!" We would like to invite First Baptist Church to partner with CDC families to show our appreciation of the CDC teachers and staff. We are having a Food Drive in their honor. Containers will be placed in the hallways during the week and on Sunday so you may donate non-perishable items that are labeled and sealed.

### Odyssey Concert Series

Odyssey will present their season finale concert, American Soundscape, at First Baptist on Friday, **May 8** at 7:00 pm. The exciting, all-American program features Corigliano's 'Chiascuro' for two pianos and more. Join our performers for a post-concert reception.

### Circle Meeting

The next meeting of the Ann Judson Christian Action Circle will be held on Thursday, **May 7** at 1:00 pm in the Parlor.

### Vacation Bible School 2015



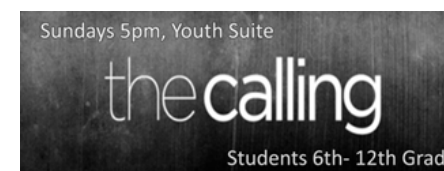
#### Mark your calendars for excitement!

Two evenings: **June 11 & 12**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Two mornings: **June 13 & 14**  
9:15 am - 12:15 pm.

For ages 4 to 5th grade. Register early to receive a free t-shirt! Nursery care is provided for volunteers' children, birth to age 3.

## Youth, College & Young Adults



### #Imnotjunk

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. 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. 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 Graduates!

ALL GRADUATES MUST TURN IN THEIR GRADUATION INFORMATION NO LATER THAN MAY 3 TO APPEAR 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](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org). First Baptist will honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, **May 10**. Graduates will be recognized in both services and there will be a light brunch between services as well. Graduates and/or parents may also bring photos to display on a table during the brunch on May 10. Congratulations to all our grads!

## Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to our First Baptist family for your generous donations to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Mission Offering. To date we have collected \$970 to help CBF #EndHunger.

Your kindness continues to make a difference here in Columbia and around the world.



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“Return Service Requested”

## 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](http://www.fbc-columbia.org), or by calling the church office at 442-1149. 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 17**.

## Serving in the City

A special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help with Serving the City, Saturday April 25. Together we were able to help out several of our partner ministries, and show hospitality to our student community. Thank you for your willingness to serve. *Volunteers pictured below.*



## 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.