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Serving the City



Serving the City is growing. Come join us Saturday April 23rd!

The Serving Team is offering our First Baptist family the opportunity to get involved in supporting our community with a day of serving. On Saturday, **April 23rd** (from 9:00am to noon) we encourage you to join us at the church at 8:30am for some words of instruction and encouragement before we head out to our ministry sites. We are pleased to offer three opportunities for service this year:

- Our main project is in conjunction with For Columbia, an innovative collaboration of Columbia churches coming together to serve our community on a larger scale. More details about this project are coming in the weeks ahead.
- A smaller team is needed to help organize and prepare clothes at the Wardrobe (one of Columbia's non-profit consignment stores).
- Our final option is a family-friendly project of light yard work and planting flowers to help create a welcoming area for our Child Development Center families. This will include a fun craft project for kids.

Following the projects, we will meet for lunch for everyone who wishes to attend. Please make plans to join us on Saturday, April 23rd for our Day of Service. Sign-ups for projects are located on the bulletin board in the Children's Building hallway at the church. You can also email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Trustee Updates

A number of spring cleaning painting projects have taken place, including: repairs and painting of wall in sanctuary balcony, repairs and painting of wall in balcony stairwell, the Children's Building hallway, the elevator tower lobby, and the stairs from the elevator lobby to the second floor.

Landscaping projects for the front of the Education Building have been approved and will begin in the coming weeks. Work will include removal of dead/overgrown hedges, new landscaping in front of the north entry to the fellowship hall, and a complete reworking of the area on the Broadway steps next to My Sister's Circus. We are also awaiting a design for construction of a Memorial Garden - a project that was delayed when the landscaper we were working with closed the business.

Electrical work has occurred to replace or restore lighting in the Student Suite, the fellowship hall stage, the Waugh Street entry, and the north exit of the Education Building.

As always, if you see something in need of repair or freshening up, please contact Bob Zumwalt - Trustee Chair, or Ed Rollins.



Community News

Financial Peace Wrap-Up



The most recent Financial Peace University, led by Amanda Stone, had some amazing results: five families participated in an eight week course, and during that time...

- ...10 credit cards were cut up and accounts closed.
- ...they paid off \$19,874 in non-mortgage debt.
- ...they saved a total of \$11,300.

A new study started on Wednesday, April 6. Please contact Amanda at amanda@jacobsrealty.com if you would like to know more about Financial Peace University.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Missions

This Sunday kicks off our focus on our partnership with the Cooperative Baptist and our special offering to support CBF Global Mission. On the leading edge of the modern missionary movement, Baptists have been forming together, making disciples of all nations. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship engages in three primary contexts: Global Poverty, Global Migration and the Global Church, and participates in God's mission with and among the most marginalized and least evangelized people on Earth. Through the work of CBF field personnel and CBF's rural poverty initiative, Together for Hope, Cooperative Baptists are bringing renewal to God's world with literacy ministries both in the United States and around the world.

The CBF Offering for Global Missions is the foundational means of support for CBF's mission enterprise, providing an array of tools and resources needed to live out the Fellowship's mission commitments of cultivating beloved community, bearing witness to Jesus Christ and seeking transformational development. First Baptist will be collecting money to support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions projects April 3- 24th. To give, simply indicate CBF Global Missions on your check and place your offering in one of the specially marked mission envelopes. The Serving Team will match the first \$1,000 given, so please give generously.



Prayers & Concerns:

Doug Clem had successful knee replacement surgery and is recovering at home.

Sherry Wyatt is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Barry Kausler is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer.

Margaret Pratt has moved to Oak Tree Villas. Her new address is:

*3108 West Truman Blvd. #403
Jefferson City, MO 65109*

In Sympathy:

Trudy Clevenger, and family, in the death of her mother, Trudy Clark, who passed away on March 17 at the age of 92.

Pat Breece, and family, in the death of her sister.

The family of Jack Mardoyan, who passed away. Services will be held at First Baptist on Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 am.

Upcoming Events



Jazz Swings Into First Baptist Church

On Thursday, **April 28** First Baptist Church will host the Justin Kauflin Trio as part of the "We Always Swing Jazz Series." This is our first collaboration with the jazz series and the concert is one you will not want to miss. Tickets are available at the series website and will run from \$20-35. See the trio bio below for more information.



Justin Kauflin, the now award-winning pianist lost his eyesight when he was 11. Scholarships allowed him to attend William Paterson University in New Jersey where he met and was taken under the wings of Clark Terry, Mulgrew Miller and a host of other noteworthy jazz artists: Harold Mabern, Wynton Marsalis, Randy Brecker and the late James Williams among them. Through Terry, he met "Q" - Quincy Jones. Astounded by his ability, Jones included him in a 2013 World Tour with other artists, which landed him in front of huge sold out venues at the Montreux Jazz Festival, in Seoul, Tokyo and Hiroshima.

Kauflin recently released his sophomore recording, Dedication, for Jones' Qwest label. Not surprisingly he's receiving a great deal of acclaim. The Jazz Series is pleased to welcome Kauflin and his band mates as they make their first Jazz Series appearance.

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.



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

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



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Attention all graduates!



First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, **May 15th**. Graduates will be recognized in our combined worship service. There will be a light brunch before the service in the Children's Building Hallway. We are asking that all graduates send your graduation information to the church no later than Sunday, April 24th 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. Congratulations to all our grads!

Register for Youth Camp

This year we will be heading to Quest Youth Camp at Green Lake, WI, **July 10-16th**. The cost of camp will be \$230 per person with a \$30 discount for additional family members. Please turn in your \$50 deposit by April 15th with the balance due on or May 29th. As always, if you need additional financial assistance, please contact Michael to discuss what will work for your family. Green Lake is a beautiful area and I would love to take a good group of students so if you invite a friend, they can count as additional family and go for \$200 (or if you're a bad friend you can charge them \$230 and you only pay \$200, but that seems wrong for church camp :) Contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) for more information.

