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# Mark your calendars on September 23-25; First Baptist to offer the SAFE seminar!

I have been thinking a lot about sex. Allow me to explain. It all started last fall when a friend of mine who is a children's minister called to tell me that her church had discovered that a deacon in their leadership had been abusing children for years right under their noses. Then, in the spring, when Michael and I adopted our daughter, Marin, our 6-year-old began asking lots of questions about where babies come from. I wanted to say, "the stork brings them," but I knew that was an insufficient answer. Finally, in the last few years, it seems like the horror stories of rape on college campuses have continued to pile up; the Stanford swimmer is just the latest in a long line of violent acts committed against women.

All of this has been a wake-up call for me as a parent and a pastor about how important it is for us to talk about sex with our children. It is essential that parents be equipped to be the primary sex educators of their children and it is

absolutely crucial that we as a church work tirelessly to create a safe place for children. We have to do everything in our power to protect the children in our care. In addition, as followers of Christ we have a unique worldview regarding sex. We see it as a gift from God, something sacred and mysterious; so, how do we convey this worldview to our children?

As a result of all of this, in partnership with our Child Development Center, First Baptist is going to offer SAFE (Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment Seminar). LeAnn Gardner, who is an ordained minister and clinical social worker, will be with us September 23-25 to discuss how parents become the primary transmitters of information about sex and safety to our children. We will discuss the many facets of child safety, including education about sexual development and sex education; teaching body awareness and empowerment to our children; and eliciting a strong



supportive adult network to help us with this heavy responsibility of keeping our children safe. This seminar is for parents of young children, grandparents, people who volunteer in our preschool and children's ministry, and any adult who wants to be educated about how to keep our children safe.

Thank you,  
**Carol McEntyre**  
Pastor

## Jeanie McGowan to preach Sunday, June 26

Carol and Michael McEntyre will be traveling to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly from June 20-26. Associate Pastor Ed Rollins will be available for pastoral care needs. Our guest preacher on Sunday, June 26 will be Jeanie McGowan.

For many years, Jeanie was on staff at First Baptist Jefferson City as the Minister to Single Adults. She retired a few years ago and was enjoying living in her dream home, which was nestled on 2.3 acres outside Jefferson City. The home had all the features she and her husband would need to see them through retirement — including being accessible to

the handicapped. On June 26, Jeanie will preach in both services and tell the story of how she and her husband gave up their dream home and moved into a diverse — what some would consider rough — neighborhood on Jefferson City's east side, just a half a block from an old state penitentiary.



## The Annual Church Picnic

Fun was had by all! The winners of the world championship annual church picnic egg toss are Michael McEntyre and Aubin Galloway. Nate McEntyre took gold in the kid's toss. Plus, \$452 was raised in the Pepto-Bismol Men's Bake Sale for missions. Thanks to all of our cooks and to Steven Potter and David Siegenthaler for their help setting up.







# Jesus is the Light of the World

The First Baptist Church Cave Quest Vacation Bible School was amazing. The Children at First Baptist Church didn't just hear about God's love; they were able to touch it, sing it, taste it and put it into action through God sightings. As they traveled from station to station, they were able to go deeper into understanding God's love. Most importantly, the children learned about God's son Jesus and that He is the light of the world!

We had many talented and dedicated volunteers to help make this week so spectacular. Our leaders included Lillian and Stephen Hoell, Jen Boeckman, Christine Chang, Lisa Lang, Abby Hartsfield, Stephen Potter, Myra Galloway, Marilyn

Zumwalt, Janet Kiefer, Kaitlyn Agan, Debbie Riley, Sherry Wyatt, Michael McEntyre, Michelle Twitty, Janet Kiefer, Megan Riley, Caryn McClanahan, Karlye Jeffries, Rachel Jeffries, Jordan Kausler, Holden Kausler, Abigail Mayhan and Katherine Mayhan. We also had a wonderful guest speaker, Kirsten Alvey from the Missouri Bat Census, who taught us about local caves and even introduced us to real live bats. She showed us that bats are one of God's awesome creations. Our mission project focused on donations to support MO Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation.

**Yvette Chambers**  
Director of Children's Ministry



**Praising God and having fun!**

# Looking FOR A Village

Reshaping the Church's Response to the Faith Journey of Young People.

## New Summer Small Group Offering beginning June 19th

I am excited for the opportunity to lead this discussion this summer. As a part of my Doctoral efforts, I am working to develop a way to introduce faith communities to the challenges, changes and complexities facing the faith development of our kids. This is an important discussion that affects everyone in our faith family, so I hope that all of you will try and participate when you are able. With our Office Administrator (Madison) moving, our adoption leave, our main office computer crashing and the limited communications to our congregation lately, the Teaching Team has not been able to publicize this event as well as we would have liked. Please help spread the word about this new opportunity for summer.

**What:** New Summer Small Group offering - Looking for a Village - Reshaping the Church's Response to the Faith Journey of Young People.

**When:** Sunday mornings 10:15 - 11:05 a.m., June 19th - August 7th. This summer series will last for 8 weeks and is designed to accommodate busy summer schedules. We know many of our congregation will be in and out of town often this summer, but we hope you will join us when you can.

**Where:** Second floor in the Parlor.

**Who it's for:** Adults 18 and up. This is a vital topic for everyone in our faith community. We are looking for a healthy intergenerational mix to join in this discussion to better represent our congregation.

**What we'll discuss:** In some ways this is an intervention. It has become abundantly clear that the church is losing its appeal to the younger generation (and many in the other



generations if we are honest). The attempt of this discussion is to help us as a church understand why this is happening and better equip ourselves to live out the beauty and passion of the Gospel in a way that is authentic and attractive to those around us.

## Over the summer we will:

- Paint of broad picture of how the church has attempted to minister to children and youth through the centuries.
- Look at some of the social and cultural developments that have influenced how we raise kids and brought us to where we are today.
- Explore the difficult discussion of growing childhood pressure/stress and the expanse of adolescence that has created a sense of abandonment in our young people.
- Identify how the church has responded (or not responded) to all of these changing needs.
- Determine and discuss a model that will help us frame a discussion of how to move forward and change the status quo by equipping our membership to better understand and articulate their faith, establish a shared response to what we have learned and adjust our approach to ministry with our kids, youth and young adults.

I realize that is a lofty set of goals for an 8-week small group offering, but what can I say, I am an optimist. My hope is that this series will offer a rich experience in both the theoretical and the practical. It will consist of loads of information and opportunities for digestion and reflection through group discussion and optional outside resources. In the end, I hope it will leave us with some good steps to better share the best of our faith with the generations to come. What is abundantly clear to me is that we cannot afford to do nothing, so I hope you will come and join us this summer as we seek to create a better village of faith in which to raise incredible followers of Christ.

Thanks for the opportunity,  
**Michael McEntyre**