

June 29, 2016

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Celebrating

190

years



Water Balloon games
Biodegradable
Balloons provided

Fall Kick-off

August 28th

on the Front lawn

at 12:15 pm

Bounce house,
Snow cones and
Much More



Child Development Center News

The Child Development Center is getting ready for the fall. We still have **Preschool openings** for ages 2-6 (children must be 2 years old by August 1).

We also have several **job openings**:

- Custodian: Basic housekeeping tasks. Hours are 5:00-8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday while preschool is in session.
- Preschool teacher/aide: Full and part-time positions available.

If you or someone you know would be interested, contact the CDC office at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org





You are Important to Global Missions

In the age of smartphones and Google, it is hard to believe that there are still MANY people groups around the world that don't have a written language. However, Kirk and his wife, Suzie, are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel who have been working with one such people group called the Bisu. During worship, this week, at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in Greensboro, N.C., we heard their story.

For 19 years, Suzie and Kirk have lived among a hill tribe people, the Bisu, a minority in Thailand. They have cultivated relationships with the Bisu and have helped to create an alphabet and literacy materials. They have worked with villagers to translate legends, oral history and stories of daily life, and they have trained villagers to teach the language. They have also been working on a translation of the Bible.

In addition, they spent time sharing the story of Jesus with the Bisu in their area but with little success. However, while traveling in another part of Southeast Asia, Suzie and Kirk discovered that there is another village of Bisu. Unbeknownst, to both villages! This village had been heavily influenced by other missionaries and was full of Christians. However, they had NO scriptures. They told Kirk and Suzie that they had been praying for a Bible for years.

After telling the story of Bisu believers, Suzie and Kirk held up the tangible result of their 19 years of forming relationships with this community—the Bisu New Testament which went to print in late 2015! Thanks to churches like First Baptist, and people like you who contribute to the CBF Global Missions offering, Suzie and Kirk were able to present this Bible to the villagers who had prayed for it for years. First Baptist also gives additional support to Keith Holmes and Mary van Rhee, CBF field personnel, doing similar work in Holland.

I enjoy attending the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly because I get to hear how our work at First Baptist impacts the world. In addition, I had the opportunity to attend the leadership institute with renowned preaching professor Tom Long, to choose from multiple workshops each day, to participate in the annual Baptist Women in Ministry gathering and to join in worship each evening. Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre and First Baptist member Ross Kasman who serves as the Moderator of CBF Heartland, along with his wife Michelle, also traveled to Greensboro.



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Looking FOR A Village



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

If you haven't checked out our new Summer Small Group, come join the conversation.

When: Sunday mornings 10:15-11:05am, 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.

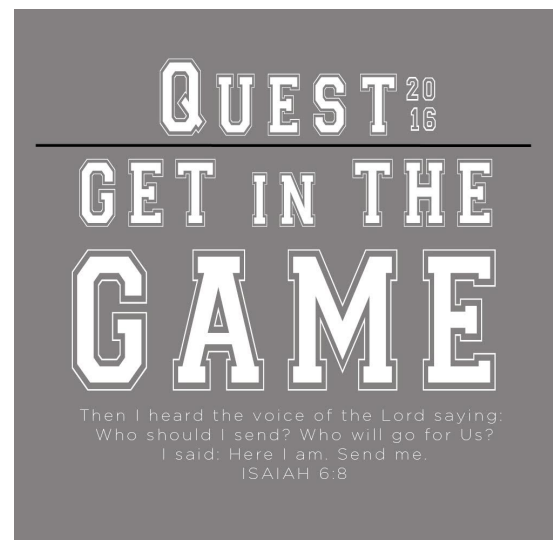
Where: 2nd Floor in the Parlor

Who is it for: Anyone who was a teenager. This is a vital topic for everyone in our faith community. We are looking for a healthy intergenerational mix to bring join in this discussion to better represent our congregation.

What will we 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). This attempt of this discussion is to help us as a church understand why this is happening and better equip ourselves to live out

Prayer Request for Youth Camp

Please be in prayer for our youth and adults who will be leaving for Quest Camp July 10-16th. Quest Camp is sponsored by the American Baptist Churches, USA (one of our ministry partners) and is located in Green Lake, Wisconsin. The theme of this year's camp is- Get in the Game. The theme is built upon Isaiah 6:8 and Isaiah's response to God's question, "Who should I send? Who will go for Us?" Please be in prayer for God to move in the lives of all our participants, for safe travel, and for God to show us new ways to "get in the game"!



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“Return Service Requested”

Summer Books Still Available

Books can be purchased for \$10 in the church office during the week
and on Sunday outside the sanctuary.

