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## QUEST<sup>2016</sup> GET IN THE GAME

### Youth Camp 2016

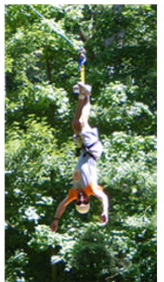


We had a good week at Quest Camp as our students and leaders were challenged not to live their faith on the sidelines, but to "Get in the Game." Camp is a great opportunity for our students to get away from the busyness of life and make space for the work of Christ. I love the fact that this work can happen in a worship service, during Bible Study, on a ropes course, around a camp fire, on the lake, and even crawling through a mud pit! These shared memories will last a lifetime and are essential in forming a firm foundation of faith.

Thank you for your prayers and support for our students during this week. Please continue to pray that the lessons learned will take root and grow. Pray that our students and leaders will cultivate a love for Christ that consistently moves them from the sidelines onto the playing field of God's kingdom work in the world. Lastly, pray that as a community of faith, we are able to continue supporting our students through our involvement, our example, and our openness. Thanks for the opportunity to serve alongside of you.

*Michael McIntyre*

Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions





## Do You Desire More of God?

Maybe you long for a more intimate prayer life or deeper insight from God's word but you just don't know how to get there.

When I was in seminary at Baylor, each student was required to participate in a covenant group. My group was made up of six students, three men and three women. We met together, weekly, for prayer and spiritual formation for three years. Each semester, our group practiced different spiritual disciplines. Don't let the word discipline intimidate you. They are called disciplines because it takes commitment to practice them. Over the course of those three years, I discovered that spiritual disciplines (practices or habits) are what open us up to God's transforming love.

Some spiritual practices are reading scripture, journaling, prayer walking, solitude and keeping the Sabbath. They are the hotspots of the Spirit, the place where we can regularly meet Jesus. A spiritual practice isn't magic, but it does put you in partnership with the Holy Spirit and create the space for you to hear from God. Carrying out these practices over time is what leads to the transformation that we long for—the transformation that only Christ can bring in our lives. My covenant group experience was life changing. I began a journey of spiritual formation through the practices that have carried me all these years.

This fall, I am going to lead two Covenant Groups that will focus on creating the space in our lives to hear from Christ through spiritual practices. Each group will meet just once a month to allow time to try out the practices. My hope is to have a group that meets in the evening and a group that meets on Thursday afternoons. I want the groups to be intimate and a place for community, therefore they will be capped at 10 participants each. It is also important that participants commit to attending the meetings and making time for the practices between meetings. The cost for the group materials is \$20 per person.

If you are interested in signing up or want to know more, email me at [mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) or call the church office at 442-1149.



Thank You,







## Serving Behind the Scenes

Since 2012, Meridith Green has served as our Nursery Coordinator. This month, she is moving to Kansas City to pursue a career in interpreting.



As Nursery Coordinator, Meridith has diligently served behind the scenes scheduling nursery workers, keeping the nursery organized, and even changing diapers. She has many times gone above and beyond her job description to help make our preschool and children's ministry great. She put mandatory training in place for all our nursery workers. She has also lent her artistic talents to Vacation Bible School decorating and her musical talent to the Awakening Band. She has been a gift to First Baptist. We are grateful for her service.

Meridith will continue to schedule the nursery workers from Kansas City until we are able to hire a replacement. If you know someone who might be interested in the position, please contact Charles Hunter, Personnel Committee chair at Charles.Hunter@commercebank.com.

## Personnel Committee and Church Council Welcome Two New Staff Members:

### Administrative Assistant

On August 2, we will welcome Janet Deneke as our new Administrative Assistant. Janet is from mid-Missouri having graduated from high school in Fulton. She has enjoyed an extensive background in administration and information technology at the University of Missouri-Columbia, most recently working as a Global Projects Manager for the Vice-Provost for International Programs at the university. She has also spent nearly 10 years as a United Methodist pastor serving two congregations in mid-Missouri. We look forward to having her on staff and know that you will want to come by and introduce yourself to her in the near future.

### Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities and Arts



For almost ten years, Brenda Rice has been working part time here at First Baptist to help spruce up our facilities. Then, over the years a very part time position moved to half time, and now the Church Council and Personnel Committee have hired Brenda to move into a full time position. Her responsibilities will include oversight of the web and social media, oversight of facility use management (point of contact for the church/calendaring), liaison for the Hospitality and Bereavement Teams, and continued work with the Pastor and Associate Pastor for artistic enhancements to worship. We're excited to officially welcome Brenda as part of our full time staff. Please welcome her at [brice@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:brice@fbc-columbia.org).

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## Prometheus – In Concert

Prometheus, a small vocal ensemble which includes First Baptist's own, Lindsey Lang and her husband Frank, will present a concert in our sanctuary on *Friday, July 29 at 7:30 pm*. The program, entitled "Calls Us Home", features a combination of Renaissance motets, contemporary madrigals, and American choral music. During the day they will be presenting a choral workshop open to community singers of all ages. For more info about the workshop, please visit us at <http://www.choralartsallianceofmissouri.com/prometheus/>

Tickets available online or at Sparky's Homemade Ice Cream, 21 S. 9th Street: \$20 advance general admission, \$25 door general admission, \$8 students w/ ID, and \$20 adult educational workshop + concert admission (BEST DEAL!).

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear great music and reconnect with good friends.



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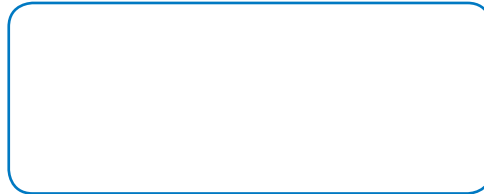
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## Child Development Center News



The Child Development Center (CDC) would like to invite the First Baptist Church to join us in our **“Back to School Playground Rejuvenation Event.”**

It will be held on Tuesday, August 9 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm with a rain date set for August 10. We will be working on flower beds, raking and spreading mulch, trimming trees and weeding.

**Help Wanted!** We are also looking for somebody to help with a special project concerning our wooden

## Join us for some fun in the sun.

First Baptist children and youth—and friends and family—will be swimming at Oakland Pool o. Sunday August 7, from 3-5pm.

Hope to see you there!

**Yvette**  
Director of Children's Ministry

