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S.A.F.E. Seminar

Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment

S.A.F.E. teaches caregivers the tools to engage in conversations with their children about sexuality.



Friday, Sept. 23: DINNER AT 5 P.M./SEMINAR 6-8 p.m.

- Parents and caregivers meet with licensed social worker and ordained minister LeAnn Gardner
- Children age 4 through Grade 5 will take part in the Kidz'n Power program, which will be taught by professionals from Hockman's ATA Martial Arts
- This program is endorsed by AmberAlert.com and teaches methods to deal with bullies, break-away self-defense tactics and child-abduction safety tips

Saturday, Sept. 24: 10 a.m.-12:30 P.M.

- Parents and caregivers complete the S.A.F.E. seminar
- Children will have a fun day of sensory play

Presented by licensed social worker
and ordained minister LeAnn Gardner

Cost: \$25/person or \$40/couple - includes Friday night dinner for the whole family.

Free child care for infants up to Grade 5.

Three ways to register:

Online at fbc-columbia.org * email churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org * Call First Baptist Church at 442-1149

ABRAHAM & SARAH

Stories of Faith and Failure

Sermon
Series

August
28th

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October
16th





For the next few weeks in worship,

we will be talking about the story of Abraham and Sarah. The story begins in Genesis 11 under the heading, “These are the descendants of Terah.” Terah is ninth in descent from Noah and Abram (who has not yet been renamed Abraham) is his son; this little detail reminds us that this is an ancient story. The story of Abram and Sarai is really the beginning of our story as the family of God. It through this couple that God begins a personal relationship with God’s people. The distinctive element of this story is the presence of a personal God, who will for those who listen to God’s voice, guide them and open up a future for them. Consequently, in Genesis 12, God tells Abram to pack his backs and leave home. Then God makes this promise, “I’ll make you a great nation and bless you... All the

families of the earth will be blessed through you.” There is only one little problem; it is Sarai. The first thing we learn about Sarai beyond the fact that she is Abram’s wife is that she is barren. As someone who has struggled with infertility can I tell you how much I hate the word barren. Scripture makes Sarai’s womb sound like a desert wasteland. But we get the point: how can God make this family into a great nation if they have no children?

Join us this Sunday, as we begin to explore this incredible story.

Carol McEntyre

Covenant Groups Begin Soon!

This fall, Pastor Carol McEntyre will be leading two Covenant Groups that will focus on creating the space in our lives to hear from Christ through the spiritual practices. Each group will meet just once a month to allow time to try out the practices. The evening group will meet the first Tuesday of every month beginning September 6 at 6 p.m.. The afternoon group will meet on Thursdays beginning September 8 at 1:30 pm. If you are interested in signing up or want to know more email me at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or call the church office at 442-1149.

Sanctuary Sound Improvements Coming Soon

Recent Endowment funding included money to replace the existing sound system in our sanctuary. Scheduled to begin in mid-September, the work will include new speakers, microphones (for both sound enhancement and webcasting), and small monitors for the chancel area.

In preparation for this project, the cover of our speaker cluster (the square box hanging on the ceiling of the sanctuary) will be lowered on Monday, August 29. This structure will be slightly altered and a new cover will be attached before going back up when the new system has been installed. So, for a short time you may see a few holes in the ceiling and an old speaker frame, but just know that this is progress as promised.

Chanticleer In Concert!

On Wednesday, October 5, First Baptist and the Odyssey Chamber Music Series will host the world renowned, multiple Grammy award winning male ensemble, Chanticleer, for an evening of wonderful music.

Founded in San Francisco in 1978, Chanticleer is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices ranging from countertenor to bass, and for its original interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz, and from gospel to venturesome new music.”

It is a wonderful opportunity to have such a group as this singing in our sanctuary, and this is sure to be one of the finest vocal concerts we’ve ever had at First Baptist. Plan now to attend!

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased in the office or on line at www.odysseymissouri.org.



STUDIO 1B

Begins Sept 11th!

The Calling, our weekly youth Bible Study that meets on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:00pm, is in for a new twist this semester. On Sept 11th we will officially open Studio 1B, a interactive experience for 6-12th graders designed to engage discipleship in a creative way. Over the course of the semester we will study upcoming Scripture passages that the pastor will preach on in the year to come. Once we have wrestled with the text, our students will interpret the story in their own words. Finally, we will put our Studio to work as we create short films that will be used in our services to enhance our worship experience. I hope all of our students will join us this semester as we make our voices heard in Studio 1B.

UpcomingEvents



College and Young Adult September Calendar

September 11

Join us for free appetizers at the Heidelberg as we celebrate a new semester. We'll meet on the roof of the Berg at 8:00pm.



**THE
HEIDELBERG**

September 18

Bonfire, homemade ice cream, and S'mores! The McEntyres are opening their home for a fun night of food and fellowship- and a game of croquet (because why not?). Join us at 8:00pm by the fire.

September 25

As First Baptist concludes a weekend focused on child safety, we want to offer a way to help our college and young adults stay safe as well. We are planning to host a special self-defense class led by area martial arts experts. The class is designed to defend against the 9 most common attacks as reported by the FBI and will be free to students. Watch for more details.



Welcome New Members

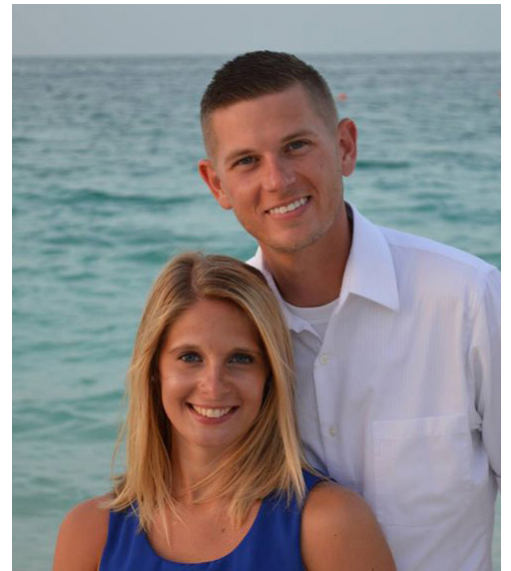


Beverly Lake

“I grew up in Mississippi and western North Carolina, but became a Texan when I married one in 1954. My husband, Don, and I were married 59 years and have two children, Mark Lake and Kim Siegenthaler, a member of First Baptist. Don died in 2013. I moved here to Columbia to be near Kim and her husband, David, as my son is overseas. I have been active in my church in Corsicana TX since I accepted Christ into my life in 1961. Everyone in Columbia has been so friendly. I live at Tiger Place. I look forward to many years here and getting to know all of you.”

Cliff and April DeGraff

Cliff and April DeGraff moved to Columbia last July and started attending First Baptist in the fall of last year. They attend Awakening Worship. They both work for University of Missouri Health Care, Cliff in diagnostic radiology and April in marketing. Cliff enjoys golfing and April enjoys reading and running; together they enjoy traveling, usually someplace with a beach. They were both raised in Missouri and met while attending Missouri Valley College in Marshall.



Ministry Update from Mary van Rheenen and Keith Holmes

Mary and Keith were members of First Baptist Church who have ministered in and around Romania for nearly 20 years as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Missionaries. In recent months, they have continued working on literacy programs, recorded a new translation of the Latvian New Testament, and taught at an English family camp in Poland. They send their thanks for prayers and support for their evangelistic mission.

The full text of their letter, updating us on their work, is posted on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby.

UpcomingEvents



Fellowship Adventures

Join us on September 18th to see the delightful Disney musical, *The Little Mermaid*. The show is at 2 p.m. at Columbia Entertainment Company, 1800 Nelwood, with dinner after. The restaurant will be chosen once we know how many children will be attending. Tickets are \$10 per person. Make your reservation by contacting the church office at 443-149 or churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

September 1st Ann Judson Circle: A Peek at the Past

1 p.m. in the parlor

What did you do on your summer vacation? Ken Hammann spent his summer on the third floor of the church, organizing the archives. All persons – men and women – are invited to get a glimpse of the church's unofficial history, as Ken shares many interesting finds, including the founding document from November 22, 1823.

Come and see how you might get involved in researching the church's history!

Vox Nova In Concert

On Saturday, September 3, one of Columbia's newest vocal ensembles, Vox Nova, presents a concert in our sanctuary at 7 pm. The concert, "From Idaho to Missouri," features music sung recently at the International Choral Festival in Pocatello, Idaho.

Founded in 2014, Vox Nova is a vocal chamber group based in Columbia, Missouri. The musicians in the ensemble are established music educators, conductors, and professional vocalists. The members currently come from Columbia, Kansas City, Lawrence, KS., Chicago, IL., Baton Rouge, LA., and New York, NY. Many of the members perform with other professional choirs, prominent music festivals, and chamber opera companies, both locally and across the United States. Vox Nova is committed to choral excellence and to spreading choral music to listening audiences.

This past season, Vox Nova collaborated with native Columbia chamber ensembles and composers, and made its premiere appearance for the Odyssey Chamber Music Series, and the Idaho International Choral Festival. In 2015, the singers were selected as national semifinalists in the professional division of The American Prize in Choral Performance, and are currently 2016 semifinalists in the professional division of The American Prize in Chamber Ensemble Performance (currently in progress).

Find out more at www.voxnovacomo.com Tickets are \$10 at the door. As a note of special interest, Vox Nova has included singers well known to First Baptist, including Christina Casey; her new fiancé, Jonathan; and Jared Smith – brother to former scholarship singer, Joey.)

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“Return Service Requested”

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**

Meat, drink, and utensils are provided by the church.

Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share!