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Fall Sheppard Lecture Series

Rev. Dr. David Gushee (pictured below) is the Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University. Dr. Gushee will be our guest **October 17 and 18** for our Fall Sheppard Lecture.

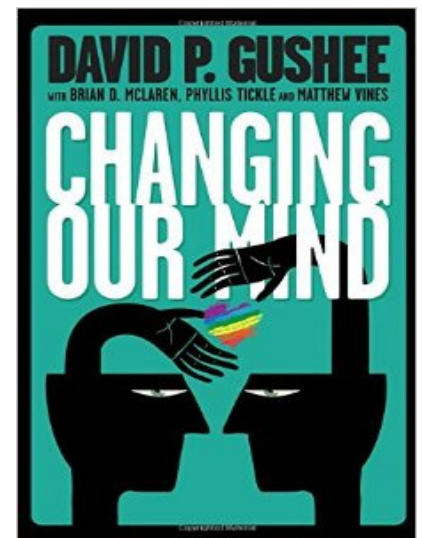


Saturday, October 17 Session

10:00 am - Noon

"LGBT Issues and The Church Today" *Plus Q & A*

Submit your questions for Dr. Gushee by email to
churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.



Sunday, October 18 Sessions

First Session:

9:15 am
during Awakening
Worship

"How I Changed My
Mind on LGBT Inclusion"

Second Session:

10:15 am, over brunch
in the Fellowship Hall

"Revisiting Scripture"

Third Session:

11:15 am
during Traditional
Worship

"Everyone Is Included -
from Genesis to Jesus"

You can pick up a copy of
Changing Our Mind during
the week in the church office
or in the hallway outside the
Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Widening Our Welcome

Sunday Mornings Through Oct. 11 at 10:15 am in the Parlor

As we continue the process of widening and clarifying our welcome statement, Bob Russell, Khaki Westerfield and Deb Carr will alternate teaching a Bible Study examining the Biblical texts that address homosexuality, through multiple lenses.





CommunityNews



A Night to Remember...

As a way to help raise money for Room at the Inn, students from several area churches came together over the weekend to experience Night Under the Stars. We began the night by asking, "What is it like to walk in their shoes?" Homelessness and poverty affect all of us. The most recent statistics we have say that 24% of kids in Columbia under 18 live at or below the poverty line.

As followers of Christ, we are not only called to help our neighbor, but also to know them. Our hope for all those who experienced Night Under the Stars is that they would better understand that poverty does not describe a person, it describes a person's situation. Matthew 25 encourages us as believers to remember the "least of these" in our community. It is important to remember that the "least" is still a child of God, a co-heir with Christ, as Romans tells us.

As our students walked around downtown, ate at our make-shift soup kitchen, experienced the frustrations of the poverty simulation, and slept in our Room at the Inn style shelter, we encouraged them to think about those in our community for whom these experiences are a daily reality. In our evening worship service, our students were given space to pray for the homeless in our community by name and bring an offering that will help to provide shelter to those in need this winter. Our prayer was that God would help us to be the answer to their prayers. Overall it was a very meaningful night, one I hope our students will always remember.

Thank you to all of our students and adults who participated in Night Under the Stars. Thank you to Broadway Christian, First Christian, and Fairview UMC for working to make this night possible. Thanks to Angie Olsen from the Missouri UMC Missions, Service and Justice Ministries for organizing our poverty simulation, and to the countless adults who volunteered to make it happen. Thank you to Pastor Meg Hegemann and Wilkes Blvd UMC for hosting our meal and to Sherry Wyatt serving our food. And thank you to our Serving Team and First Baptist for your support and prayers.

Sincerely,

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor



Prayers & Concerns:

Barry Kausler is undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer.

Marsha Randell is taking a chemo pill. Pray for no side effects.

Dell Keepers is recovering from a broken ankle, at the Bluffs.

Meet New Member: Maizie DuCoulombier

Hello! My name is Maizie R. DuCoulombier! I am from the small town of Jonesburg, and moved to Columbia last August to attend Mizzou! I'm majoring in Health Sciences and minoring in Human Development and Family Studies. My hobbies include: photography, crochet, and kids (if they're a hobby). I really enjoy children and have 6 nieces and nephews!



UpcomingEvents

Summer Book Discussions

You've read them over the summer, now it's time to discuss them. Join us for the final discussion of the Summer Reading list books!

Introducing the Missional Church
High Tea, Saturday, **October 3**, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Hosted and facilitated by John and Sandy Hall
Location: Church Parlor

Please RSVP to the church office with which events you will be attending. Feel free to attend even if you have not read or finished the book.

Fellowship Adventures

Oct. 24

Off to a Paris Adventure! Wee Wee!

Yes, our next Fellowship Adventures trip will be to Paris, MO for a day on **October 24** trip to see Mark Twain's birth house and museum in Florida, a tour around Mark Twain Lake, and a stop in Paris to see the Redwood tree! It is the oldest redwood east of California! It was planted over 100 years ago and my grandparents lived in an apartment with it in the front yard! Hopefully the weather will be nice and we can explore on foot some things in the area! We will eat lunch in Madison at the Hoof restaurant and will go by the covered bridge.

Email me at paulalou52@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us! All are welcome.

—Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair



Work Day at Pastor Nene's House

The Serving Team is hosting a workday at Pastor Nene Peter's house on Saturday, **October 3** from 9:00 am to noon. We will be working on seeding the yard, planting landscaping and possibly finishing up some painting. You can sign up to help on the signup sheet at the church or by emailing Dave Bennett at dbennett@ess-inc.com. Come help us as we put on the final touches for move in day.

Join us to celebrate Jim & Verna Rhodes's 65th anniversary!

Saturday, October 17th 2:00 - 4:30 pm
Lenior Woods Community Center

Except for your presence, No Gifts, please!

DIRECTIONS TO LENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER:

- Turn "R" from "Grindstone" or "L" from New Haven Rd on to Lenior Street
- Take 2nd Entrance into Lenior Retirement Center and an immediate "R" on Cartwright Dr to the first STOP SIGN
- Turn "L" on Miller continue to the second Parking Lot on "L"--PARK
- Note "Community Center" sign on building
- "Grindstone (from West) and New Haven Road (from East) join at Hwy. #63

Birthday Celebration

Please join family and friends in celebrating the **100th birthday of Howard Durk** on Sunday, October 11 during an Open House from 2:00-4:00 in the Activity Room of Boone Landing at 109 N. Keene St. In Columbia. The celebration is hosted by his children Nelson Durk, Betty Dowdy, and Deborah Snellen.

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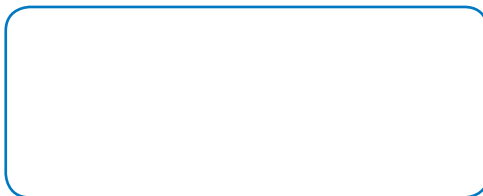
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Save the Date!

Afternoon at the Farm will be on Sunday, October 25.



Odyssey Chamber music series

Odyssey's Season 12 is a musical journey around the world, and it begins with Asia. Featured in the program are transcriptions of Japanese folk songs, beautiful compositions inspired by the East, and unique combination of Piano & Erhu in a setting of contemporary music. Feast with us in an array of Asian food after the concert!

Child Development Center's Annual Email Auction

November 9-13

It's fall and time for a fresh start! You can begin this by looking for treasures at your home or business that can be donated to the CDC email auction. Items that have sold successfully in the past include: small pieces of furniture, a gift from someone to you that you don't use or need, books in good condition, services such as knitting or cooking lessons, art that needs to be "recycled" to some else's home or office, collectibles, baked items (cakes, pies), handmade items (quilt, afghan), gift certificates. These are just a few examples, be creative!

If possible, please email a picture of your items to be included in the auction list. Please email items, or any questions, to Trudy Clevenger at momclev@rocketmail.com between October 21 - November 7.

