

September 28, 2016

# the SPIRE



Celebrating  
**190**  
years



## It's a Celebration!!

On the weekend of October 8-9, First Baptist will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Colleen Ostercamp's tenure as organist. We are so blessed by her music, her positive spirit and her deep and abiding love for her God and First Baptist Church.



### Anniversary Organ Recital

**Saturday, October 8 at 1:00 pm**

The celebration begins as we welcome Colleen's sister, Dr. JanEl Will to Columbia to present a very special recital. Jan El serves as organist at historic Bruton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, Virginia. JanEl holds a Master of Music degree in organ and harpsichord performance and a Doctorate of Musical Arts in organ performance. She is an experienced performer at home and abroad.

JanEl will be joined by other guest artists for the recital.

Following the recital, you are invited to High Tea in the Fellowship Hall, as we gather to celebrate Colleen's 25th!!

### Sunday Worship, October 9

**9:15** Awakening Worship – there will be a special recognition of Colleen during worship.

**11:15** Traditional Worship – JanEl returns to assist in our celebration of worship and to help us thank Colleen, while Colleen enjoys a rare opportunity to sit in worship with her family. Multiple keyboardists, bell ringers, instrumentalists and singers will all be at work helping to lead in worship.

**12:15** – Catered Lunch – following the Traditional Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Steve Potter and the Hospitality Team are putting together a delicious lunch. Cost for dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.



### Please RSVP!

All are welcome at any and all events.

For planning purposes, especially for Saturday's tea and Sunday's meal we need to know how many to expect.

Please RSVP by October 5 in any of the following ways:

- ❖ Call the church at 573-442-1149
- ❖ Mail a written RSVP to First Baptist Church at 1112 E. Broadway
- ❖ Drop a written RSVP in the collection plate
- ❖ Email the church at churchinfo@fbc-columbia (65201)

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In just a few days, October 8 and 9, we will celebrate Colleen Ostercamp's 25th Anniversary as our Organist. Colleen has served as our Organist for the last 25 years and that alone is worth celebrating! At the same time, we all know that Colleen brings much more than the gift of music to our community. Certainly, Colleen's love for corporate worship and talent as an organist is a gift to First Baptist but so is the gentleness of her spirit, which prompts her to care for others in our congregation with great depth; her talent as a teacher, which has blessed many budding musicians in our congregation; her ability as a seamstress which has gifted our worship with lovely banners and our Child Development Center with essentials like curtains and bedding. And who can overlook the infectious nature of Colleen's joy, which is surely a sign of God's presence in her life and that resilient hope of God in her heart.

This week, as I thought about Colleen, I was also reminded of the vow of stability that monks, in the Roman Catholic Church, take. The vow of stability means that the monk promises to stay put. The famous Trappist monk and author, Thomas Merton once explained it this way, "By making a vow of stability the monk renounces the vain hope of wandering off to find a 'perfect monastery.' The vow of stability means giving up the temptation to move from place to place in search of an ideal situation. Because of the vow of stability, when interpersonal conflicts arise, monks have a great incentive to work it out and restore peace in the community.

Nobody asked Colleen to take a vow of stability, but her longevity at First Baptist is also a gift to our community. In this day and age, when people change jobs on average 12 times during their career, Colleen has been here 25 years! This stability is what has allowed her to be so much more than our organist; she is also a valued and beloved member of our community, who has served faithfully through good times and bad. It is a reminder to all of us, that even if you can't stay put in your community of faith indefinitely, you should consider taking something of a vow of stability — slowing down and planting yourself long enough to truly become part of the community, to be wholeheartedly committed and involved. After all, it is the way of Jesus; Jesus created a community of followers who travelled with him, living and learning as they went. They grew in faith individually, but they did so largely in the context of community as they prayed and ministered together.

*Carla McIntyre*

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## Scholarships



As reported in the previous Spire, various scholarships have been awarded through the generosity and foresight of current and former members of First Baptist Church. Here is a note from a recipient of the Luebbbers Scholarship:

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for bestowing me the generous scholarship. It will really help us get me off to a great start at ol' Mizzou!

Actually, I am already off to a great start in school and working at the hospital. I'm so glad I'm still close to home and to my wonderful church family.

With much gratitude,  
Raquel Kausler



## **Opportunities for Spiritual Growth and Learning**

### **New Sunday Morning Small Group Discussion Beginning October 16 at 10:15 - 2nd Floor Conference Room**

Where is God when life isn't going like we want it to? Do we get so wrapped up in religion that we miss out on what's important to God? Have you ever had these or other hard questions about faith, religion, and God? This new study group will explore these and other difficult questions.

We will be utilizing the NOOMA video series by author

Rob Bell. We are not offering simple answers, but through our relationship with a living God and each other, we can begin to explore such topics as forgiveness, doubt, healing, and spirituality.

Each week we will watch a short video and then discuss and explore the topic as a group. We will begin with the following topics:

October 16th - Where is God when life isn't going like we want it to?

October 23rd - Could love be the most misunderstood

and misused word in our vocabulary?

October 30th - Do our lives even matter?

November 6th - Do we get so wrapped up in religion that we miss out on what's important to God?

### **Sermon Discussion Group Sundays, Beginning October 16, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

A group will meet to discuss Sunday's sermon following the 11:15 service.

This is an opportunity to dig deeper into scriptural texts or topics from the day's sermon that you found intriguing, challenging, illuminating or confusing.

We'll meet every other Sunday for about an hour, and will order in box lunches for those interested.

**Everyone is welcome, so come give it a try!**



## **First Baptist Adventures**

October 17th at 5:00 p.m. at Ellis Library

Meet in church parking lot at 5 p.m. to carpool OR meet Noah Hartsfield in the colonnade by the north doors of Ellis Library. The presentation will be in 401 Ellis Library.

The event is a viewing of bibles and religious & theological texts from across the ages – items which are held in MU Ellis Library's Special Collections and Rare Books.

Items for viewing include a multitude of bibles, and Martin Luther's pamphlet that served as a prebutter to his excommunication from the Catholic Church. It will be an evening of exploring the rich history of Christianity.



# UpcomingEvents



## Children, Youth, and College/Young Adults

### Child Development Center Halloween Party!

Friday, October 28

6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist families are invited to come join the fun at the CDC's annual Halloween Party. All children are welcome to come in costume, but please nothing scary, and no weapons. Two to five year olds will party in the Fellowship Hall. Supervised activities will be provided on the 3rd floor for children in 1st grade and up.

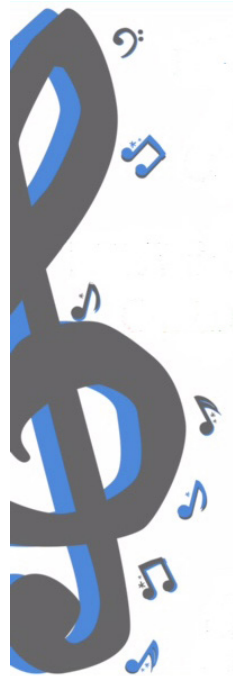
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Sunday, October 2nd and 9th:  
**College/Young Adult Bible Study**  
5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Suite

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Wednesday, October 5th and 12th  
**6th - 12th Graders: Studio 1B**  
6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Youth Suite

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### Singin' and Swingin' with the Kids!

Together with Ed and Colleen, two of our scholarship singers, Bria Jones and Topher Otaka, are excited to offer a special time of musical adventure for kids, with singing, drumming, bell ringing and movement.

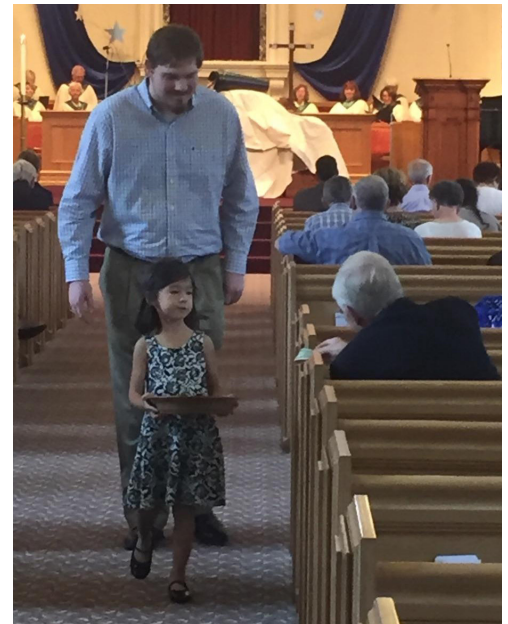
We meet Sundays beginning October 2, from 4-4:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please enter from the Waugh Street doors furthest south.

We will meet each Sunday in October except the 30th, which is Afternoon at the Farm.

Let Ed know if you need help with transportation.

## S.A.F.E. Seminar

Last weekend, 40 parents and caregivers participated in the SAFE Seminar, designed to equip families to become the primary sex educators of their children and to challenge churches to take back the narrative from culture, which often presents distorted views of sex, bodies and gender roles.



As part of the seminar, First Baptist children took part in Hockman ATA Martial Arts Kidz n' Power program over the weekend. They also helped take up the offering on Sunday as a visual reminder of their importance and participation in our community.

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**Ann Judson Women's Circle** meets Thursday, October 6, from 1-2 p.m. in the Parlor. Michael McEntyre will speak on benevolent work and the mission of the church.

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## **Child Development Center Eighth Annual E-Mail Auction October 31-November 4**

It's time to start fall cleaning! Search your home for treasures you would like to donate to the auction. Business gift certificates, products, services are also excellent items for the auction. A brief description and/or picture can be sent to Trudy Clevenger at momclev@rocketmail.com. All proceeds will be used to enhance the CDC's operating budget.

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### **Note:**



Because of the Chanticleer concert, there will be no band, bell or choir rehearsals on Wednesday, October 5th!



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## **Odyssey Chamber Music Series**

**October 5, 2016 – Wednesday 7:30pm, FBC**

### **Chanticleer**



**“America's A Capella Pride and Joy”**

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 its original interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz, and from gospel to venturesome new music.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Please consider coming even earlier if you plan to park in the church's lot.  
This event is sponsored by First Baptist Church of Columbia.

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**October 14, 2016 – Friday 7pm, FBC**

### **Enchanted Fall**

Come and wear your favorite mask! The enchanted evening begins with ‘Sorcerer's Apprentice’ for two pianos by Paul Dukas – let the magic of music reveal some of life's mysteries. Help us set the mood for the enchanting sounds of Maurice Ravel and Claude Debussy; the night concludes with the dramatically romantic piano trio by Brazilian composer, Heitor Villa-Lobos. Unmask yourselves at the Gala Reception in the foyer!

This event is sponsored by First Baptist Church of Columbia.

Buy-1-get-1 tickets are available for church members - please contact Janet in the church office.

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“Return Service Requested”

# Afternoon at the Bay Farm

Activities, fellowship and terrific food!  
*Sunday, October 30 at 3 p.m.*



**Schedule of Events:**

**3 p.m.** Hayrides and Conversations

**4:30 p.m.** Trunk-or-Treat

Please bring a bag or two of your favorite Halloween Candy to place in the trunk of your car - then watch the kids enjoy trunk-or-treating!

**5 p.m. Dinner**

Meat, beverages and table service will be provided. Bring a side dish to share!

**Directions:**

- ◆ Go west from Columbia on I-70 to the Midway Exit
- ◆ Turn right on Hwy 40
- ◆ Turn right on Route J
- ◆ Make a hard right on Boothe Lane at the water tower.
- ◆ Continue straight until this road bears left - the gate to the farm will then be on your right

Look for the balloons!

If you get lost, call Nick Keiffer:  
573-489-7325



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