

April 4, 2018

the SPIRE



First Baptist Church
columbia



April 28, 2018

ForColumbia

Serving Columbia, side by side.



Save the Date!

Are You ForColumbia?

Saturday, April 28th. Coming Together to Make a Difference in Columbia

Every Spring the First Baptist family comes together to help our community through a day of service. Two years ago, we began partnering with a group of churches and believers from all across Columbia to show our city what can happen when God's people come together. This year, under the banner of ForColumbia, we are hoping to see some 2,000 volunteers from more than 40 churches serving in more than 50 ministry sites around CoMo. First Baptist is proud to be a part of this great work and will specifically be sponsoring 3 project sites at: Russell Chapel, the Wardrobe, and Safe Kids, as well as serving as a Prayer Hub for the 2nd Ward.

First Baptist members are encouraged to sign up for one of these areas, or any of the ForColumbia ministry 50+ sites, on the ForColumbia website (www.forcolumbia.com). If you sign up online by April 13th you will receive a free ForColumbia t-shirt to wear on April 28th and can sign up for the free lunch as well. ForColumbia offers a place for everyone to serve so sign up today to help show Christ's love to our community.



Please see inside The Spire for a list of this year's projects.



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Russell Chapel:

One of the rewarding ways ForColumbia serves our city is by bringing Christians together to serve other churches that are working every day in the lives of people in Columbia. Russell Chapel CME is a small church with a large outward focus. While this congregation struggles to keep up with property maintenance, it runs a food pantry out of its basement for its nearby First Ward neighbors while also welcoming the neighborhood in weekly for Sunday worship.

Prayer Hub - Ward #2:

This year, we are hosting Prayer Hubs in each of Columbia's six wards on the day of service, so faithful Christians can volunteer to intercede on behalf of our city and for the successful completion of ForColumbia 2018. Without God working through us, we can accomplish *nothing* of eternal value (John 15:5).



Safe Kids:



Another way ForColumbia serves its city is by partnering with non-profit organizations that are actively working to improve the lives of people in Columbia. The Safe Kids Coalition, led by the Missouri Department of Health/Senior Services, focuses on educating and equipping parents and caregivers to prevent childhood injuries. Their annual fundraising event, Safe Kids Day, is scheduled this year on April 28th, and is the primary way this non-profit raises funds that are used to provide free car seats, safety clinics and other services to low-income families.

Working at the Wardrobe:

ForColumbia strives to love and serve our neighbors by serving those non-profit organizations who are actively seeking the good of the more marginalized in our city. The Wardrobe is one of these organizations in Columbia. This small resale store is located in the downtown area, and is run entirely by volunteers. It not only seeks to make donated clothing and other items available at a low cost to the community, but uses most of its proceeds to provide shoes to school-age children in Boone County.



>> For more details and to sign up:

Please see the bulletin board in the children's hallway to learn the full details about each project. Visit www.forcolumbia.org to sign up for any ForColumbia project, including those listed here, or you may sign up for these four projects on the bulletin board.

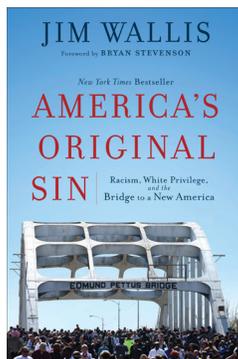


OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Our First Baptist family was able to raise over \$1300 to support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world through the CBF Global Missions Offering. The CBF Offering for Global Missions is the foundational means of support for CBF's mission enterprise, providing an array of tools and resources needed to live out the Fellowship's mission commitments of cultivating beloved

community, bearing witness to Jesus Christ and seeking transformational development. Thank you for supporting this important work.

Critical Conversations in Troubled Times



First Baptist, Second Missionary Baptist, and Broadway Christian Churches are participating in a conversation about racism and how faith communities can help bring about grassroots change. **Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 15 at 5 pm at Second Baptist.** The book *Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis is the basis for discussion. Feel free to purchase your own copy and join the conversation at any time. This session will be a discussion of chapter two.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at First Baptist Church of Columbia. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for cardiovascular disease include: carotid artery plaque buildup; abdominal aortic aneurysm; peripheral arterial disease; heart rhythm screening; and an osteoporosis risk assessment.

Register online today at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment. Special note: since we are hosting, we have vouchers for two free screenings, given out on a first-come first-served basis. Please contact the church office at 442-1149 or churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org if you would like to claim one. You will need the voucher number to make your free appointment.

Facility Improvements

Michael Brewer, our new Trustee chair, has been incredibly busy – he has helped in the CDC, replaced some rotted wood trim in the sanctuary, and placed decorative block on the edges of the south Waugh St. entry sidewalk to prevent mud building up during rain storms.



From Hosannas...



Above: First Baptist worshippers mingle with other downtown worshippers for a public celebration of Palm Sunday.

Right: Kaitlyn Agan and Michael McEntyre share Communion on Easter Sunday



Above: First Baptist Children's Minister Yvette Chambers assists Gilam Galloway, Marin McEntyre, Paxton Shipley, and Gregor Galloway in taking up the offering.



Above: Children rest in front of the altar to enjoy their Easter treasures.



...to Hallelujahs



Above: Easter light glows in the Traditional Worship service.

Right: Ed brings an Easter message to the children in the Traditional Worship Service.



Easter Thanks!!

Cupcake bakers, muffin makers, decorators and a whole host of other creators helped First Baptist Church celebrate a wonderfully joyful Easter! Thank you to...

- Easter Egg volunteers - egg hidiers, cupcake bakers extraordinaire, crafty volunteers, picture takers, face painters and all who made this a special event
- Easter brunch team – muffin makers, sausage cookers, the host team and all those behind the scene creating tasty treats for all
- Brenda Rice and the Liturgical Art Team for creating such amazingly beautiful and meaningful expressions of Easter to adorn our worship spaces
- Our musicians and worship readers (both on Good Friday and Easter) who added so much to worship

~Ed Rollins



Kids' Night Out May 4

We have a great night planned at Jabberwocky Studios, located at 1308 Grand Avenue on May 4, 2018 from 6-8 pm. We invite kiddos ages 4-12 to join us for a night of music and movement and lots of fun. You may drop your child(ren) off or you can stay for the fun! We are also offering child care for children ages birth to 3 at First Baptist Church, in the nursery, for the duration of this event. Pizza, cookies and juice will be provided for the kids in both locations. Jabberwocky Studios is a nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to build community among diverse segments of the Columbia community through the arts. They teach hip-hop, jazz, tap, ballet, African and Indian dance. Please RSVP to Children's Ministry Director, Yvette Chambers, at chambers@fbc-columbia.org by April 29, 2018.





Save the Date!

First Kids Camp is an all-day camp for 3-year-olds through those entering 6th grade next fall. Details, including cost and a link to sign up, are available on our website, fbc-columbia.org.



Child Development Center

at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

The Child Development Center made good use of our week off from school. In addition to updating some of our furniture, we repaired walls in the Bee and Star rooms. We also painted both rooms and have begun work on the Bear room. We plan to have all four rooms updated by the end of the summer. The children were very excited to see the new items.

Special thanks to Jason Bell, Ken Hammann, David Lang, Michael Brewer, Karlye Jeffries, and Jane Hunter for volunteering their time and helping us with cleaning, furniture assembly, and painting, and much more.

Also, thank you to Michael McEntyre for helping install car-seats in the CDC van. We had an all-school field trip this week and were very thankful for having seats ready to go!



Left: Karlye Jeffries paints shelves in the CDC.

Center: Ken Hammann builds shelves.

Right: Michael Brewer and David Lang assemble mirrored units.



Attention all Graduates: High School, College, and Beyond!



First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 13th. Graduates will be recognized in both of our worship services and there will be a light brunch between the service in the Children's Building Hallway. We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church no later than **Sunday, April 22** so it may be featured in the Spire. (For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school from which you are graduating, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include

your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments so please help us honor all the graduates within our congregation by sending in this important information soon.

Scholarship Opportunities

Every year, First Baptist awards scholarships to individuals pursuing higher education. These scholarships are made available through the generosity of former members of our First Baptist Church family. Graduating First Baptist high school seniors, college students, and graduate students can receive an application online. Please visit www.fbc-columbia.org (click "Resources" then "Forms and Policies"), or send an email to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org. The scholarships available are the Lionberger Scholarship Fund, the Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Luebbers Scholarship Fund.

The deadline for returning the application to the church office is **May 1**.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Several of the men in the church have expressed an interest in gathering together on a regular basis. If you are interested as well, join us on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast to talk about starting something new at First Baptist.

College and Young Adult Bible Study

Sundays
5:30-7 pm
in the youth suite

the calling

The Calling, our Wednesday Middle and High School Bible study, meets from 6:00-7:15pm in the Youth Suite. This semester we are learning about the Lord's Prayer and exploring the lessons it offers us about our faith. All students 6-12th grade are welcome!

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Talking to Your Kids about Sexual Harassment and Assault

Saturday, April 7: Dinner at 5 pm; Seminar 6:00-7:15 pm

We are excited to welcome licensed clinical social worker and ordained minister LeAnn Gardner back to First Baptist! LeAnn was with us a few years ago to present her SAFE Seminar: Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment. On April 7, LeAnn will join us once again via Skype to present *Talking to Your Kids About Sexual Harassment & Assault*. Last fall, after the “Me Too” movement exploded and women began using the hashtag on social media to demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, we decided to invite LeAnn back to help us think about how we talk to our kids about boundaries, consent, and safety throughout childhood. At First Baptist, we want to partner with parents to be the primary educators of their children in matters of faith and other important topics like sexuality.



Cost of the event is \$10/person or \$20/couple, which includes dinner for the whole family and childcare for infants up to grade 5. After dinner, the nursery will open for infants. Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's

Ministry, is planning a fun evening for the children. To register email Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org.

