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2018 Church Picnic

Despite the heat, the turnout for this year's picnic was great!

The Pepto-Bismol bake-off and auction brought in \$1,000 for the Critical Conversations Civil Rights Pilgrimage scheduled for this fall. Thanks for all your generous donations.

Nate Myers and Liam Johnson took the prize for the youth division of the egg toss, while Alissa and Evan Shoemaker swept the adult division.

Many thanks to all involved with planning, setup, and cleanup, those who donned their chef's hats to provide delicious items for the auction, and all who made the day enjoyable with their food, their sportsmanship, and their company.



Above, Randy Wyatt prepares his entry for the auction.



Congrats to Nate Myers and Liam Johnson (right), winners of the egg toss youth division...



...but Olivia Chang (left) is clearly poised for the championship in 2019.

Congrats to Evan and Alissa Shoemaker (below) who took top honors in the adult division of the egg toss.



Wherever two or more of you are gathered in his name there is love, and usually food.



Finding time for Sabbath Rest

“Abraham Heschel wrote: “Six days a week we wrestle with the world, wringing profit from the earth; on the Sabbath we especially care for the seed of eternity planted in the soul. The world has our hands, but our soul belongs to Someone Else. Six days a week we seek to dominate the world, on the seventh day we try to dominate the self. . . .”
— John Ortberg, Soul Keeping

Show Us Your Sabbath

This summer, we invite you to send us a digital photo of you in your new First Baptist T-shirt enjoying a place or experience that says “Sabbath” to you. Maybe you’ll travel to a restful place, or maybe you’ll enjoy a sunset in your backyard, a napping toddler, a meal on the patio, or picking the tomatoes in your garden. Yvette Chambers and Joe Jeffries took their Sabbath wear all the way to Cozumel!

Post your photos on the First Baptist Facebook page, or send your summer Sabbath picture to Administrative Assistant Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org. **We will add your Sabbath pictures on the bulletin board in the children’s hallway.**



The Next Few Sundays

June 24

- Preaching - Rev. Muriel L. Johnson
- Small Group Discussion - Brian Ford on “Justice and God’s Kingdom”

July 1

- Preaching - Brittany McDonald Null, Pastoral Resident begins a 3-week series titled “Sacred Ordinary: Seeking God in the Mundane.”
- Small Group Discussion - Michael McEntyre on “Practicing Missions in a New Light - Experiencing God Together.” We will look at some of the ways the Church’s approach to missions has been detrimental to its goal (specifically regarding Native American outreach) and discuss a new approach.

A Special Musical Offering



The SomArte trio will perform during traditional worship on Sunday, July 1, and will return for a recital in the sanctuary from 1:30-3 pm that afternoon.

SomArte was formed in 2017 by violinist Katie Cousins, cellist Sarah Hansen, and pianist Mickey Chien. The trio specializes in presenting energetic and diverse performances in a variety of venues; from

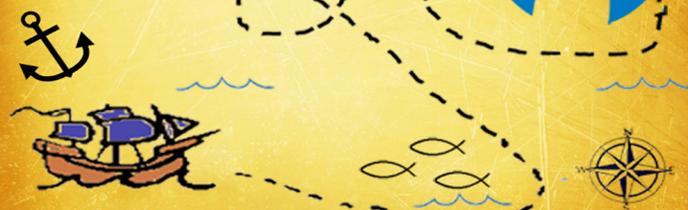
university concert halls to local living rooms. As part of the 2017-18 season, SomArte has prepared several ‘Tapas’ programs, each bringing the audience on a journey around the world with featured compositions from a diverse array of cultures, composers, and styles. In celebration of Leonard Bernstein’s 100th Birthday year, the Summer 2018 program highlights the composer’s rarely heard - and only - composition for Piano Trio.





First Kids **CAMP** SHIPWRECKED

July 30- Aug 3, 2018



Register Your Children Now for First Kids Camp!

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. To help us plan for enough volunteers and supplies, please register by July 15. For questions, or to volunteer, please contact Lillian Hoell at lillian.hoell@gmail.com or Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.



Students are invited to join us at the movies! On June 26 we will see Jurassic World - Fallen Kingdom (time not yet released but plan on the early showing). The show will be at Forum 8 theater. Please RSVP to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org by Sunday, June 24.

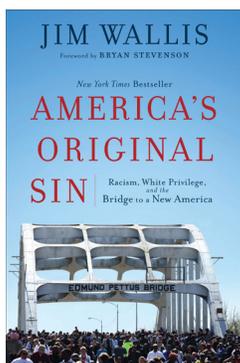
The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. We welcome children ages 2 through 6. CDC has a dedicated team of excellent, qualified teachers. We are open 7:15-5:30 Monday – Friday with 2 day, 3 day, and 5 day a week options. Space is limited – contact Jess at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org.



Child Development Center

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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 June 3 meeting was canceled, so **our next meeting will be Sunday, July 8 at 5 pm at Second Baptist Church.** The book *America's Original Sin: 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. The July 8 session will be a discussion of chapters 6-7.

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