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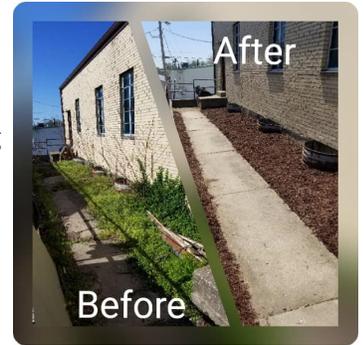


One Body, Many Parts: ForColumbia 2018



On Saturday, April 28 we had over 50 folks from our First Baptist family join with more than 2,000 volunteers from around Columbia as we came together to serve our community in the name of Christ. This year's ForColumbia event reached more than 100 different individual ministry sites as work teams gathered around the city. First Baptist sponsored work sites at Russell Chapel and the Wardrobe, opened our doors as a prayer hub for requests that came in throughout the day, and had several of our families serve as volunteers at the SafeKids event.

One of the highlights of the day was the chance to return to Russell Chapel after the torrential rains of last year exposed some serious flooding issues that limited the work we had planned for 2017. With the help of ForColumbia and some funds raised by the Serving Team at the men's Pepto Bismol Bake-Off, we were able to replace the leaking exterior doors and address some of the drain issues that led to so many problems last year. Our team also worked hard to remove overgrowth and brush, trim rose bushes, build a raised bed, do landscaping, and clean up the sidewalks. It was so good to see Pastor Tolbert's smile as we finished up in the afternoon.



Special thanks to our church members who signed up to lead these projects: Ross Kasmann, Caryn McClanahan, Brittany McDonald Null, John Shrum, and Mark Thomas. Their work ahead of time made the our projects successful. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents to make the day possible. Be sure to check out our First Baptist Facebook page (fbc-columbia.org) and the ForColumbia website (www.forcolumbia.com) for more great pictures and videos of the day's events.



Even our youngest church members had the chance to serve at SafeKids.



Volunteers with the prayer hub offered real-time prayers for requests coming from around the city.



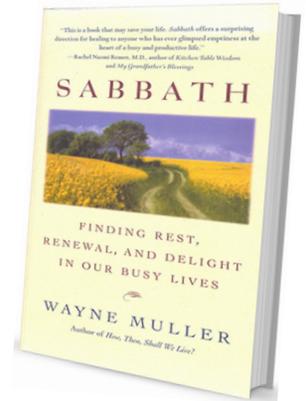
Congregational Support for Pastor's Sabbatical

When we called Rev. Carol McEntyre in 2012 to be our pastor, the covenant between First Baptist Church and Rev. McEntyre provided for a sabbatical after five years of service. A sabbatical gives an opportunity for spiritual reflection and physical rest. It is important to the current and future health both of our pastor and our church. We also gave our support for the pastor's desire to work on her Doctorate of Ministry. We applaud the excellent progress she's made toward this goal, which she'll further with dedicated study time this summer. Thank you, Rev. McEntyre, for the leadership and pastoral care you've brought to our faith family. During the summer weeks, let's pray for Carol and her family, do all we can to sustain our continuing ministry, and welcome her back August 20th upon her return.

Khaki Westerfield, Church Moderator, and
Charles Hunter, Personnel Team Chair

The Practice of Sabbath

This summer while I am away on Sabbatical, I want to invite you to reflect on and enter into the spiritual practice of Sabbath with me and hopefully, experience rest and renewal in your own life. Years ago, I read Wayne Muller's helpful book called Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight in Our Busy Lives. He writes, "Sabbath time can be a revolutionary challenge to the violence of overwork, mindless accumulation, and the endless multiplication of desires, responsibilities, and accomplishments. Sabbath is a way of being in time where we remember who we are, remember what we know, and taste the gifts of spirit and eternity." Sabbath is a beautifully written book; give yourself a gift this summer and read it! Then, at the end of summer, on Sunday, August 27 during the Small Group Hour at 10:15, you are invited to come and discuss with me what you learned. Books are available for purchase (\$10 each) Monday-Friday in the church office or on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall and in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.



Carol McEntyre

Street Theology - Joining God's Mission as We Go



God invites us to join in the work of reconciling all of creation. Which means, church isn't meant to be just a once-a-week gathering but a community that emphasizes an incarnational, servant approach to all of life. Church is a community in which each person makes an active contribution, on Sundays and throughout the week as you serve God wherever you are.

This summer, we invite you to join in a dialogue about viewing our lives together through four theological lenses that help frame what we are called to be as disciples of Jesus and co-creators with God as we go. This invitation applies to our daily lives, even the mundane routines. It is street theology - joining God's mission as we go, wherever we are!

From June 3-July 15, our Sunday Morning Adult Small Groups will be coming together and gathering in the parlor at 10:15 for a combined small group series entitled Street Theology-Joining God's Mission as We Go. For the first few weeks, Rev. Brian Ford, a regular attendee at Awakening Worship, will be leading us; then, Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre will take some of what was discussed and talk about how it applies to our approach for ministry with the Lakota people in South Dakota.



First Baptist Trip to Bridger, South Dakota July 6-12



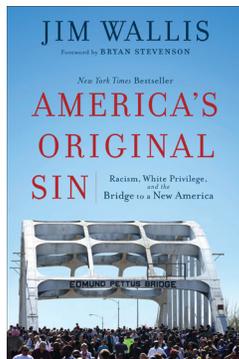
Our First Baptist family will be returning to the Lakota Reservation in Bridger again this summer. There is still room available if you would like to join us. The trip will be a combination of spiritual retreat, immersion experience, and mission trip. Our goal is first and foremost to continue to build real relationships with the Lakota people in the Bridger community. A secondary objective is to better understand some of the mistakes the church has made with our Lakota brothers and sisters over the centuries, so that we do not repeat them. Finally, if possible, some projects may arise for us to work on while we are there.

Each day will have a component of spiritual reflection as well as a devotional guide. There will be times to pray for the community and the church as well. The community is always welcome to join us throughout the day. Some of the most important moments are spent talking with people on the front porch. We will be flexible with any work opportunities that arise (either in the community or at the school in Takini). Hopefully Pastor Byron will be able to take those who are interested out riding while we are there.

In preparation for the trip, our team will need to meet for training (dates TBD). On top of this, team members are asked to join the summer small group series lead by Brian Ford and Michael McEntyre. The focus will be on joining God's mission as we go, which will be essential for our time in Bridger. Participants will also be asked to do some reading before the trip.

If you are interested in this opportunity or have any questions about the trip, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

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, May 20 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 chapters 4-5.



Annual Church Picnic at the Twin Lakes Pavilion June 10 at 3 pm



All are welcome to join us for games, fishing, biking, walking, running, and playing!

The egg toss championship is up for grabs. Who will scramble to the finish line to take on the yoke of victory? Who will take the walk of shame with egg on their face?

At 4 pm we will enjoy a special treat - the Pepto Bismol Men's Bake-off and Auction for Missions!

Men, bring your best baked treats - and everybody, bring your checkbook.

It's a sweet way to raise money for missions.

At 5 pm dinner is served. The main dish (Lee's fried chicken), drinks, and place settings are provided.

Please bring food for 12, according to the first letter of your last name:

A-G Veggies H-S Side Dishes T-Z Desserts

First Baptist Adventures

Mark your calendars for upcoming adventures with First Baptist family and friends:

- May 20: Lunch in Claysville after church. Sign up by May 17.
- June 8: Bring a friend to dinner - location to be announced.
- July: Picnic at Ha Ha Tonka State Park - date to be announced.
- August 11: Mama Mia! at New Theatre in Kansas City. Sign up by July 30.

For questions or to sign up, contact Paula Thomas, First Baptist Fellowship Coordinator, at paulalou52@gmail.com, or call the church office at (573) 442-1149.



Columbia Handbell Ensemble Spring Concerts

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble presents its 29th annual spring concerts featuring a wonderful program of dances. "Fly Me to the Moon," Frank Sinatra's romantic standard, highlights a wide array of dances; other works include "America" from Bernstein's "West Side Story," the Latin dance "Sway," Ravel's "Pavane," and "Rock Around the Clock." The concerts are May 5, 7 pm at First Christian Church and May 6, 2 pm at First Baptist Church. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$1 for kids 12 and under, or \$10 at the door. Contact Ed Rollins at 442-1149 for advance tickets.



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.

Register Your Children for First Kids!

Please sign up early to help us prepare for the number of participants. Information cards are available around the church. Take one for yourself, and more for your friends.

Volunteer for First Kids!

Adults and older youth can help, and we can match your talents and comfort level with kids and leadership to one of many volunteer opportunities. There are different ways to help at different time periods, and you do not need to commit to the entire week or to an entire day. Details are on our website.

For questions, or to volunteer, please contact Lillian Hoell at lillian.hoell@gmail.com or Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

College and Young Adult Bible Study

Final Sunday for this semester May 6
5:30-7 pm
in the youth suite



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!

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for 2018-2019 school year. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. CDC hours are 7:15-5:30 Monday-Friday. For more information contact Jess at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org.



Child Development Center
at First Baptist Church Est. 1969



Congratulations...

High School Graduation



William Avery Edgar is graduating from Hickman High School. He has narrowed his choices to Missouri Baptist, Columbia College or Maryville University. Will is the son of Julia Edgar



Jordan Kausler is graduating from Hickman High School. She will be attending Mizzou next year. Jordan is the daughter of Barry and Sheila Kausler.



LaTavious Alexander Kieffer is the youngest son of Janet and Nick Kieffer, and brother to Lexie and Cole Kieffer. LaTavious will be graduating from Hickman High School in May and plans to join the work force. He looks forward to continuing as an active member of First Baptist Church.

College Graduation

Alexis Hardin is graduating from Mizzou with a Bachelor of Health Science with emphasis in Leadership and Policy, a Minor in Business and a Minor in Human Development and Family Sciences.

Alexis plans to stay in the Columbia area for now and hopes to pursue a Master's Degree in Health Administration. She is the daughter of Shirley and Jerry Hardin of Belleville, IL.





Post-Graduate Degrees

Ben Worley is graduating from Mizzou with a Master of Music in Vocal Performance and Master of Art in Musicology. After graduation, Ben will be returning to his native St. Louis to teach voice lessons and continue to spread music in the community. He will be singing in the chorus of Union Avenue Opera's productions of Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore, and will be featured in Kurt Weill's Lost in the Stars. Ben is looking forward to getting married to his fiancée Pax Baker in October of 2019.



Chris Dobbs is graduating with a Doctorate of Classical Humanities from Mizzou. He is already fully employed by the Mizzou Learning Center as a Tutoring Coordinator but hopes but follow his dream of becoming a college professor.

Lisa Dobbs is graduating with a Master of Music Education from Central Methodist University. She looks forward to continuing to work hard teaching young musicians at New Franklin School as the band and choir teacher.



Neil Ostercamp has received his Doctorate in Saxophone Performance from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Neil is the son of Gary and Colleen Ostercamp.



Meridith Gray Green graduated (as she put it, "finally!") with a Master of Arts in Teaching from Columbia College April 28. She will be relocating to St. Louis at the end of the school year and is still in the job search process.

We celebrate the accomplishments of all our graduates, and wish them many blessings as they continue to discover God's calling and direction for their lives!

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Pentecost Sunday - May 20

Combined Worship

11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

with brief business meeting

following worship

(no 9:15 am worship)

New First Baptist T-shirts are available for \$10 each
Adult Sizes S-XL.
On sale at the business meeting or in the church office
after May 20 during business hours.