

June 4, 2015

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**190**  
years



## Vacation Bible School 2015

### Mark your calendars for excitement!

Two evenings: **June 11 & 12**

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Two mornings: **June 13 & 14**

9:15 am - 12:15 pm.



about children meeting challenges. Each evening or morning we will have mountaintop treats. The kids will love the Glacier games and crafts. Music at the beginning and end was a special time last year, and it's sure to be again.

EVEREST 2015 was chosen before the earthquakes in Nepal. We want to show our love and care for others by bringing our pennies, nickels, and dimes each day for an offering to be sent to Nepal. Adults of our church, we invite you to join us and give your coins, and maybe even dollars, to the relief fund for Nepal along with our preschoolers and children.



Register your child before June 4 so he/she receives a free t-shirt to wear to VBS, and other times.

Questions? Contact Marsha Randell at [randell@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:randell@fbc-columbia.org).



## Outdoor Baptism Opportunity

On **June 21** at 3:00 pm, First Baptist will be hold an outdoor baptism at Hulen Lake. Baptism marks a person's entrance into the Christian faith and identifies that person with Christ and the Church. If you are interested in getting baptized, contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at [mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) or 442-1149. The Hulen Lake Shelter is just near the corner of Martin Dr. and Bourn Ave. Shall we gather at the river?





## CommunityNews



A conversation I had this week reminded me that people often make the mistaken assumption that prayer is something that should just come naturally. To some extent this is true, anyone, anywhere, anytime can talk to God. Yet, praying in this manner can often feel unsatisfying. Baptists have traditionally shied away from written prayers, believing that prayer should be spontaneous. However, written prayers have been a part of the community of Christ from the beginning, recall the book of Psalms or Mary's prayer. Written prayers permeate our prayer life with beautiful language and rich imagery. They give us the

opportunity to focus on connecting with God and not on what we are going to say. Instead of daydreaming, during our prayer time, we can also prime the pump by using written prayers to get us started. I have a handful of written prayers memorized so that I can recall them any time I need them. If you are experiencing frustration in your prayer life, consider exploring the use of written prayers. Here is just one example of a written prayer from the Celtic tradition that I have been using lately in my prayer time:

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.  
Christ, as a shield overshadow me.  
Christ, under me; Christ over me;  
Christ beside me on my left and on my right.  
This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;  
This day be within and without me. Amen.

*Cara McIntyre*

## Trustee Updates:

- 1.) Thanks to Bob Zumwalt and David Lang for installing corner guards in our newly renovated space.
- 2.) This week, offices are being painted, new flooring installed, new furniture placed in our main office - the "big move" is on! The Child Development Center office has moved to a much more spacious and welcoming area. Thanks to CDC Staff and First Baptist main office staff for their hard work and patience.



## Nursery Volunteers

The church nursery is looking for volunteers from the congregation for the summer. If you are interested in giving your time one Sunday a month or during Vacation Bible School, we would greatly appreciate your help! Volunteers will be subject to a background check. Please contact Meredith Green, nursery coordinator, at [mgrayart@gmail.com](mailto:mgrayart@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Prayers & Concerns:

Ruth Hoffman passed away over the weekend. A memorial service will take place on Friday, July 3 at 10:30 am in the First Baptist Sanctuary.

Barry Kausler was given an early diagnosis of colon cancer.

Bob Smith is recovering at home from pneumonia.

Ken West has stage 4 lung cancer.

## Celebrations:

Congratulations to Rachel (Hayden) Schulz and husband, Chris Schulz, who celebrated the birth of baby girl Piper Annabelle on May 8. The proud grandparents are Susan and Richard Hayden.

## You're Invited:

Let's sprinkle Michelle and help her welcome baby number two! Please join us for a baby sprinkle in honor of Michelle Kasmann.

When: Sunday, June 14 immediately following traditional worship  
Where: Church parlor  
Questions: contact Rena Tratchel at [rjtratchel@gmail.com](mailto:rjtratchel@gmail.com).

## UpcomingEvents



## June is Local Mission Emphasis Month



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OF CHRIST  
of Columbia, Missouri



This June we are setting aside time in our worship services to focus on our local missions efforts with some of our amazing ministry partners right here in town. You will have the opportunity to learn about many of the organizations that are working alongside churches here in Columbia to make a difference for God's Kingdom. We have invited representatives from Voluntary Action Center, Love INC, Room at the Inn, and the Food Bank to celebrate their work with us during our worship services. We will also have tables set up with information about these ministries and ways you can get involved. We hope you will join us this June as we celebrate what God is up to in our community.

June 7- Nick Foster from VAC

June 21- Representative from the Food Bank

June 14- Jane Williams from Love INC

June 28- Yvonne Chamberlain from RATI

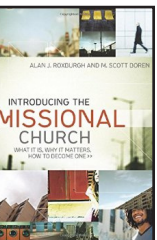
## Summer Book Club

First Baptist Teaching Team is sponsoring Summer Book Club. The Teaching Team is recommending 3 books for you to read this summer. The idea is for everyone to read at their own pace, over the summer and then, in the fall, we will have potluck book discussions about the readings. The church has ordered copies of the books which will be on sale on Sundays beginning June 12 for just \$10 each.

### Book Descriptions:

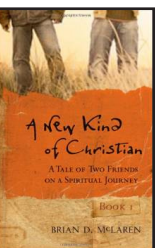
#### *Introducing the Missional Church*

The world in which we find ourselves makes it necessary for church leaders to "think more like missionaries right here at home." *Introducing the Missional Church* by Alan Roxburgh, provides an accessible explanation of the missional church movement along with advice to help churches become more missional. Alan Roxburgh, who is known worldwide as a leader in the missional church movement, will be in Columbia November 13-14 at First Presbyterian. Our hope is take a group from First Baptist to participate in this transformative event.



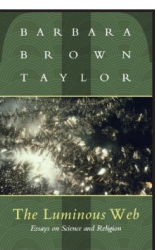
#### *A New Kind of Christian*

Following a friendship and conversation between a pastor and a high school science teacher, this book examines ten questions facing today's church—questions about how to articulate the faith itself, the nature of its authority, who God is, whether we have to understand Jesus through only an ancient Greco-Roman lens, what exactly the good news is that the gospel proclaims, how we understand the church and all its varieties, why we are so preoccupied with sex, how we should think of the future and people from other faiths, and the most intimidating question of all: what do we do next?



#### *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion*

Barbara Brown Taylor, a preacher, explores the relationship between Christian faith and scientific theories and discoveries such as quantum physics, new biology, and chaos theory. In *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion*, Barbara Brown Taylor suggests that scientists and physicists use language similar to the mystery found in scripture and that science has valuable lessons for people of faith.





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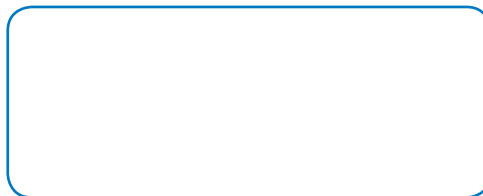
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## Annual Church Picnic at the Twin Lakes Pavilion: June 6 at 3 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for games, fishing, biking, walking, running, and playing!  
Come de-throne the reigning World Champion egg toss team of Chandler Wyatt and Michael McEntyre!

4 pm Special treat. The “Pepto Bismol” men’s bake-off and auction for missions is always a special treat. Men, bring your best goodies...and everyone else, bring your checkbook - let’s have fun while raising money for missions.

5 pm Dinner Served. Main dish (fried chicken), drinks, and place settings will be provided.



*Pictured Left:  
Chandler Wyatt and Michael  
McEntyre at the 2014 picnic.*



Please bring food enough for 12, according to the first letter of  
your last name:  
**A-G Veggies**  
**H-S Side Dishes**  
**T-Z Desserts**

*Pictured Right:  
Enjoying the egg-toss at  
the 2014 picnic.*

