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Fall Kick-Off August 30



Join us for a **picnic** and **fun** on the lawn at 12:30 pm!



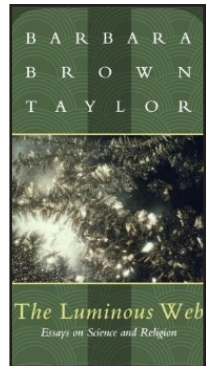
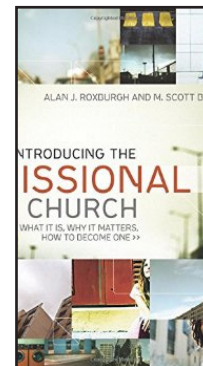
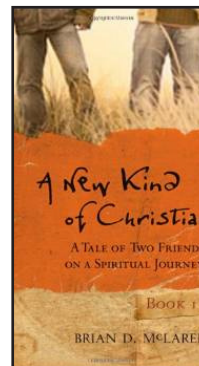
There will be an inflatable slide, dunking booth, snow-cones, and more!

Chicken and drinks will be provided.
Please bring a side to share.



Summer Book Club Discussion Groups

Summer is quickly wrapping up. Hopefully you have been reading and enjoying our summer book club selections. It is almost time for fun and fellowship as we gather to discuss those selections. If you are interested in hosting a potluck brunch, lunch, or dinner focused on one of the books, if you are interested in facilitating a discussion, or perhaps both - please contact Noah Hartsfield at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com.





CommunityNews

A Note From Our Summer Intern, Stephanie Williams

As the summer winds down, so does my time at First Baptist. I find myself reflecting on the impact made by new relationships and experiences that are a direct result of the opportunity to serve alongside you, as a member of the First Baptist family. Coming into this summer internship, I knew the importance of the

Christian faith, but had not been a part of a loving and affirming church community for some time. As a result, I had lost sight of the importance of the Christian community. I placed value in time with God, but I had forgotten to make time for fellowship with other intentional Christians. Through the ministry I see among the First Baptist family, I learned anew this vital lesson: you cannot skimp on your time within a healthy Christian community and expect to grow your relationship with God to its full potential. God designed us for community with our Creator, and each other. Moving forward to my time at Wake Forest School of Divinity, this lesson will remain at the epicenter of my experiences. As I work to discern the specifics of my call to ministry, my heart is now more open to the idea of serving as a pastor within a church, and this openness was developed during my time working here. I thank First Baptist for this discerning and life-giving opportunity and even as I feel sadness in leaving, I am happy in my confidence that God will continue to move through your loving community.

Thank you,
Stephanie Williams

Thanks Pam!

Pam Humphreys has made it her project to clean up the flower beds along the south side of the Child Development Center entry - she has weeded, thinned out, planted, mulched and watered. Thanks for helping to make our entry look so wonderful. (By the way, Pam is a Master Gardener, so if you have any questions about your garden, Pam is the one to talk to.)

Sunday, August 9

On Sunday, **August 9**, pastors Carol and Michael McEntyre will be on vacation. Mike Graves, pictured below, will be our guest preacher. He is the William K. McElvaney Professor of Preaching and Worship at St. Paul School of Theology. Mike also served as First Baptist interim minister in 1997.



"Everything I do in my teaching stresses the vital importance of preaching for the life of the church. Every book, article, and lectionary aid I ever wrote has been dedicated to this one idea, inspiring passion for ministry among the church's ministers."

Prayers & Concerns:

The church extends sympathy to the family of Joe Smith, who passed away on June 21. A memorial service will take place Saturday, August 1, at 11:00 am at the Country Club of Missouri.

Barry Kausler is undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer.

Julie Anson is at University Hospital due to complications from the flu.

Marsha Randell will have major surgery for bile duct and liver resection on Friday, August 7 in St. Louis.

Robert Smith, Sr. is at the Neighborhoods, recovering from pneumonia.

Ken West has stage 4 lung cancer.

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Music and Worship Artists Conference

I am grateful to you for the opportunity to spend the last week and a half away at two conferences: the first was a handbell seminar for the Handbell Musicians of America for which I am the President of the Board of Directors. Naturally, as president, I was schmoozing and kissing babies and working hard. I heard many excellent concerts, visited with many friends (including former church member, Briana Belding), and worked to make our annual seminar a wonderful success.

From the bell seminar in Dallas I flew to Indianapolis to attend the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians and Worship Artists. The three and a half day conference was packed with Bible Study, keynote speakers, music reading sessions, class opportunities and worship. While I had never attended this conference, there were many opportunities to participate in creative worship and to check out a plethora of liturgical art. A few highlights included: ** Bible study leader, John Holbert, Professor Emeritus from SMU Perkins Seminary** Nadia



Bolz-Weber, pastor of the Church for Saints and Sinners in Denver, CO, a liturgical Lutheran church with a bit of a twist. Nadia is a former drug addict and alcoholic with more than a few tattoos and a bit of salty language. Her thoughts were eye opening and challenging. You might look her up on line or get her book, Patrix. (Carol has referred to the book in some of her sermons this year.) ** Meaningful and innovative worship in several Indianapolis churches ** Many opportunities to view art in worship or to talk to liturgical art vendors or to attend classes on how to re-think liturgical art.

Two excellent conferences - again, thanks for the opportunity to recharge and rethink.

— Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

UpcomingEvents

Looking for Great Recipes for Students

It's that time of year again. Our college students will be back before we know it and we need your help in making them feel welcome. Beyond handshakes, hugs, and hellos, I would like to offer students some practical help for adjusting to life outside the "nest." Learning to cook can be an intimidating task. We are looking for some good, simple recipes to pass along to our college crowd with easy, step-by-step directions to follow. If you have a favorite dish that would be perfect for 1 or 2 people, please email me at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org (or drop your recipes by the church office). We would like to have these ready for students by the end of August, so please send your ideas in as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

— Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor

Combined Worship and Communion Service

All are invited to join together on **August 16** at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for combined worship and communion, led by our African congregation.



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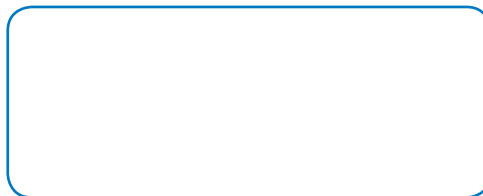
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Child Development Center Furniture Moving Party

Child Development Center (CDC)/Nursery ceiling renovation is set to begin on Monday, August 3. Included in the project is new ceiling grid and ceiling tile, new LED lighting and new HVAC diffusers. The rooms will look cleaner, brighter and more welcoming. Funding for the project comes from the 2015/16 Endowment. **To prepare for demolition and construction, there will be a moving out party this Sunday, August 2, immediately following Traditional Worship.** What are we moving? Just about everything in each of the rooms. Most items will be light so helpers of all ages are invited to stay for about a half hour to help get everything ready for the start of construction on Monday. We'll have a road map ready for you so you will know what is to go where. Should be fun - think of it as a dress down Sunday and plan to stay and help us move. **What about a clean-up and moving back in party?** Well, you'll have that opportunity too - later in the week, we will be sending out an invitation by email to let you know when we can use your help to thoroughly clean the dust and get everything back into place.

Full and Part Time Openings

CDC has full and part time openings for children 2 years-Pre-K for the 2015-2016 school year. Contact Debby Riley, CDC Director, at 443-7677 for more information.

Playground Cleanup

CDC is having a playground cleanup/beautification on **August 10** from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with landscaping, weed pulling, raking, etc. Rain date is August 11.

