

August 26, 2015

# the SPIRE



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years



## Night Under the Stars - Coming in September



On September 27th, First Baptist will host Night Under the Stars, a fundraising event for Room at the Inn designed to help students better understand the effects of poverty in homelessness in our community. Our students will join together with several other churches from our community for this special night. To make this event work, we need adult volunteers to: help prepare food, serve a meal, lead in our poverty simulation, serve as hosts, help with registration, serve as overnight leaders, help with set up and tear down, and more. You can sign up online on the church website (click the Night Under the Stars rotator, scroll down

on the event page and choose "volunteer here" to pick your spot) or by emailing Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org).

*Last year's Night Under the Stars  
raised \$1,000 for Room at the Inn.*



## Fellowship Adventures

**Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!**



Yes, we are going to MARY POPPINS on Sunday, **September 13** at 2:00 pm at Columbia Entertainment Company!

Ticket prices are \$10 per person (all ages). We will go to dinner together, after the show, at Texas Longhorn Steak House.

Please contact Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair, at [paulalou52@gmail.com](mailto:paulalou52@gmail.com) by August 31 so she can purchase tickets in advance. Also, let Paula know if you are a season ticket holder for Columbia Entertainment Company.

## African Revival

On Saturday, **September 5**, at 5:00 pm, our African congregation will be holding a revival in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist. Pastor Carol McEntyre will be preaching. All are welcome to attend.





## CommunityNews



"Worship Wars"- is the name given to the conflict that emerged in the Church beginning in the 1980's and 1990's over music used in worship. It pitted lovers of traditional music (hymns, choirs, organs, etc.) against lovers of contemporary music (praise songs, worship songs, bands, etc.). After analyzing the research for my doctorate, I have a new understanding for why this battle was so intense.

Most of you know that I am working on my doctorate at Drew University. This past spring, you participated in my project. Three Sundays, during Lent, you took surveys about your experience in worship. I have begun the process of analyzing the data from the surveys. One of the major themes that emerged from the surveys is how meaningful music is to the worship experience of people at First Baptist. There were 285 mentions of music in the survey data. Music was a dominate theme for people in BOTH Awakening and Traditional Worship. You said things like, "I feel connected to God through music."

During my time, at First Baptist, I have seen a growing respect and appreciation for the style of music, in each of our worship services, by the whole congregation. I think this is highlighted by our church's love for combined worship services. While we may like one style of music over the other, we can appreciate that God can speak to people using many types of music. I am grateful for the diversity of music that we have at First Baptist and for the spirit of excellence that our choir, Psalm players, Praise Band, and bells bring to worshiping God through music.

*Cara McIntyre*

### Financial Update

As of July 31, 2015 we have completed 58% of our calendar (and financial) year. Pledge receipts are slightly behind at 51%. Expenditures are exactly as projected at 58% and projected need for endowment funds to balance our budget is running slightly behind at 53%. Thanks to all for helping keep us on our fiscal target. Keep up the good work.

### Building Pledge Update

As of the end of July, the Building Tomorrow Today capital campaign has received \$183,552 or roughly 2/3rds of the total amount pledged, \$270,233.99. Thank you for your gifts towards the 2014 renovation of our Fellowship Hall and office restrooms! Of course, unpledged gifts are always welcome to assist in paying off the project.

## Prayers & Concerns:

*Barry Kausler is undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer.*

*Marsha Randell: a few weeks ago, surgeons were unable to perform the necessary procedure due to the spread of her cancer. She is considering new chemo options and covets your prayers.*

*Dell Keepers is recovering from a broken ankle, at the Bluffs.*

## Celebrations:

*Welcome to David and Kim Siegenthaler, who joined the church on Sunday, August 23.*

*Congratulations to Ross and Michelle Kasmann, and big brother Elijah, on the birth of Alexandria Nicole.*

*She was born on Thursday, August 20 and weighed 7 lbs 11 oz.*

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### Meet New Members: David and Kim Siegenthaler

David was born in Addis Ababba, Ethiopia. He grew up in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Lebanon and Switzerland. Kim was born and reared in Corsicana, TX. They enjoy outdoor activities, especially hiking, biking, kayaking and fishing (David). They also enjoy playing with their two German Shepherds. David is an RN but is working now as a meat cutter at Hy Vee. Kim is the director of Mizzou Online. They started attending First Baptist in early summer and were drawn in by the warmth of the congregation and the Christ-centered worship.



### Children's Ministry Interim

The Personnel Committee has begun the process of looking for a new Director of Children's Ministry. In the next few weeks, we will be meeting with parents and the Children's Ministry team to talk about the future of our Children's Ministry. We are also working on putting together a team to serve in the interim. In the meantime, you can help by taking extra time when you see visitors with children. Walk them to the nursery if they have infants or escort them to the 3rd floor where preschool and children's Sunday School meets at 10:15 am. And just as a reminder, children in first grade and above are encouraged to attend worship with their parents.

### Fall Schedule

Our Project Coordinator, Brenda Rice, has a new schedule. She will be in the church office:

Monday - 2:00 - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday - 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday - 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
Friday - 3:00 - 5:00 pm

She may also be reached by email: [brice@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:brice@fbc-columbia.org).

## UpcomingEvents



### Ann Judson Christian Action Circle

The Ann Judson Christian Action Circle will meet on Thursday, **September 3** at 1:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

### Music Ministry Rehearsals Set to Resume

*"It's time to come join us as we make our praises to God!"*

Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and Psalm Players Band will resume on Wednesday, **September 2**. (There are no rehearsals Wednesday, August 26.)

New singers, ringers, and instrumentalists are always welcome. Please contact Ed Rollins at [rollins@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:rollins@fbc-columbia.org), or just find him on Sundays.



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“Return Service Requested”

# 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.

(Food items can be dropped off  
in the elevator lobby on Sunday morning.)



## A Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year

Children, youth, and teachers are invited to come forward during  
Awakening and Traditional Worship, bringing their backpacks to be  
blessed for the year ahead!

