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FALL MISSIONS TOUR

Sunday,
November 3



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On November 3, the Serving Team is hosting a Missions Tour of our local partners in Columbia. We will gather for a quick lunch in the fellowship hall following the 11:15 am Traditional service, then load the church bus to hear about how God is working through our mission partners.

Stops will include the Voluntary Action Center, Love Inc., the Food Bank and the Central Pantry. At each stop, we will hear about what our partners are doing, how our financial contributions help further the mission of the organization, and other ways we can participate in the ongoing mission and ministries our of partners. The tour will last around 2 hours.

To reserve your spot, and ensure we have the appropriate amount of food for lunch, email Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org or call the church office. We look forward to traveling and learning together!

Upcoming Events

November 3

All Saints' Sunday
Fall Missions Tour

November 17

Advent Jesse Tree Workshop

November 23

Tailgate Party

December 1

Hanging of the Green

This Sunday!



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS ON
NOVEMBER 3

TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!



Jesus' Family Tree: A Vulnerable Genealogy

2019 Advent Sermon Series

December 1-29

You may remember that several years ago, as part of my doctoral work, I took a class that went on a pilgrimage to Wales. I had always wanted to go to Wales because my maiden name is England and part of the folklore of my family was that we immigrated to the United States from Wales. Right before I departed for the trip, I called my grandmother to ask her if she knew the area of Wales that we came from. A couple of days later, after checking the family records, she called back and said, "Actually, we are from

Ireland and not Wales." WHAT? All those years, I had thought we were Welsh but as it turns out we are Irish, who knew. The study of family genealogy, family history, and the tracing of lineages often leads to interesting discoveries.

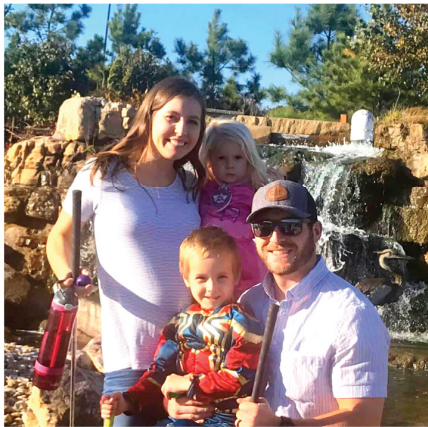
Our Advent worship theme this year, which I will be preaching is *Jesus' Family Tree: A Vulnerable Genealogy*. We will explore the genealogy from Matthew's Gospel (1:1-17). At first glance, these verses appear to be a simple collection of names and seem kind of boring, but these verses, like Mary, are pregnant with hidden treasure. After all, this is Jesus' family tree.



Our celebration of Advent will begin with an intergenerational Jesse Tree Workshop on November 17 during the Small Group Hour at 10:15. The first Sunday of Advent is December 1. We will celebrate by Hanging of the Green, the adorning of our worship spaces, during Awakening and Traditional Worship.

Carl McIntyre

Fall Fun Fest Photos





A Litany by Lynne Lampe

On Sunday, October 20 we had a wonderful combined worship service and Sheppard Lecture with Jared Byas. It was the perfect culmination of the *What is the Bible?* Sermon Series. Just in case you missed it, Lynne Lampe, a church member and poet, wrote a beautiful litany which we used in the worship service. We wanted you to have a chance to read it.

Thank you, God, for placing us in the flow of humanity,
intended for community but also created as individuals.

Thank you, God, for grace and guidance
as we make decisions that affect not only our own lives,
but also the lives around us.

Thank you for inspiring the many books
that have become the book we call the Bible,
just one of the ways you lead us to Truth.

O God, we have both used and abused the Bible.
It has been a source of beauty and an excuse for war.
When we read it, we sometimes feel well-loved
and other times, shut out and misunderstood.
We see its contradictions and feel confused.
God, we need your urging, your continued call.
Please be with us as we spend time with the Word,
directing our reading and opening our hearts to your intention.

Please, God, help us find clarity and avoid rigidity.
Help us see this book as a door to open, not a wall to divide.
A bridge to connect, not a chasm to swallow what—or who—
is different from us. Please, God, help us approach the Word
with humility. There are many interpretations of the text.
Please help us welcome discussion of these different points of view.
If we hear someone use verses to cause damage or hurt,
lead us to speak Truth with kindness and respect for all.

God, we acknowledge your gift, the Bible.
We pray that we will seek your Presence in its pages
just as we reach for you in worship and prayer.
We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

-Lynne Lampe



Advent Jesse Tree Workshop

Sunday, November 17, 10:15 am

Join us for an intergenerational Advent event on Sunday, November 17 at 10:15 am during the Small Group Hour. We will have all the supplies (wooden trees, daily devotional tags, push pins, and markers) for you to make your own Jesse Tree that you can use in your home this Advent season. Jesse Trees are used to help tell the story from creation to the birth of Jesus.

The Jesse tree gets its name from Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. Each day of Advent, we adorn the Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Along with all of the supplies to make your own Jesse tree, you will receive a simple guide for placing the ornaments each day.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per Jesse Tree. Please RSVP to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org and let us know if you plan to make a tree. The Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry will be participating in the workshop in lieu of Small Group. They will be making fun paper trees and other advent activities.



Tailgate Party for MO vs. TN

Sunday, November 23

It's the seventh anniversary of welcoming those Tennessean pastors, Carol & Michael McEntyre, into First Baptist, and of Mizzou joining the SEC. To celebrate, First Baptist is once again taking our tailgate game to the next level on November 23 when the Mizzou Tigers and the Tennessee Volunteers battle it out on the Gridiron.

Our pre-game party will start two hours before kickoff in the Grasslands (about two blocks from the Stadium) at the home of Lili Vianello and John Shrum, 1005 Wayne Rd. Lili and John will provide the main course and tailgate attendees

are encouraged to bring sides and favorite beverages. If you are planning to go to the game, be sure to stop by before! If you aren't going but want to join the festivities, come on by. As you can imagine, parking is very limited on game day so if you plan on driving, we highly recommend carpooling. This will be a fun time of fellowship and friendly rivalry for fans and non-fans alike!



November Missions Offering

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

Give to American Baptist Churches- USA Mission Offering this November to help with the ongoing disaster relief efforts in the Bahamas.

This November, our First Baptist family will have the opportunity to support the mission efforts of our American Baptist partners at home and around the world. As a response to the recent hurricane devastation in the Bahamas, our annual missions offering this year will support the much-needed disaster recovery efforts funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry. Our hope is to give to those who are currently working to overcome tragedy and destruction, as well as those who will remain after the relief efforts are finished to carry on the good work of the Gospel.

Contributions should be made out to First Baptist Church. Please be sure to put ABC Missions Offering in the memo line of your check or place it in one of the special missions offering envelopes. We hope you will give generously to support the work of the American Baptist Church throughout the world and take advantage of this unique opportunity. Thank you,

Mark Thomas, *Chair of the Serving Team*



Annual Pledge & Giving Drive November 10 & 17

November is our annual pledge and giving drive at First Baptist. A few weeks ago, I stumbled across a poem by preacher and poet, Wendell Berry, and fell in love with the last line, "What we need is here." It is a reminder that most of the time, what we need is right in front of us. This is especially true here at First Baptist. We have so many gifts; we just need to learn to trust God and draw upon the abundance God has given. Pledge and giving season is about being grateful for all that God has given us and giving back a portion for God's continued work in us and among us.

This year our annual pledge walk will take place on Sundays, November 10 and 17. You will receive a commitment card that you and your family can use to pray over and plan for how you will give financially to God through First Baptist in 2020. On Sundays, November 10 and 17 there will be a time during the worship services when you can come forward and place your card in the offering basket.

Carl McIntyre



-Prayer Requests-

- The family of Bill Crabb, who passed away Sunday, October 6. Memorial Services will be Friday, November 1 at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church.
- Noah Hartsfield as he works to find answers and treatment for systemic nerve pain.
- Barry Kausler, who continues to receive treatment for cancer.
- Kee Groshong, who has completed treatments and is waiting until the end of November for further testing.



Prayers
& Concerns

Online Giving

Many members have been utilizing the online giving portal. Have you tried it yet?

To give online, go to the church website:
www.fbc-columbia.org

There you can create your secure account and make a single payment or set up a recurring payment with NO credit card fees.

Please call the office if you need assistance:
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All Saints'
 Day
 Nov. 3 2019

Let us Remember

All Saints' Day
 Sunday, November 3

On Sunday, November 3 we will have a moment of remembrance during worship. All Saints' is a time to remember the lives of saints - any Christian who has 'gone before us.' We will ring a bell in honor of those in our church family who have died in this past year and you will be given a chance to ring a bell in honor of your friends or family members, outside the church, who have died in the past year. Through All Saints', we celebrate Jesus who conquered death and the grave, and so we anticipate heaven as our family reunion with all who have already passed on.

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