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HOLY WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

PALM SUNDAY

April 5

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 10 at 6:00 pm

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 11 at 10:00 am

EASTER

April 12

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First Baptist Book Club

Starts March 26, 6:00 pm in the Office Commons

FIRST BAPTIST
 **book club**

Introducing the First Baptist Book Club - a gathering for readers every other month to discuss books centered around faith formation and spirituality. To kick things off, in connection with our Lenten theme, *Journey through Lent with Art*, the first book will be *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen. By connecting with Rembrandt's painting with the same name, Nouwen shares his story in a captivating way and captures the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation. To register to be a part of this book club, email Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Spiritual Formation, at bnull@fbc-columbia.org. A new book will be selected at the end of each meeting.



Lent and Ash Wednesday

Lent is most often seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the commemoration of Jesus death on Good Friday. Lent has traditionally been a time when people fast or give something up (i.e. T.V., caffeine, soda, chocolate, meat, social media) as a way of aligning themselves, in a small way, with the suffering of Jesus. Lent can also be a time when you take on a spiritual practice in order to prioritize your pursuit of God. As followers of Christ, we are all called to practice our faith and create habits or pathways that connect us with God on a regular basis. Using the word practice takes the pressure off. If we fail, we can simply try again in the next moment or hour.

This year at the end of our Ash Wednesday worship service, we asked worshipers to set an intention for Lent. An intention is a guiding principle for how you want to be, live, and show up in the world. It isn't the same as a goal because it's not something you attach an expectation or evaluation to. It is a way of practicing your faith and creating a pathway of connection with God. We invited worshipers to set an intention for Lent and then to draw something representing their intention on a small canvas. Watching worshipers, young and a little older using finger paint was fun!

If you didn't get to attend the Ash Wednesday service, it is not too late to sent an intention for lent. How will you practice your faith during this season of preparation for Good Friday and Easter?

Carl McIntyre



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Palm Sunday

April 5

Palm Sunday is a joyous day at First Baptist.

Children are invited to take part in a Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both Awakening (9:15 am) and Traditional (11:15 am) worship; parents please bring your children to the back of the worship space a few minutes before worship, so they can receive a palm leaf and join the processional. First Baptist will also participate in the Downtown Palm Sunday Service in conjunction with other area churches. This special service takes place in the middle of the street on Broadway. We will meet on the front lawn at 10:20 and walk down together. Children will need to be brought by their caregivers.

Good Friday Service

April 10, 6:00 pm

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for worship. Good Friday is the day that we commemorate the suffering and execution of Jesus by the Romans occupying empire in Jerusalem. We

will gather around the cross to sing, pray and reflect together on all that Jesus means to us. We will continue our Lenten theme of *Journey through Lent with Art* with a meditation of Jesus on the cross. Childcare is available.



Easter Egg Hunt

April 11, 10:00 am

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. Be sure to bring your own baskets! Kids will enjoy crafts, games, treats, and hunting for Easter Eggs.



Child Development Center

at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

Child Development Center Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, April 17, 5:30 pm

Join us for our Child Development Center Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, April 17 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. All funds will go towards purchasing new cots for the preschool.

Menu:

*spaghetti, salad,
dinner rolls, and dessert.*

Children - \$7
Adults - \$10

Email: cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org or
call 573-443-7677 for more information.



Child Development Center Open House

Thursday, March 12, 10:00 am

Join us for the Child Development Center Open House on Thursday, March 12 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Take a tour, learn about the program, and receive assistance with enrollment.

Questions? Email: cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org
or call 573-443-7677

Search Begins for Director of Music - Traditional Worship

The Personnel Committee has begun the search for the Director of Music for Traditional Worship. As a reminder, at the January business meeting, the church voted to seek a part-time Director of Music for Traditional Worship. With the talented pool of musicians in Columbia, we believe we can find a gifted person to lead us going forward. Therefore, our search will be primarily in Columbia with the hope of having a person available to begin in late summer or early fall.

The job description can be obtained from the church office. Interested candidates may apply by emailing a resume to Charles Hunter, Personnel Committee Chair at Charles.Hunter108@gmail.com.



St. Pat's Annual Italian Dinner Adventure

March 17, 5:30 pm

It's time for our St. Pat's Italian dinner adventure! This year we are venturing out to Jefferson City to Ria's. We will take the bus and depart church at 5:30 pm and return about 7:30 pm. There will be a prize for whoever wears the best green outfit! Please RSVP by March 15 to Paula Thomas at paulalou52@gmail.com or 573-442-1149.



Fellowship Adventures is a group of First Baptist members and friends who get together for fun and travel to local attractions and restaurants, typically on a monthly basis. All are welcome!

First Baptist Scholarships

First Baptist Church is fortunate to have endowments specifically to help with post-high school education expenses. If you are currently enrolled in a course of study and would like to be considered for support, application forms are on our website under the "Resources" tab or by calling the church office. The deadline to submit applications is May 1. Specific scholarships are designated for women in ministry, the helping sciences, and science and engineering, in addition to support for areas outside of those designated.

ForColumbia

April 25



ForColumbia 2020 is less than two months away! Our congregation will be partnering with 50 churches and over 2000 volunteers to serve our city on Saturday, April 25. Currently members of our church will be leading sites at Benton Elementary, individual home serving sites, and a new knitting/sewing site to create hats and blankets for NICU babies. More projects are to come. If you are interested in leading at a serving site, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. Sign ups for ForColumbia volunteers begin Sunday, March 8 and continue through April 13. You can sign up online at <http://forcolumbia.com/volunteer>. Watch for more information soon.

Prayers & Concerns

- Prayer Requests -

-John Shrum, who will be having knee surgery on March 17.

-Barry Kausler, who is receiving treatment for cancer.

- Celebrations -

-We congratulate Noah and Abby Hartsfield, and big brother Gideon, on the birth of Micah Ryan Hartsfield, born February 28. Micah weighed 6 lbs, 9 oz and was 18.5 inches long.

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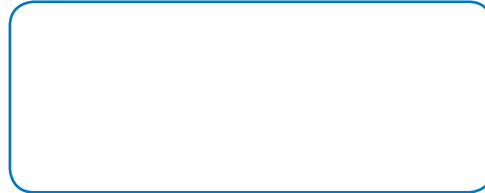
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Lenten Series

Our theme for the season is *Journey Through Lent with Art*. The series includes a different work of art, a famous painting or sculpture, for every Sunday of Lent through Easter. Our worship series are often left-brain focused, taking on heavy theological topics, and trying to understand them in a new way. However, this series is about right-brained spirituality: connecting with God on a heart level. If you have ever been moved by a piece of music, a movie, or a theatrical performance, then you know art has a way of communicating beyond where words can take us. This series seeks to provide space to experience our God who is beyond all words.

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