

June 8, 2022

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First Baptist Church
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Journey Together: Family Camp - July 22-24 **Register Now!**

Join us for our inaugural Family Camp: *Journey Together*! Activities are geared toward kids aged 3 through 5th grade and their families with the option for youth to participate with their families or volunteer to help. Adults and children will come together to remember God's care for all creation and explore how they can be a part of preserving the created world. Families will participate together in large group worship, hearing a Bible story, doing art and science activities, and playing games. Register now at fbc-columbia.org/together

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COST:

This year, there is an option to purchase a shirt for \$5.00, but *Journey Together* is free! That's right, you get three amazing days of activities and faith formation with your family for free! We can hardly wait!

SCHEDULE:

- **Friday, July 22 6:00-7:30 pm**
-dinner provided at 5:15 pm
- **Saturday, July 23 10:00 am-2:30 pm**
-lunch provided
- **Sunday, July 24 3:30-6:00 pm** - programming and closing celebration An additional session will be held on Sunday at 10:15 am for children during Sunday School.

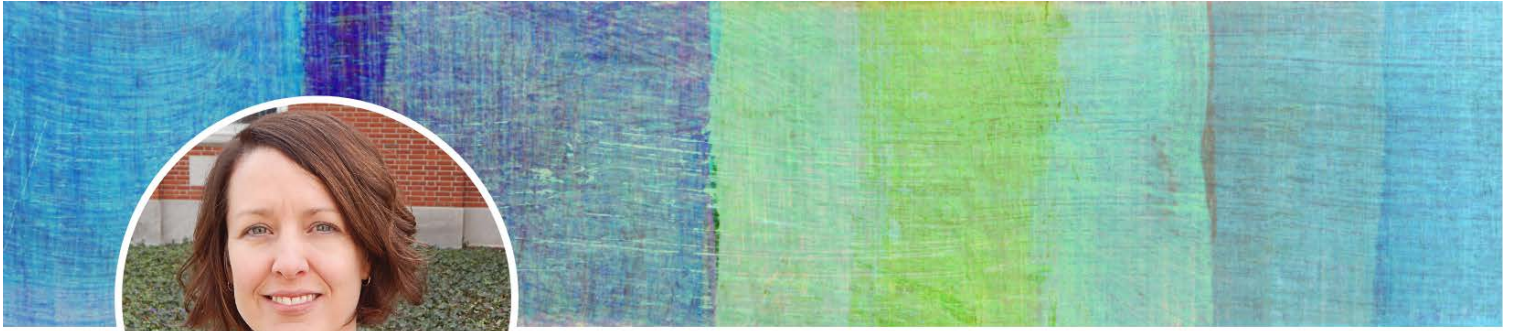
JOURNEY TOGETHER
A First Families Event
JULY 22-24, 2022



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Word from the Pastor



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Combined Worship - July 24 at 11:15 am Followed by a Business Meeting

In November of 2023, First Baptist will celebrate 200 years of mission and ministry! Much has changed over these past 200 years, yet the heart and spirit of First Baptist remain the same. As we look forward to the year of celebration beginning this fall, we are also planning and thinking about how to prepare for the church's next 200 years.

Our Trustees have been hard at work identifying the strengths and concerns of our physical plant to help us determine our long-range planning for the care of our facilities. To coincide with that effort, the Church Council has been in conversation regarding how to think strategically about the use of the facility for ministry. This work coincides with the revisioning and repurposing of the Child Development Center area. When we rented one of the CDC classrooms to AlleyCat Yoga, we committed to engage in church-wide discussion about the future use of that space. In addition, as a part of this work, I would also like us to consider how we might improve our worship experience in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

We believe First Baptist is a unique congregation and our ministry to Columbia is an invaluable expression of the kin-dom of God. We want to ensure the church is ready to step into the future and minister well. There have been numerous conversations about possible renovations to our worship areas since before I was called as your pastor. In 2014, we were able to update the Fellowship Hall for Awakening Worship, yet work on the Sanctuary has been more challenging to envision.



Conversations about changing sacred spaces are challenging. We need help in navigating what is possible and what could be. As such, the Church Council recently voted on a way to help us move this conversation forward in tangent with the work on our 200th celebration. The Church Council is asking for the church to approve spending part of the \$104,500 set aside for updates to the sanctuary to hire a consultant to work with our church family. The Church Council went through a search process and would like to recommend Station 19 Architects to assist us in assessing our facilities and the use of space going forward. On July 24 in a church-wide business meeting, we are asking for the church to approve the use of \$25,000 to hire the firm.

This firm does not come with a preset agenda or solution for our facility. Instead, they will work with our congregation and leadership to inform, guide, and discover the best solution for our current spaces, including the former Child Development Center, the connector building, and the Sanctuary. There will be meetings to listen, evaluate, and dream together about how to best engage our space to prepare us for current and future needs. Station 19 will work with the Church Council to facilitate ideas and any action steps will be shared with the congregation. Hiring Station 19 is our first move and a path that the Church Council feels will open the door to constructive steps forward. Together we can discover new and amazing ways to build on the incredible foundation that is First Baptist and lean into the bright future that lies ahead.

We hope you will join us on July 24 as we gather for Combined Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:15 am, followed by a business meeting to vote on approving the use of the funds we have already set aside for updates to be used to hire Station 19.

Additionally, on July 10 at 10:15 am during the Small Group Hour, I and other available members of the Church Council will be in the Fellowship Hall to engage in conversation and answer questions about Station 19 and the process. Of course, you can also talk to any Church Council member leading up to the business meeting. Council members are Rena Tratchel (Church Moderator), Cheryl Brewer, Henry Imler, Jen Boeckman, Cindy Giovanini, Jason Tratchel, Stephen Hoell, Ken Hammann, Abby Hartsfield, Eli Marchbanks, Rebekah Robertson, and Sheila Kausler.

Carl McIntyre



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

PAM SHORT

Welcome New Member Pam Short!

"My name is Pam Short, and I'm a retired realtor and a licensed referral agent for Weichert Realtors. I retired when the pandemic closed everything, and my health got worse with COPD and stage 3 kidney disease. I prefer to attend church virtually because of the pandemic and my health problems. I've lived in Columbia for over 30 years now. I came here to go to school and never left. I love it here- so much.

I like to read, watch movies and sports, play cards and board games and walk at Stephens Lake and my neighborhood. I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all virtually or by phone, email, and text."



First Baptist 200th Anniversary Request for Stories

As we approach our 200th Anniversary on November 22, 2023, a group of Church members are working on several ways to celebrate our amazing heritage. We are fortunate to possess many of our original handwritten journals and documents, including our inaugural document from that historic Saturday in 1823. In addition, we have two extensive written histories that span 1823 to 1973. That leaves our last 50 years to be documented.



To accomplish this we are interviewing our last three senior pastors, Dan Day, John Baker and Bob Russell and will interview Carol at the end of 2023. These interviews and other historical information will be put in book form. We would like to include remembrances of our current and former members. Toward that end we are asking you or someone you know that has been affiliated with FBC, to write about your experiences and/or memories of your time with the church. These can include how you first became part of First Baptist, what the church has meant to you, an interesting story or anecdote, or anything you would like to provide. We want to hear from everyone regardless of how long they have been a part of First Baptist. We can accept documents in any format from quill pen to word processing. Nothing is too long or too short. When you have something prepared please send it or drop it off at the Church or give it to me personally. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

-Ken Hammann
First Baptist Treasurer



A note from Amy Johns

Sound Tech Volunteers Needed!

The traditional service is looking for volunteers to run sound. If you are interested, please reach out to Amy Johns at ajohns@fbc-columbia.org.



SUPPORT FOR OUR AFGHAN BROTHERS & SISTERS

Thank you to all of those who helped shop for items to donate to Catholic Charities Refugee Ministry. As a church, we took time to bless these items and pray over them and those who will receive them during our Brunch Worship gathering on June 5. All items were delivered the following Monday to be distributed. The Serving Team is also issuing a monetary donation to Catholic Charities to assist with this ministry.



To find out more about this good work, you can visit:

<https://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/welcoming-afghan-refugees/>

Pastor Carol's 10th Anniversary as First Baptist Senior Pastor

July 8th is Carol McEntyre's 10-year Anniversary as our Senior Pastor! We will be celebrating together in the fall- when everyone returns from their summer travel. In the meantime, on Sunday, July 10, we will mark the occasion in worship. Pastor Carol plans to preach the sermon she preached 10 years ago when she came in view of a call to First Baptist. Join us on Sunday, July 10 as we begin celebrating our pastor's anniversary.





UNIDIVERSITY *Youth Camp*



University Camp - June 25 - July 1!

Our youth are heading back to Unidiversity Camp this summer, June 25- July 1! We are excited to rejoin our camp friends at Maryville College in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. Unidiversity offers the opportunity for our students to meet, worship, and grow with other students from churches around the country. Unidiversity offers a good mix of fun, worship, and community that our students and leaders look forward to. As an added bonus, we leave Saturday and will spend Saturday and Sunday night at a lake house outside of Knoxville before camp. On Monday, we will drive up to the mountains for a hike and a picnic lunch before we head to camp. It's going to be a fantastic week.

CHURCH WIDE POOL PARTY



July 14, 2022

5:30-7:30 pm

**Albert-Oakland Family
Aquatic Center**

RSVP TO PASTOR BRITTANY
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Church-Wide Pool Party Thursday, July 14

Join us at the Albert Oakland Family Aquatic Center on July 14 from 5:30-7:30 pm for a church-wide pool party sponsored by the Kids Ministry and Student Ministry.

Spend some time relaxing by the pool, make a splash going down the triple-loop enclosed flume slide, swim in the 50-meter pool, or watch your little ones play in the Children's water play area with sprinklers and slide. First Baptist has the area to ourselves and lifeguards will be on duty. Mark your calendars to join the fun!

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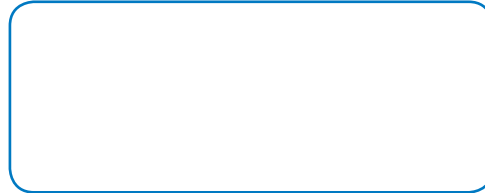
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First Baptist Church Picnic June 12 at Bethel Park

On Sunday, June 12, First Baptist will gather for our Church Picnic at Bethel Park at 4:00 pm. All are invited for an afternoon of games, walking, food, and of course, the annual World Championship Egg Toss! Lee's fried chicken, drinks, and place settings will be provided. We invite you to bring a vegetable, appetizer, or dessert to share.

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