

June 22, 2022

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**AND JOURNEY TOGETHER
DECORATING PARTY**

Ice Cream Social & Journey Together Decorating Party July 17 at 6pm

It is almost time for our sanctuary and fellowship hall to transform into God's Great Big Beautiful World for *Journey Together*. We cannot do it without you.

Join us at 6 pm on July 17 for an ice cream social and decorating party sponsored by the diaconate. We will provide the ice cream, you bring your favorite topping and your decorating skills. Don't worry, there will be tasks for all skill levels!

Journey Together: A First Families Event July 22-24

Journey Together, a new kids ministry event, will take place over a weekend and will have opportunities for meals and fellowship. Families will begin together with large-group worship followed by rotations of Bible story, art and science, and games with other family groups. Each session will conclude with songs and prayer.

This year's theme is *Great Big Beautiful World*. Adults and children alike will come together to remember God's care for all creation and see how they can be a part of preserving the created world. We are looking forward to the ways your family and our church family will make memories, grow in faith, and connect with other families during this special event! To learn more, or to register, visit fbc-columbia.org/together

**GREAT
BIG
beautiful
WORLD**



Guest Preacher Beau Underwood Sunday, July 3

On Sunday, July 3 we welcome Beau Underwood as our guest preacher.

Beau Underwood is the Vice President of External Affairs and Senior Editor at Word&Way. He has served in that role since May of 2021. In this role, he leads the organization's communications, development, and partnership efforts, along with producing content that appears across our various platforms.

A proud alum of Eureka College, the University of Chicago Divinity School, and the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy, Beau has long been fascinated by the intersection of religion and public life. He has pastored congregations, led the advocacy and communications efforts of faith-based organizations out in Washington, DC, staffed congressional campaigns, served as a community organizer, and worked as a hospital chaplain.

An ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), he has held a variety of leadership roles within the denomination. He is passionate about the work of Christian formation in ways that engage both the minds and the hearts of those seeking to follow Jesus. When not working on behalf of Word&Way, Beau is pursuing a doctorate in public affairs at the University of Missouri and rooting on his beloved Chicago White Sox.



Ministerial Staff Out of Office

Pastor Michael McEntyre and eleven other First Baptist youth and parents will be taking part in Unidiversity Youth Camp in Maryville, TN from Saturday, June 25 until Saturday, July 2. We invite you to pray for their safe travel and also for the youth to grow in their faith and connection with Christ.

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null will be in Dallas, TX for a Fellows gathering followed by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, Wednesday, June 22- Friday, July 1.

Pastor Carol McEntyre will also be in Dallas for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Governance meetings and General Assembly, June 26-July 3 which will conclude Carol's service as CBF's past moderator.

If you need pastoral care while the ministerial staff is away, please contact diaconate chair, Cheryl Brewer, at 573-489-0409.

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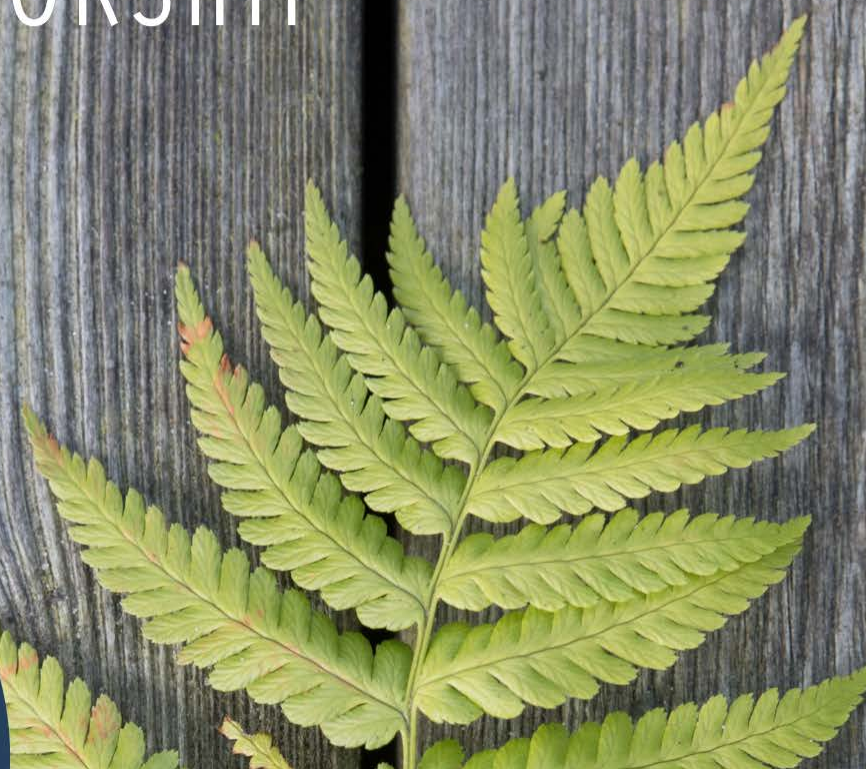


COMBINED WORSHIP

JULY 24

11:15 AM

BUSINESS MEETING TO FOLLOW



Combined Worship & Business Meeting - July 24 at 11:15 am

We invite you to join us for Combined Worship on Sunday, July 24 at 11:15 in the Sanctuary. After worship, we will gather for a church business meeting to vote on the Church Council's recommendation to hire Station 19 Architects. They will help us assess our current and future facility needs. Specifically, the Church Council is asking the church to approve spending \$25,000 from the \$104,500 preapproved monies set aside for updates to the Sanctuary.

Additionally, on July 10 at 10:15 am during the Small Group Hour, Pastor Carol 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, Sheila Kausler, Lynne Lampe, and Julie Walker.

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.





JUNETEENTH 2022


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Juneteenth 2022

First Baptist was proud to be the staging ground for Saturday's Juneteenth parade in downtown Columbia! Over 100 floats, vehicles and marchers filled the parking lot in preparation for the parade.

For those who might not know about Juneteenth, it is short for June 19 and is the longest-running African American holiday. The Emancipation Proclamation, enacted in 1863, declared slaves in the Confederate states free. Yet, not all were freed. In cities like Galveston, Texas, the news was withheld from enslaved people.

On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Grainger traveled to Galveston to proclaim that the Emancipation Proclamation had set enslaved people free. A joyous celebration erupted and the day became known as Juneteenth or Jubilee day.

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EGG TOSS CHAMPIONS!



Egg Toss World Champions 2022

The annual church picnic did not disappoint. Despite the heat, a great group of First Baptist folks came out to join the fun. Winners of the world championship adult egg toss were Colleen Osterkamp and Allison Gortmaker. and winners of the kid/adult toss were Michael McEntyre and Nate Myers.

Calling all Kiwanis and Rotarians

Are you involved in a club or service organization? If so, will you let us know? In preparation for First Baptist 200th Anniversary Celebration in 2023, Pastor Carol is looking for speaking opportunities. She would love the chance to share with your organization about the history of First Baptist, our celebration plans, and perhaps additional topics of interest to your group. So, if you are involved in Kiwanis, Rotary, or other civic groups, please check with your chapter to see if they would be willing to host Pastor Carol.



UniDiversity Camp - June 25 - July 1!

It's Time for CAMP... Finally!

Please be in prayer for our 11 students and leaders as we head to UniDiversity Youth Camp June 25-July 1. After missing the last 2 years due to Covid, we are excited to rejoin our camp friends at Maryville College in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. Unidiversity offers the opportunity for our students to meet, worship, and grow with other students from churches around the country. Our theme for the week is *Relentless*, exploring the relentless love of God, the relentless way of Jesus, and our relentless community of faith. It's going to be a fantastic week.



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CHURCH WIDE POOL PARTY

July 14, 2022
5:30-7:30 pm
Albert-Oakland Family
Aquatic Center

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