

September 14, 2022

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First Baptist Church
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On-Lawn Worship

OCTOBER 2



On-Lawn Worship October 2

One of the gifts of the pandemic was On-Lawn Worship! We enjoyed worshipping outdoors on our beautiful front lawn and want to continue that practice from time to time. As such, we invite you to join us for Outdoor Worship on the front lawn of the church on Sunday, October 2 at 9:15 & 11:15 am. The services will be webcast from the front lawn; the last time we did this it worked pretty well! As a reminder, bring your lawn chair. Adult Small Groups, Youth Ministry, and First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual at 10:15.





Word from the Pastor



Keith & Mary
CBF Field Personnel

First Baptist welcomes Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheezen home on furlough Oct 9-15

We look forward to welcoming Keith and Mary back to First Baptist on Sunday, October 9 and are planning several opportunities for them to connect with our congregation that week. In January of 2020, First Baptist officially took on the role of an Encourager Church for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheezen. Keith and Mary serve as resource coordinators for Romany and those working with Romany throughout Europe. An Encourager Church is one that covenants with field personnel to promote and share about their ongoing mission efforts, provide prayer support for the ministry, help with administrative needs when stateside, engage with the work being done, and offer faithful financial support.

This husband-wife team focuses on Christian media resources in major Romany languages and educational resources. Over 20 different Romany languages and dialects are spoken in Europe. Keith partners with the Wycliffe translation team to create and distribute culturally appropriate media resources in these heart languages. Since Romany have an oral rather than a written culture, this includes dubbing Scripture videos as well as working with *Faith Comes By Hearing* to make audio recordings of the entire New Testament.

Many Romany children do not speak the national language when they begin school. Mary works with a network of educators and Romany workers to promote culturally-sensitive education. This includes the development of *Davar: Bridging to Literacy* (<http://davar-education.eu/>), a fun, flexible, low-cost way to improve literacy-related skills in whatever language the children speak at home. Mary and Keith also partner with the Moldovan Baptist Union to facilitate Romany outreach in the poorest country in Europe.

Most recently, you may recall the work Keith and Mary have done with CBF's mobilized response to the war in Ukraine. Through their partnerships with congregations in Moldova, Keith and Mary were, and continue to be, an important connection to the ongoing efforts to provide humanitarian relief and Christ's love to Ukrainian refugees. We look forward to hearing from Mary and Keith and hope you will make a point to meet and encourage them when they arrive.

-First Baptist Missions Team



Fall Fun Fest & Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, October 30

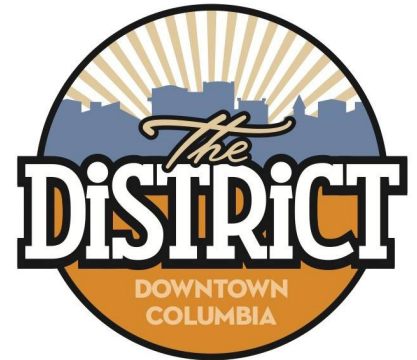
Save the date for our annual Fall Fun Fest at Midway Golf and Games. The Golden Pumpkin is back for the best-decorated trunk for our trunk-or-treat, and fun activities including archery tag and mini golf are in the works.

Whether you plan to play games or simply hang out in the picnic area and chat, we hope you will plan to join us for fellowship and fun! More details coming soon!



Halloweenie 2022

Each year, downtown businesses welcome young trick-or-treaters to their doors for a fun trick-or-treating event. First Baptist is very excited to join in on the fun by offering a bounce obstacle course with candy as a prize! Halloweenie is Friday, October 28 from 4:00 pm- 7:00 pm. To make this successful, we need volunteers to help set up the bounce house and pass out candy. Email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org for more information or if you are available to serve!



First Kids POPCORN PARTY





SKI TRIP

First Baptist Ski Trip, March 25-31, 2023

If you are interested in a possible Spring Break 2023 ski trip, please scan the QR code or visit the church website to fill out the needed information. We have until September 25 to determine if we have enough people to make the trip viable, so please let us know ASAP if you are interested. Sign ups do not in any way obligate you financially for any part of the trip. This is simply a way to see if we have enough interest to meet the group rates for travel. We are currently estimating the cost of the trip as follows (includes travel, both train and rental cars, 4 nights lodging, lift tickets and basic equipment rentals for 3 days on the slopes, and some meals):

- \$840 for ages 13 and up
- \$695 for 12 and below
- \$540 for non-skier-adult, \$450 for non-skier kids



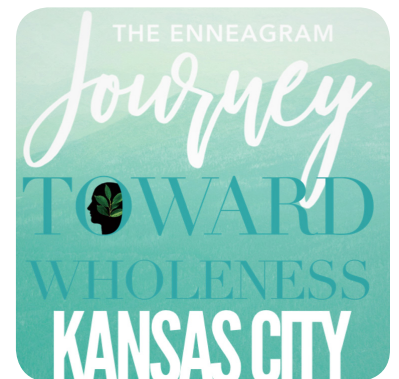
Meals while traveling, skiing, and dinners out are not included in the estimate. Additions such as snowboarding, upgrade in ski packages, ski lessons, and helmet rentals will increase your cost. These prices are based on initial quotes and estimates, prices may be a bit less or possibly a bit more depending on final numbers of participants.

These prices are based off of travelling to Winter Park in Frasier Colorado via Amtrak and staying at the YMCA of the Rockies- Snow Mountain Ranch. This is a family-friendly ski trip. Our current plan is to rent a 40 person cabin and have 3 days on the slopes. We are also planning some fun day trips for non-skiers interested in coming. Please sign up today.

Enneagram Workshop and Book Conversation November 12 in Kansas City

First Baptist will be taking a group of folx for a day trip to learn and grow together. The early-bird rate for Saturday's workshop is \$60 if you register by October 1 and includes workshop materials for Saturday's teaching, as well as snacks and beverages.

In addition to attending the workshop, Pastor Brittany will be leading a book conversation during the month of October on *The Journey Toward Wholeness*. The day and time of the book conversation will depend on those interested. Please note that both the workshop and the book conversation are designed for people who already "know their number" and have a basic understanding of the Enneagram. For more information, or to register, email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org





Dear FBC family,

I want to thank you all for everything you have done for Ariana and me over the past 7 years! I truly have felt so welcomed, loved and appreciated in my role as the nursery coordinator. As a few of you are aware, my mom had a major health crisis in mid-July. She is still on the road to recovery, and in constant need of support. I have been traveling to Kansas City where she and my step dad live to visit as often as I can, but it has been challenging to maintain my commitment to my role in the nursery and also be with my family on the weekends. I feel so torn, and truly love the joy I feel from working with the children in the nursery, but also feel that I need to be available to help with my mom during this time.

I am very sad to share that I need to end my time with FBC to better balance my time with family. My last day will be September 25th. I appreciate so much the opportunity to serve with you and what that has done to help Ari and I over the years. I look forward to the next few weeks with the children in the nursery and with you. Thank you for your understanding.

With love,
Bethany

The Children's Ministry is incredibly grateful for Bethany's faithful service over the last 7 years. Bethany has brought compassion and intentionality to the nursery team. Every child that has been carried or walked through the nursery doors has been blessed because of her kindness and love. Our Children's Ministry is better because of her leadership. Bethany, you are so loved and will be missed. Thank you for your service.

-Pastor Brittany McDonald Null



Extra Mile House



EXTRA MILE HOUSE

HOW
YOU
CAN
HELP



1. Read about the Extra Mile House

2. Choose a ministry team

3. Email Pastor Michael

mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org

Volunteer to serve on one of our Extra Mile ministry teams!

In February of 2021, First Baptist partnered with Love Columbia to sponsor an Extra Mile House. The Extra Mile House Program is a transitional housing program for families with children who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Over the last year and a half, First Baptist has served 3 families who have entered the program. First Baptist has supported the Extra Mile House by caring for the property, working to prepare the home during transitions between families, and by welcoming and connecting with families during their stay. Though this partnership, our church is actively working to help end homelessness one family at a time. Below are some descriptions of the different First Baptist teams that support the Extra Mile House. If you are interested in serving with this ministry, you can email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org with the name of the team (or teams) you wish to sign up for. Choose from the following:

HOSPITALITY TEAM

If you have a knack for making others feel welcome and an eye for organization and detail, you can volunteer to serve on our Hospitality Team. The Hospitality Team is the group that coordinates the transition experience to make sure the house is ready to be moved into, but also that it feels like a home that is safe and welcoming. This team is our main oversight team and coordinates the initial evaluation of needs in the house for transitioning between residents, making other teams aware of the work that needs to be done in the transition time, working with Love Columbia to coordinate transition timing and providing finishing touches for the house and first contact with each resident.





CLEANING TEAM

The Cleaning Team, consists of our frontline workers who can be called on whenever a current resident moves to permanent housing or makes other arrangements. This team helps clean the house from top to bottom, sort remaining items left behind by the previous resident, notifies the maintenance team of small items that may need fixing and helps reset and transform the space to welcome new residents. As transitions between residents can occur at various times, we need lots of volunteers to sign up for this team to ensure that we have enough volunteers available when needed. This team will most likely be needed 2-5 times a year. If you have a gift for cleaning and home care, please consider serving on this team.



MAINTENANCE TEAM

This team works closely with Love Columbia and the Hospitality team to ensure that the house is maintained and safe. Most tasks will be general maintenance (replacing light bulbs or fixtures, touching up paint, repairing any manageable damage to the house etc) while larger projects will go through Love Columbia and First Baptist may be asked to assist. This team does not serve as ongoing maintenance for each resident, but rather exists to offer assistance in the transition time between residents. If you are generally handy with home repairs and would like to be on the list to be called to help in times of transition, please consider serving here.



GROUNDS TEAM

This team helps with continued maintenance of the outdoor space around the property. While lawncare is provided by Love Columbia, First Baptist would like to have a group of volunteers who could rotate visits once a month or so throughout the year to weed flower beds, prune plants and add seasonal touches. This team will work with the Hospitality team to coordinate care and offer ideas for enriching the experience of our Extra Mile participants. If you know a weed from a flower, are good with plants or just like being outside, please consider signing up to take part in this team.

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Mike Ide, Custodian

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STATION 19

ARCHITECTS, INC.

Church-Wide Listening Session

Join us on September 25 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall to begin our work with Station 19 Architects. Our overarching goal is to assess our facility and discover the best solutions for the former Child Development Center, the connector building, and the Sanctuary. We will begin by discussing:

- How does our building reflect who we are as a congregation?
- Are there aspects of our building that don't reflect who we are?
- What's working in our current facility and what's not working so well?

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