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First Baptist welcomes the musical group The Many

The Many will perform Saturday, February 25, at 5 pm in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary for a free community concert. The ensemble will also provide music and lead worship at 11:15 am on Sunday, February 26. Drawing on indie pop and gospel influences, The Many is an intentionally diverse group of musicians committed to honest expressions of faith, peacemaking, economic and racial justice, and LGBTQ+ inclusion. The group includes Hannah Rand, Christa Sangster Monroe, Darren Calhoun, Jonathan Ulanday, Kristina Sinks and Gary Rand. They are the house band of the Plural Guild which came together to create music, poems, prayer, visual art, liturgy, experiences and community that embrace questions and doubts, as well as faith. The Many makes music to help give voice to faith and doubt, questions and fears, laments and longings, music that speaks to a non-violent God, who is with us and for us. Both events are free to attend and open to the public. We encourage you to invite friends.

Former Pastor, John Baker to Preach on February 19

Leading up to our 200th anniversary, First Baptist is welcoming back former pastors to the pulpit. On Sunday, February 19, we are elated to welcome John Baker, preaching during both worship services. If you are new to First Baptist, John Baker was pastor of First Baptist from 1997-2010. John earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, a Master of Divinity, and a Ph.D. from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. John served as the Senior Pastor of four congregations over 30 years, including 13 years at First Baptist Church of Columbia, MO. He currently serves as Executive Director for the Community Foundation of Central Missouri (home office in Columbia). John has been married to Judy for 38 years. They have three grown children and one exceptional grandson. John's favorite pastimes are beekeeping, craft brewing, furniture making, gardening, performing, and enjoying music.



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Tree Planting in Honor of Pastor Carol's 10-Year Anniversary

In December 2022, a Shumard Oak was planted on the East lawn of the church in recognition of Pastor Carol McEntyre's 10-year anniversary. What are the characteristics of a Shumard Oak that remind us of her ministry with us?

A Shumard Oak is a stately, strong and long-lived tree with beautiful fall color. It is an adaptable species that has been successfully grown in urban areas. It is a lovely dark green tree during most of the year. The Shumard oak puts on a vivid display of brilliant red to red-orange fall and winter foliage, providing a dramatic landscape statement. Shumard Red Oaks can live up to 200 years. It has a medium growth-rate and a mature height of 60-80 ft.

-Charles Hunter,
Personnel Committee Chair



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Kindness focus for January:

*Family or Friends
who are like family*

Kindness Focus for January 2023

As part of our 200th Anniversary festivities, we are giving back through acts of kindness. #kindnessfirst launched in November 2022. Each month, our community will receive a new kindness focus as we work towards co-creating a kinder world. Our kindness focus for January is "family or friends who are like family." The people we know and love the most are sometimes the same people we are most awful toward in word and deed. We often take our frustration or anxiety out on those we love. So, this month, we are encouraging acts of kindness toward family members or friends who are like family.

You can record all your intentional acts of kindness on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby of the Education Building. We have stickers that say, "#kindnessfirst" For every act of intentional kindness you do, you are invited to put a sticker up!

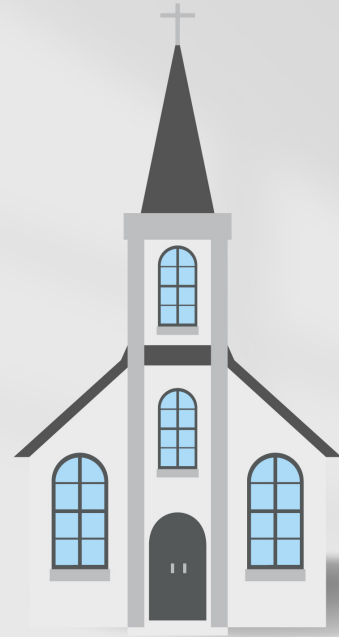


Winter Sermon Series:

Un-Muddying the Water: On Being Baptist

Many First Baptist folx feel kind of embarrassed to wear the label “Baptist” due to the actions of our siblings in Christ, the Southern Baptist. Yet, for good or ill, the stream in which our church swims is Baptist. Our congregation was founded in 1823, and although we were not initially Baptist, the word “baptist” is mentioned as early as 1824 in our records. That is our tradition.

Therefore, as we move toward our 200th year, we are thinking about what is good and worthy about our faith tradition and what we do want to hold onto as we move forward into the future. Join us beginning Sunday, January 8, as we kick off a winter sermon series: *Un-Muddying the Water: On Being Baptist*.



UN-MUDDYING THE WATER:
ON BEING BAPTIST

Sharing Our Stories

The central story of the Church is God as revealed in Jesus Christ. This story is what gathers us together each week, and it is the story that inspired people nearly 200 years ago to found our church. Each of us brings a unique set of life experiences, faith traditions, and encounters with the Spirit that shapes our stories and spiritual journey. So, throughout 2023, Pastor Carol plans to host in-depth conversations with different First Baptist folx about their faith. Stephen Hoell has graciously agreed to go first!

Join us on Sunday, January 15, at 10:15 am in the Parlor as Stephen Hoell and Pastor Carol have a 40-minute conversation about his spiritual journey! Carol has curated a list of about 20 questions to guide the conversation. Questions like: when was the last time you felt like you were standing on holy ground? Why do you stay Christian? What is a well-known passage or teaching from the Bible that you no longer believe or at least struggle to believe? Of course, conversation partners can always choose to skip questions they feel uncomfortable answering.





Proposed 2023 Budget

Proposed 2023 Operating Budget for First Baptist

Sources of Cash

Pledges	\$256,825
Unpledged Gifts	\$42,866
Loose Offering	\$1,000

Other Income:

Parking Lot Rental	\$50,600
Miscellaneous	\$8,000
Unrestricted Endowment Income	\$493,842
Interest Income	\$11,000

Total Sources of Cash	\$864,133
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Uses of Cash

Missions:

Missions	\$53,700
Total Missions	\$53,700

Ministry:

Preschool Childcare	\$10,600
Childrens Ministry, VBS & Endowment	\$7,200
Youth Ministry	\$5,700
Campus Outreach & Scholarship	\$2,500
Educ. Events/Materials	\$6,731
Fellowship/Recreation	\$2,800
Music (incl. Scholarship Singers & Odyssey)	\$20,000
Worship Supplies (Pulpit supply, licensing, supplies)	\$8,281
Fine Arts/Welcoming	\$5,000
Outreach/Telling Team Ministry	\$16,585
Racial Justice and Inclusion	\$3,500
Congregational Care	\$1,550
Total Ministry	\$90,447

Administrative:

Salaries	\$389,876
Medical	\$44,851
Retirement	\$34,379
Senior Pastor Reimbursements	\$4,500
Staff Continuing Education	\$5,500
Total Administrative	\$479,106

General Operations:

Office Expense	\$27,872
Accounting Services	\$18,050
Food Service	\$5,000
Utilities	\$53,500
Insurance (Bldg. & Equip.)	\$32,308
Maintenance - Annual Contracts	\$8,250
Vehicles	\$3,000
Grounds	\$6,000
Custodial Supplies	\$4,500
Total Operations	\$158,480

Trustees:

Maintenance & Repairs - general operations	\$60,000
Parking Taxes and Expenses	\$10,400
Parking Maintenance and Repairs	\$12,000
Debt Service	\$0
Total Trustees	\$82,400

Total Uses of Cash	\$864,133
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Proposed 2023 Operating Budget

At the business meeting on Sunday, we will review the budget, answer any questions you might have, and then, vote.

As we do so, we remember these numbers represent our ministry goals and dreams for next year. We will teach the young, care for the hurting, welcome our neighbors, encourage the faithful, house the vulnerable and raise our worship to God through all the ministries represented in these budget numbers.





First Kids Pancake Party *Tuesday, February 21*

The First Kids Pancake Party is back from another year celebrating Shrove Tuesday! Kids and their families are invited to the Fellowship Hall on February 21 for a Pancake Party at 5:30 pm. During our Pancake Party, kids will hear a little bit about what Lent is and prepare and learn some faith activities your family can use all season long.

RSVP is required by February 15 to ensure we have all the necessary supplies. For more information, email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org.

The Calling Student Ministry

Our Student Ministry starts back with the Calling, our mid-week gathering, on Wednesday, Jan 11, in the Youth Suite. This semester our students will be a bit more hands on with our lessons as our semester will take a "lead and learn" approach to the Bible. Students will work together to explore different passages of Scripture and share what they've learned or what questions they have with the larger group. We will continue to open the Youth Suite at 5:30pm for those who wish to come early for dinner. The Calling begins at 6:00pm and wraps up around 7:15pm. All students 6-12 grade are invited to join us.

Offering for CBF Global Missions **February 2023**

During the month of February, First Baptist members will have the opportunity to support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world, like our very own Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheen, by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Your support of the Offering for Global Missions will share the Gospel message and provide tangible gifts of God's grace and mercy. 100% of your gifts to the Offering goes to funding the ministry of field personnel.

OFFICES CLOSED
Monday, January 16



IN HONOR OF
Martin Luther King Jr.



FIRST BAPTIST HISTORY

with Ken Hammann

Who was William Jewell?

(First Baptist acknowledges six of our eleven founding members were enslavers, including William Jewell. Thus, First Baptist recognizes that we had a distorted view of the gospel of Jesus Christ upon our founding and are working to acknowledge, confess and become actively anti-racist in our faith.)

Although our Church founders include judges, land owners and the father of a future governor, the most notable is Dr. William C. Jewell. Born in 1789 in Loudoun County, Virginia, Dr. Jewell, came to Boone County, via Kentucky, in 1821. During his time in Columbia, he served as city mayor, state legislator, medical examiner, city planner and architect, having designed the first Boone County Court House.

Soon after his arrival, he, his mother, father, and sister became members of Little Bonne Femme Church. After only a few months, he quarreled with two fellow members, slandering one of them as “a so-called physician, but in reality only a quack.” Although he apologized, he soon after resumed his criticism and was granted dismissal from the congregation. He was, however, encouraged to form a new church, and it was with ten others, including his family, that Columbia Church, now First Baptist, was formed in 1823.

Dr. Jewell was one of the most active practitioners of medicine in Boone and adjoining counties. This was during the time that “a physician had to ride horseback over bad roads, through mud, snow and cold and across many unbridged streams to treat patients without the aid of hospitals, ex-ray machines, operating chairs, etc.” It was said that he would accept livestock and farm produce in payment for medical bills, and “the night was never too dark nor the day too stormy for Dr. Jewell to travel miles from home to wait on patients who could not and did not pay him a penny.”





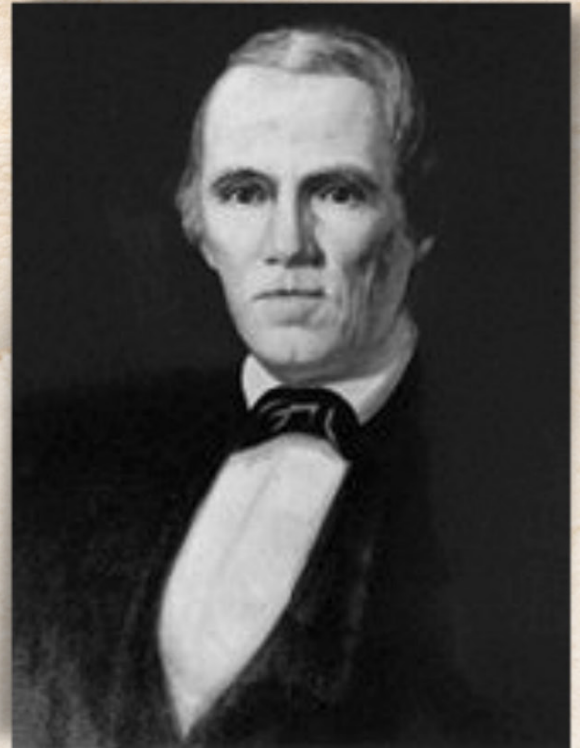
He was instrumental in passing legislation related to physician/patient confidentiality, the precursor to current HIPAA regulations.

The 1840s were the peak of his civil leadership. In addition to offices previously mentioned, he served as the president of the Columbia Temperance Society and formed the African Colonization Society in 1843. This was an anti-slavery organization, supported by Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, and Henry Clay, that was dedicated to resettling enslaved persons in Africa.

Despite being considered an abolitionist, he, and others of our Church's founders were enslavers. After dissolution of the

aforementioned society in 1845, he emancipated four of his enslaved persons, Mandy, Ralph, Emanuel, and Phillis by posting a \$100 bond for each and attesting to their good character. Soon after his death in 1852, through his will, he emancipated his blacksmith Stephen and gave him his blacksmith tools so he could continue his livelihood. However, he denied freedom to Ellen and her children, as he did not believe that Ellen could survive as a free-person.

Jewell was a strong proponent of education. Locally, he was one of the first trustees for the Columbia Female Academy (later Columbia College) and led the effort to convince the state legislature to locate the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1839. In addition, Jewell was the first to donate \$10,000 towards establishing the first all-men's Baptist institution west of the Mississippi River. William Jewell College, located in Liberty, Missouri, bears his name. Jewell died in 1852 while assisting with the construction of Jewell Hall at the college. He is buried, along with his family, in the Jewell Cemetery on South Providence Road.



**Church Founder,
William C. Jewell, MD.**

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



Annual Business Meeting Sunday, January 22, 10:15 am

Join us Sunday, January 22 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and elect our leadership for 2023. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2023 budget. See page 4 for a copy of the proposed budget.

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