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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
“AWAKENING” ~ 9:45 a.m.
Contemporary Service
Traditional Service ~ 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study ~ 9:45 & 11:00am

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First Baptist 185th Anniversary Celebration

One hundred and eighty-five years old, and she’s still going strong! First Baptist Church is old and getting younger! Yes, new generations keep continuing to love serve, teach and worship in Christ’s name, and we want to celebrate it! The time and location for the 185 festivities are listed below. Please pay special attention to the Sunday worship information as we will be having one special service that will begin at 10 am. It promises to be quite a celebration—plan now to join us for a weekend long party!

FBC Birthday Party - Friday, November 21, 7 - 10:30 pm

Stoney Creek Inn - South of Faurot Field on Stadium
A wonderful FBC Birthday Party with hors d’oeuvres, music, games and dancing!

Facility Open House - Saturday, November 22 - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

We will open the First Baptist Church facilities for guests/out-of-towners who might be interested in walking through the physical plant. Stroll down memory lane by checking out an old Sunday School room, riding the new elevator, shooting a few hoops, or walking through the sanctuary. Charles Hunter and Nancy Campbell will be available should you like a tour, and Colleen Ostercamp will be in the sanctuary playing some of your favorites on the newly renovated organ.

Worship - Sunday, November 23 - 10 - 11:30 am

9:15 am Fellowship Tables will open (one in the sanctuary narthex and one in the elevator tower).
9:30 am Child-care for preschoolers begins
10 - 11:30 am **Special combined Worship Service**
Featuring guest speaker Jerry Cain, with other special guests, the Rev. Brian Ford; Dr. Wendy Libby; Rev. Clyde Ruffin; and Rev. Bob Webb.

REMINDER!

There will be no Sunday School because of our change in worship time.

Birthday Celebration Luncheon - 12:15 pm at Columbia College’s Dulany Hall. Dr. Dan Day, former FBC pastor, will be guest speaker at the lunch.

Downtown Holiday Parade - 3:00 pm Several FBC young people will be in the parade so come on back to church and cheer them on.

A JOYOUS SERVICE EVENT—COMMEMORATING FBC’S 185th

About 200 persons from First Baptist Church, its “sister” churches, Second Baptist Missionary, Memorial Baptist, and the area participated in the historic service project around the J.W. Blind Boone Community Center on Saturday, November 1. Many energetic volunteers, planted 1400 daffodil bulbs, pruned shrubs and spread four truck loads of mulch. The balmy weather enabled outdoor interactive activities, e.g., crafts, storytelling, music, games, and the grilled picnic lunch shared by members of the community and volunteers. Blood pressure screenings and information about lung and breast cancer were provided. The Annie Fisher food pantry, named after a black woman who owned and operated a highly successful catering business in Columbia a century ago, was dedicated. Verna Harris-LaBoy’s impersonation of Annie Fisher dramatized to the area children her accomplishments. FBC has ordered a metal bench which will be placed outside the pantry by the Columbia Housing Authority. The project leaders were: Paul Little, Randy Wyatt, Pat Hutchinson, Sherry Wyatt, Sarabeth Rhodes, Colleen Ostercamp, Mary Beth Ming, Marilyn Zumwalt, and a Komen Breast Cancer Representative.

Verna Rhodes



I'm writing this while sitting in Columbia, Missouri. I'm listening to African jazz written and performed by a guy named Sun Ra; his music (some might not call it that) is coming to me via an internet stream from a radio station in the United Kingdom. It's a new, very cool world, indeed!

This is the world in which we live. Thomas Friedman has called it a "flat world," where everyone is interconnected and has increased opportunities, and the computer has been one of the great flattening inventions. If we wish to be, and even if we wish not to be, we are tied together globally, as never before. The good of human life can be shared instantaneously, as can the not good. So much that heretofore was too expensive, would take too much time, or just couldn't be shared between people or cultures can now be.

Case in point, Harry Rowland, who was with us this past Sunday. (My UK song stream has just changed to American jazz great John Coltrane, by the way.) Harry heads up many Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missions teams and projects, and he communicates with many of them over his iPhone most all day long most days. While with us he learned that an Indonesian team had just left a restaurant in Bali. We also sent and received instant messages with Rob Nash, Coordinator of CBF Global Missions, who is in India right now, and he gave us a brief report of his activities.

Where am I going with all of this? Simply this: everything that now helps our world communicate is something that will in some way need to be brought into the life of the church. Getting a more effective web presence and using it in outreach is one need. Keeping abreast of ministry opportunities in places all around the globe through phone, email, and other internet surfing is another. Soaking up the multicultural nature of our nation, and even our own fair city, is another, to open our eyes and hearts to new ways to serve people in Jesus' name. The world is fast and furious and interconnected—and embracing it all will help us help others.

First Baptist is about to celebrate 185 full years of ministry on November 23. Good for God, and good for us! To reach our next 185th (370th), or even our first 225th, however, we need to approach our rapidly changing world with love and openness, and make many of its broad-reaching means and methods our own if we are to be faithful to our mission statement, which reads, "Following Christ, FBC is called to love, teach, worship, and serve." (It's now Indian jazz, by the way, still from UK to me here.)

John

Dona nobis pacem

Grant us peace through. . .freedom, justice, healing and restoration,

The season of Advent 2008 will feature the theme *Dona Nobis Pacem*, which is Latin for "grant us (them) peace." This timely message is a reminder that Christ came to earth as the "prince of peace," and that this peace is for all people in all circumstances of life. We will consider the peace that comes through freedom, through justice, through healing and through the concept of restoration. Plan to join us for these messages of peace beginning the first Sunday of Advent, November 30.



November 30

The 1st Sunday of Advent
Peace through Freedom
Hanging of the Greens
(during both worship services)

December 7

The 2nd Sunday of Advent
Peace through Justice
Special music by the women of our Chancel Choir and by our children.



The Annual Christmas Dinner will take place beginning at 6 pm.



December 14

The 3rd Sunday of Advent
Peace through Healing
The music of early baroque composer Michael Praetorius, accompanied by brass. The FBC Psalm Players will be featured with pre-worship music.

December 21

The 4th Sunday of Advent
Peace through Restoration
The sounds of strings accompanying several of your favorite carols. Bells and children will also highlight our worship.



Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve ~ 11 pm

A beautiful time of worship, family and God's love made visible. Celebrate Christmas eve with carols, communion and candlelight!



Christmas Poinsettias Available

During Advent, the First Baptist sanctuary will be filled with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to place one or more of these festive plants in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a family member or friend, please fill out an envelope on Sunday with your order and \$10 per plant, or call the church office at 442-1149 to reserve your plant. We look forward to anticipating and celebrating the birth of Christ with you all.

The Annual Christmas Dinner

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 7, 6 pm** when FBC will celebrate with their annual Christmas dinner in the fellowship hall. Please arrive by 5:45 pm so that dinner can begin at 6 pm. Bring enough food to feed 12 according to the first initial of your last name:



- A - G Main Dishes
- H - M Vegetables
- N - S Salads
- T - Z Desserts

Christmas Dinner entertainment to include carols and tons of good food.



Help Needed for Christmas Festivities **December 7, 6 pm - Fellowship Hall**

Peggy Anderson, the church hostess, is looking for help in setting up, serving and cleaning up on December 6 for the Annual Christmas Dinner. If you would like to help, please contact Peggy at 445-5260 by December 1 and let her know how you would like to help.



- . . .Knox McCrory back at University Medical Center.
- . . .Tom Clevenger's sister passed away near Springfield, Il on November 4.
- . . .Ed Hampton's sister, Dr. Nellie Hampton, passed away in October.
- . . .Carol Wick's father passed away on November 11 in New York.

A message from CDC. . . Grand Friends are some fun people in our church who meet with students and teachers from the Stars and Bears classes of the Child Development Center each month for creative activities. From 12:00 to 1:00 on the second and third Thursdays we sing songs, play games, make a planned craft and read stories with the three to five year old boys and girls. The Grand Friends are Peggy Anderson, Susie Bennett, Nimmi Doss, Joe and Oleta Forsee, Diana Groshong, Marion Harlan, Paul Jones, Barbara Miller, Betsy Odle, Jim and Verna Rhodes, Esther Rollins, Richard and Joanie Sorrels, Mary Lou Spradling, DeAnna Walkenbach and, last but not least, Mimi Wingo. A few more Grand Friends are needed for the Bear class which meets on the third Thursday. Please contact Eleanor Mitter, Director of CDC, if you are interested in joining us. Don't be outdone! Come join the fun!



Joanie Sorrels



Holiday Concerts *(In and Around FBC)*

Thursday, November 20, 7 pm
Choral Union Concert in Jesse Hall
Choral Union with University Singers, University Philharmonic—Puccini's *Messa Di Gloria* and Poulenc's *Gloria*.

Sunday, December 7,
1:30 pm UMC Women's Chorale
4 pm UMC Concert Chorale

(Both concerts will be held in the FBC Sanctuary.)

Tuesday, December 9, 7 pm &
Sunday, December 14, 3 pm
Columbia Handbell Ensemble

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble's 20th Anniversary season kicks off with two Winter Concerts at First Baptist Church. Featured in the concert will be Pachelbel's Canon in D and the world premiere of Telemann's Suite in F for bells and flute (our very own Emily Stoll). Other selections will include dynamic arrangements of Christmas carols, a moving rendition of O Come, O Come Emmanuel (with orchestral chimes), and some seasonal tunes like White Christmas and the Twelve Days of Christmas. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door, and \$1 for kids 12 and under.



Congratulations to Shane & Malia Parnell on the birth of the daughter, Sophie Brianne, on November 3. She weighs 8 lbs. 2 oz. Mom, dad and sister Emma are doing fine.