

May 29, 2024

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First Baptist Church
columbia



ANNUAL FIRST BAPTIST PICNIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
5:00 PM
BETHEL PARK



First Baptist Annual Picnic June 23 at Bethel Park

On Sunday, June 23, First Baptist will gather for our Church Picnic at Bethel Park at 5:00 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.

Potluck with Mt. Celestial June 9 at 1:00 pm

Save the date for a potluck with Mt. Celestial. You'll hear more about this during the services leading up to June 9th. Please note that this site is not easily accessible, even with the recent improvements.



Juneteenth Offering - Sunday, June 16

The Racial Justice and Inclusion Team asks you to consider prayerfully the opportunity to contribute to our Juneteenth offering on June 16th. During our Service of Truth-Telling, Lament, and Commitment on October 22, 2023, we committed to a yearly offering for racial reconciliation. During worship, you will hear how the RJI Team plans to use these funds in our church's continued commitment to Racial Justice initiatives and projects. We appreciate your help in furthering God's Kin-dom work.



A FIRST KIDS EVENT

JOURNEY TOGETHER

Discover Jesus

AUG 2-4

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A family-oriented Spiritual Formation event for children and those who help raise them.

Registration is now open for Journey Together!

Journey Together is a weekend event for families with kids hosted by First Baptist Kids Ministry. Journey Together is designed to help kids and those who care for them connect with God, one another, and other families with kids in our community.

This year's theme is *Discover Jesus*. Adults and children will use their investigative skills to discover Jesus! The journey of discovery has many twists and turns, so children and adults will learn to ask questions, work together, shine their light in the world, follow Jesus' example to serve others, and trust in God when things go wrong. Through worship and drama, Bible study, art and science exploration, and active games, children and adults are invited to follow the example of Jesus in every place and every part of life.

We know families take many shapes and sizes, and all are welcome to participate. Our world is better when we "Journey Together". This year, Journey Together will take place on August 2-4 and will conclude with a pool party Sunday evening. To register or learn more, visit fbc-columbia.org/together



CBF General Assembly

June 19-21

Pastors Brittany and Caleb will be making their way to Greensboro, North Carolina the week of June 17 for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly, the annual gathering for the CBF. Caleb will be going a few days early to participate in CBF Fellows. While this one is far away, get ready for next year when General Assembly will be in St. Louis!

Pastor Search Committee Church Profile

Our Pastor Search Committee has been hard at work compiling a church profile to tell potential candidates about our church! If you would like to view the church profile, scan the QR code.





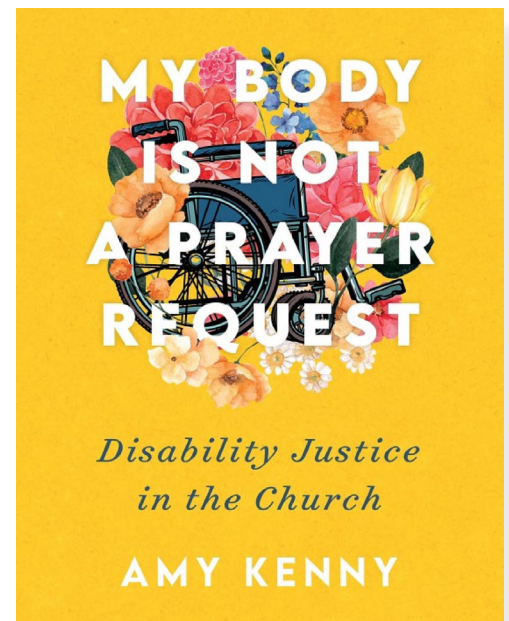
Book Club & Disability Justice Panel

Monday, June 24

6-8 pm in the Parlor

Join us in the parlor for a two-part event from 6:00-8:00 pm on disability justice in the Church. The first part will begin at 6:00 pm and will include a Book Club discussion on *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request* by Dr. Amy Kenny. The second part of the event will begin at 7:00 pm and include a disability justice panel comprised of disabled folx in and around our church.

Please note that the disability justice panel is for the entire church, including those who did not read *My Body is Not a Prayer Request*. We're looking forward to a fruitful discussion on ways our church can become more accessible to all who enter our place of worship!



Women's Zoom Book Study

Thursdays at 10:30 am on Zoom

Our church has a group of women who have been meeting on Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am, on Zoom since Covid kept us from meeting in person more than four years ago. We have continued on Zoom even though we are no longer prevented from meeting in person. We find it's easier to quickly click onto a Zoom meeting than it is having to get dressed and drive somewhere.

We've had nearly 20 participants through the years with several of us volunteering to lead a wide variety of books, including *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young, *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry, *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson, *Unshakable Hope* by Max Lucado, *Feathers of Hope* by Sharon Garlough Brown, *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp, *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, *Sacred Rhythms* by Ruth Haley Barton, *Before Amen* by Max Lucado, *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass, *A Lineage of Grace* by Francine Rivers, and *No Wonder They Call Him the Savior* by Max Lucado. We've found each of us have different preferences, but that we are free to give our differing viewpoints and can benefit from all of them.



Our next study will be of the book, *Holy Moments*, written by Matthew Kelly and led by Rev. Bridget Waddell, Pastor of the Chickamauga, GA Presbyterian Church. In this practical, simple-but-profoundly-written little book, Kelly helps us see how we can receive "holy moments" by choosing to make right decisions that transform our lives from this point forward. Bridget has generously contributed books for our study. Most of the books have been distributed; extras for those interested in joining us are available in the church office. Those wishing to join our group can contact Betty Felts, at 573-442-6650 or edleybettyfelts@gmail.com, in order to receive Zoom information.

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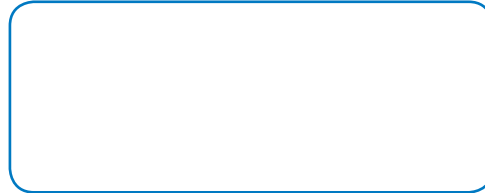
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UPCOMING EVENTS

6/9 POTLUCK @ MT. CELESTIAL

6/23 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

6/24 BOOK CLUB & DISABILITY JUSTICE PANEL

7/7 10:15 AM BRUNCH WORSHIP

7/28 *SAVE THE DATE:* 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF
THE AWAKENING SERVICE

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