

the SPIRE



CHURCH IN THE CHAOS

New Sermon Series This Sunday: *Church in the Chaos*

Church in the Chaos explores the first seven chapters of Acts, where the early church stumbles, argues, improvises, and discovers the Spirit's leading in real time. Far from a polished blueprint, Acts shows a community as messy and uncertain as the church is today — facing opposition, wrestling with identity, and figuring out what faithfulness looks like in the middle of disruption. Through all the chaos, God keeps guiding, redirecting, and holding them. This series invites us to find hope not in perfection, but in the truth that the same Spirit who sustained them is still at work in us.

Life of the Church



In 2026, First Baptist folks will be receiving birthday postcards prepared by our Diaconate & designed by a few First Kids!

Are you on our birthday mailing list? If not, you can email the church office your birthday using the button below and we'll get you added!

Send us your birthday!

FIRST BAPTIST GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 @ 6PM



First Baptist Game Night - Friday, January 16 at 6:00 pm

Calling all board game enthusiasts! Join us each month at 6:00 pm in the parlor for our Board Games Night. Whether you're a strategic mastermind or a casual player, this event is for you! Come and indulge in an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and memorable moments. Grab your favorite board game and challenge your friends to a thrilling match. From classic favorites to modern gems, there will be a wide variety of games available for all tastes and skill levels.

A poster for a drag performance. It features a woman with voluminous curly hair, wearing a colorful leopard-print top and matching pants, posing with a microphone. The background is purple. Text on the poster includes "LIVE IN CONCERT", "FLAMY GRANT" with a stylized logo, "at First Baptist Church 1112 E. Broadway, Columbia", "Admission is FREE! Donations will be accepted for The Center Project.", and a QR code with the text "Scan to Listen!".

Flamy Grant in Concert at First Baptist – January 31 at 6:00 pm

We are thrilled to welcome Flamy Grant to First Baptist in concert on January 31st. In 2023, Flamy made drag history when her debut album *Bible Belt Baby* reached #1

on the iTunes Christian music charts. Since then, she has earned national recognition across music and media while continuing to push beyond genre boundaries with her sophomore album *CHURCH*.

Rooted in Appalachian folk and infused with drag excellence, her work reminds us that faith is not fragile, God is not small, and beauty often shows up exactly where some have been told it cannot.

This is why we are excited to bring Flamy Grant to First Baptist. As a church committed to inclusion, creative expression, intellectual honesty, and a faith that makes room for questions and full humanity, Flamy's work resonates deeply with who we are and who we are becoming. Her music embodies a theology we recognize: holiness emerges when love, truth, and courage are present. Shame belongs in the closet. Grace belongs everywhere.

Flamy Grant offers more than a performance. She offers a communal experience that is fearless, flamboyant, tender, and transformative. We cannot wait to gather, listen, laugh, and witness together.

You are invited. Bring your curiosity, your questions, and your whole self. Entrance is free and the concert begins at 6pm.

Prayers & Concerns



We Want to Pray for You

At First Baptist, we believe community is stronger when we support one another in prayer. If there's something on your mind, a concern, a hope, or a celebration, our pastors would be honored to hold it in prayer with you.

Your prayer requests are kept private with our pastoral team. Share your request anytime through our [Prayer Request page](#), and know that you are held in prayer. Because we are better together, your joys and burdens matter to us.

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