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First Baptist Church Columbia

connection

"A Growing Family Impacting the World for Christ"

STL Area Orphan Banquet

Where: First Baptist Church of Columbia

When: October 16, 2015

Who: Our musical guest is Jonny Diaz

What: Learn more about "In His Hands"



Jonny Diaz

In His Hands Orphans Outreach proudly welcomes Christian performing artist Jonny Diaz to our first annual Metro East banquet. We are excited to share the evening with you!

The purpose of this banquet is to raise funds that will allow the continuation of programs that provide aid to numerous orphans worldwide. In His Hands is currently involved in projects that benefit children in the U.S Foster System, as well as orphans in the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Haiti, Uganda, Ukraine, China, and Ethiopia.

For more information or to sponsor a table:

Call: 217-622-8307 **or** **Email:** michelle@inhishandsorphans.org

Website: www.inhishandsorphans.org/events



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Dear Church Family,



Do you know how to fight? **It's an intriguing question, and perhaps one that we may not know how to readily answer.** The question itself may cause us to feel uncomfortable. The idea of fighting denotes arguments gone awry, intense hostility, hatred and violence. None of these things are helpful to humanity. And certainly, they are not realities that should reflect the heart of a Christian who seeks to honor the Lord and serve his fellow man. But are there times when we must fight particular battles, do we know how to fight them, and are we prepared to fight with victory in our sights?

The apostle Paul wrote these words in his second letter to the church at Corinth, ***"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete"*** (2 Corinthians 10:3-6).

I am grateful to God for those moments of sweet fellowship with Him where it seems as if all the cares of the world have vanished as I lay at the feet of my Savior. **I am grateful for those times when God's people** enjoy true community as brothers and sisters in Christ, loving one another, laughing together, and lifting up our burdens in prayer to God. I am grateful for those times when all seems to be well. But the deeper **reality is this: there is a real war going on and God's people must learn how to fight to win the spiritual** battles that confront them day in and day out. Do you know how to fight the fight of spiritual warfare?

The apostle Paul reminds the struggling church at Corinth that God's people are engaged in real warfare. They're in a fight. Even though they walk in a physical world in the here and now, they are waging spiritual battles in the heavenlies that will impact eternity. And like all who engage in warfare, Paul says **that God's people must implement the right war strategy, and utilize the right spiritual weaponry.** The weaponry at our disposal is God Himself and all that comes from God - the power of His Spirit, the power of **prayer, and the power of God's Word.** These weapons are always more powerful than whatever the devil may throw at us. **God's weaponry has divine power to destroy everything that comes against it.**

I was reminded this past week of the spiritual warfare that all Christians are facing, at of all things, the movies. Sheila and I joined her small group this past weekend to watch the movie *War Room*. I loved the movie. **And I was inspired by its deep message that God's people are engaged in spiritual warfare, and we must learn to fight such battles the way the Lord has prescribed for them to be fought:** desperate dependence upon God in every battle; desperate prayer, begging God to show Himself strong; and determined resolve to trust in and live out the Word of God in the midst of the fight. *War Room* is the story of a family, fractured from chasing the desires of this world, who learn in their desperation how to fight spiritual battles. They learn how to fight. They learn that God is fighting for them. And they learn to trust Him for the victory.

A couple of simple thoughts as I wrap up. First, go see the movie. **It's well worth it. It's worth it for** the family who is fractured, wounded and feels as if there is no more strength in them to fight for their marriage and families. **It's worth it as a date night for a husband and wife to remind them of the legacy** God desires to build through them and the cost that they must pay to stand with God in the fight. **It's worth it for older kids to see this film to realize that this life is about so much more than what we see in the here and now. It's worth it for anyone who needs to be reminded that the same God who is calling you to fight with Him is the same God who is fighting on your behalf, and who in Christ, has already won the victory.**

Secondly, I want you to know that God is calling His church, this church, to learn how to depend upon Him as never before and to learn how to fight. The days we live in are perhaps the most exciting ever to be a follower of Christ. And perhaps that is because the intensity of the spiritual warfare that is present in these days. Would you join me in prayer, asking God to prepare His people to engage the spiritual battles we face with absolutely dependence upon Him, and to trust Him for the victory in Jesus?

I love you, and I am grateful to be your pastor,

Pastor Jonathan

Dear Church Family,

August has been a month of many new beginnings for our students. Each of them has either gone back to school or started school for the first time in a new grade level! I love hearing the **excitement in the children's voices as they talk about who they got for a teacher, and the fun of being with friends again at school. I know it won't be very long and they will be talking about 'will school ever be out'?! My prayer this year for our children as they return is that they would be a light for Christ in their school setting. I pray they will be bold to talk about Christ at school and invite their friends to come with them to church. I ask that you join me as parents and church members to pray for God's protection for our children and for God to use our children to impact the town of Columbia.**



AWANA began this past Sunday. I am always excited for the AWANA program, which **teaches boys and girls to hide God's word in their hearts! I pray that throughout the year our club continues to grow. I want kids to invite their friends to come, but I also want kids to grow spiritually (some will come to know the Lord this year, while others will learn new verses that will impact their lives). This year I am working to learn verses and complete a book alongside our 5th graders. It will be a challenge for me, but I am excited to do it alongside of them. It is never too late to join AWANA; we meet every Sunday night beginning at 5:00 pm. If you have questions about joining or helping, feel free to call or e-mail me, jauld@fbccolumbia.com or 636-248-4203. I am looking forward to another great year with the children. I look forward to God saving children and watching all of them grow in their faith.**

On September 2nd, we will begin **Hiz Kidz Children's Choir**. We have two choirs; the younger is for those who are 4 by August 31st through 1st grade. They will be working on a musical entitled, "The Shepherd's Story." The older choir, for those in 2nd through 5th grade, will be **working on a musical entitled, "A Lamb's Tale."** Both choirs will also work on worship songs and will lead in worship by opening during a Sunday service. You are invited to join us and bring a friend along. We always welcome new adults to help in choir as well.

October will be here before we know it. This year will be have a Fall Festival on Friday October 23rd. It will be a time for families to come together. This is to be an outreach event, so bring a family or multiple families with you. It will be our goal to have a hayride, bon fire, chili cook-off, games, pumpkin carving contest, and much more. The goal of this event is to reach out to our community. Please be in prayer about who you can invite to come have fun at this family friendly event.

Joyfully Serving Him,
Jenny Auld



Attention!

High School & College Age Girls Bible Study!

Sunday evenings, 5:00-6:30pm (during Youth)

Begins Sunday, September 13 (for 8 weeks)

Cost: \$15 for book (required)

Contact Shannon Laxton if you have questions!

What does it mean to be a woman? The current cultural ideal for womanhood encourages women to be strident, sexual, self-centered, independent -- and above all -- powerful and in control. But sadly, this model of womanhood hasn't delivered the happiness and fulfillment it promised. The Bible teaches that it's not up to us to decide what womanhood is all about. God created male and female for a very specific purpose. His design isn't arbitrary or unimportant. It is very intentional and He wants women to discover, embrace, and delight in the beauty of His design. He's looking for True Women!

Bible teachers Mary A. Kassian and Nancy Leigh DeMoss share the key fundamentals of biblical womanhood in this eight week study. Each week includes five daily individual lessons leading to a group time of sharing and digging deeper into God's Word. And to enhance this time of learning together, on-line videos are available featuring Mary and Nancy as they encourage women to discover and embrace God's design and mission for their lives. "

The Missions Team has been busy this summer!

The Gospel is being shared in places all over the world with missionaries we are sending out. Orphan homes are being built in Haiti. Zuni youth are coming to Christ in New Mexico. Orphans are being loved on and relationships being built in China. Redeemer Church is being planted in Waterloo. Kids heard about Jesus in VBS. FBC-ers walked in the Columbia Daze parade handing out flyers and candy. Lives are being changed all over for the cause of Christ. Be watching for future mission reports on Sunday mornings. Also check out our missions table in the atrium featuring our different mission trips. There are flags hanging in the atrium from the different places FBC has been on mission.

The Missions team is prayerfully thinking about future opportunities we have to grow the Kingdom. Please pray for how God would call you to serve in missions over the next few months.

We are currently teaming up with the Boy Scouts to gather shoes for the Soles4Souls project. You can drop off your shoes tied in a bag from now until September 10th at the SMC. We haven't heard back from any small groups regarding Impact Columbia. If your group has done a missions project reaching out to the community, please let us know so we can share in your successes or fail forward together.

The World Missions project will be right around the corner. As well as the In His Hands Orphans Outreach Banquet coming October 16th to FBC Columbia featuring Jonny Diaz. Stay tuned to the bulletin for future missions opportunities.

Dear Orphans of Chenzhou,

I am writing this to tell you that I am sorry

I am truly sorry

I am sorry that this is your life

I am sorry that you sit on a bench Or maybe a chair Or maybe a crib

All day

Everyday

I am sorry that some of you can no longer walk

Maybe because of malnutrition

Or maybe because you've been sitting so long

I'm sorry that you never have enough water to drink

Or food to eat Or clothes to wear

I am sorry that because you have a special need you are looked at as less than a person

I am sorry it feels like God has abandoned you

Or let you down

And even though you may feel like He has let you down

He hasn't

His people have

And for that I am sorry

I am sorry that God's people feel it is easier to pretend you don't exist than to actually do something

I am sorry that millions of Christians will live another day and you will not cross their minds once

I am sorry that His people would rather live comfortably than to try and help you

I am sorry that you feel unworthy Or imperfect

I am sorry you feel like a mistake Or a burden Or a waste

I am sorry you have pain and I am sorry you have scars

And I'm sorry you don't have a mommy or daddy to make it better

But I want you to know that I love you

And God loves you more than you can even imagine

He is holding every single one of you in his loving arms

He knows you are hurting

And he is catching every tear you cry

He has a plan and a purpose for you

Even if you can't see it yet

Because you are perfect in his eyes

You are not a burden You are not a waste

You are not a mistake You are a child of God

I want you to know that you are stronger than I will ever be

Because even though your life is not perfect

Whatever perfect may be

You still smile

You still sing and dance and giggle

You teach me how to look at life from a new perspective

You show me how much I still have to learn about humbleness

And thankfulness

You have completely blown my small, in-my-own-bubble, comfort zoned, mind

And I can never thank you enough

So stay strong

Don't ever let your scars Or disabilities Or past

Hold you back

I love you and miss you

Your friend, Makenna

Shannon, Makenna and Sawyer Laxton, and Quin Norris went on mission to China in July. This article is **Makenna's final thoughts after leaving** the orphanage where they ministered.



Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. Exodus 22:22-24

LIFEWALK information is available at the Missions Table in the atrium

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LIFEWALK AND 5K

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH

MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE BANDSTAND

7:30 AM REGISTRATION **9:00 AM 5K RUN** **9:15 AM 1.8-MILE WALK**

MEDALS AND TROPHIES FOR 5K WINNERS

FOOD PROVIDED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES

FUN AND GAMES FOR KIDS

MUSIC, T-SHIRTS, ATTENDANCE PRIZES

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTRATION OR TO VOLUNTEER:

CALL LIFE NETWORK: 618-939-4224

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As you know, our MOPS program wouldn't be successful without the generosity of our MOPPET childcare volunteers. We can always use some extra loving hands to help us during our MOPS meetings. Maybe you have a family member, know a home schooled teenager, a neighbor, or friend who could help. Please email Heather White at: mopsofcolumbia@hotmail.com if you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering a few hours a month. We meet the second Thursday of every month, September through May. We run background checks on all our workers.



All mothers of babies through kindergarten age children are welcome. MOPS is an international organization that exists to encourage, equip, and help women become the best moms that they can be.

MOPS meets the second Thursday of the month, September - May, at FBC Columbia

Morning MOPS meets 9:00—11:15am ♦ Night MOPS meets 6:30—8:00pm

For more information about MOPS at FBC, or to register, email:
mopsofcolumbia@hotmail.com





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Your FBC Women's Ministry Team recommends these events:



Ladies Retreat Begins Friday, October 2 @ 5:00 p.m.
 Ends Saturday, October 3 @ 3:00 p.m.

Lake Williamson Carlinville, IL
 Sign up and pay by September 20
 to be eligible to stay in the Lodge Suite.

\$ 100.00 includes a night's stay, 3 meals, Bible study
 journal, prizes, activities, and lots of pampering.

www.lakewilliamson.org/facilities/lodging/ladeside-center.html



*Girlfriends
 Café*

Girlfriends Good Times God's Word

All women are welcome!
 Invite your friends and join us at 7:00pm in the Atrium!

- October 26
- November 30



DEACONS

Dave Feazel, Jim Powers

PRAYER PARTNERS

SEPTEMBER 6 Scott Ballard,
Al Bollinger, Terry Geist, Dewayne
Gerberding, Tommy Hopewell,
Randy Riebeling, Tim Toolen

SEPTEMBER 13 Todd Bennett,
Lee Guethle, Brian Harriss,
Dick Laxton, Mark Laxton,
Kyle Riebeling, Tim Verbeke

SEPTEMBER 20 Mark Blair, Paul Freed,
Terry Kohnz, Marion Millikan, Doug
Rose, Ron Snow, Brian Thompson

SEPTEMBER 27 Brett Campbell, Bill
Case, Dave Finck, Rob Mardirosian,
Jeremy Moore, Gary Queen, Rick Smith

GREETERS

8:00 Diane Smith

9:00 & 10:45 Angela Emring,
Adam & Jayme Hemken, Don Horn,
Theresa Weekley

INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

SEPTEMBER 6 Mindy Gutehle / Denise
Byrd

SEPTEMBER 13 Candi Feazel / Denise
Byrd

SEPTEMBER 20 Mindy Guethle / Candi
Feazel

SEPTEMBER 27 Mindy Guethle / Denise
Byrd



schedule

SECURITY OBSERVERS

SEPTEMBER 6 Andy Baxter

SEPTEMBER 13 Doug Rose

SEPTEMBER 20 Bill Crenshaw

SEPTEMBER 27 Ken Cooper

SECURITY RESPONDERS

SEPTEMBER 6 Russ Harrison

SEPTEMBER 13 Rick Davis

SEPTEMBER 20 Russ Harrison

SEPTEMBER 27 Rick Davis

USHERS

ALL OF SEPTEMBER Francis Asselmeier,
Rick Davis, Dick Hoffman, Don Horn,
Joe Iorio, John Love, Seth McClanahan,
David Ray

FIRST AID RESPONDER

SEPTEMBER 6 Rachel Ray

SEPTEMBER 13 Julie Binder

SEPTEMBER 20 Erin Westfall

SEPTEMBER 27 Candi Feazel

NURSERY WORKERS

SEPTEMBER 6

Babies: Kevin & Lonnie Hileman

Toddlers: Mike & Dawn Gaynor

1's-2's: HELP NEEDED

2's-3's: Nick & Christy Cracchiolo

3's-4's: Jamee & Christina Frank

SEPTEMBER 13

Babies: Jon & Jessie Maus

Toddlers: Angie Emring, Angie Weber

1's-2's: Christel Abbeg, Sara Duguay

2's-3's: John & Sandy Marion

3's-4's: Taff & Vicki Harris

SEPTEMBER 20

Babies: Matt & Stephanie Thompson

Toddlers: Joanna Hoffman, Michelle Tullis

1's-2's: Ben & Julie Nelson

2's-3's: Kaiping Family

3's-4's: Shannon Flowers, Erin Johnson

SEPTEMBER 27

Babies: Dan & Megan Flowers

Toddlers: Jonathan & Elaine Mercer

1's-2's: Pam Case, Toni Holloway

2's-3's: Sarah Ballard, HELP NEEDED

3's-4's: Amanda & Josh Vandever

Peanut Allergy Alert: PLEASE do not send food or allow your child to bring any food into the nursery rooms at church. Any contact with food processed with nuts or nut oil in any form can cause a severe reaction in children with life threatening peanut allergies.

SEE YOU
AT THE POLE

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 23

PRAY FOR OUR
STUDENTS AS
THEY PRAY AT
THEIR SCHOOLS



Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers before, during, and after my surgery. To Pastor Jonathan for coming to the hospital to pray with me before the surgery. To the ones that came to visit me in the hospital and at home. For all the cards, food and calls checking on me.

Dixie Bailey



For the Record—August 2015

Bible Study Average	257
Weekly Worship Average	391
Monthly Budget Offering Received	\$77,373.46
YTD Budget Needed	\$598,981.95
YTD Budget Received	\$578,464.19
<u>Follow the Dream: Sprint to the Finish</u>	
Sprint to the Finish Amount Pledged (2013-2016)	\$1,316,318.00
Spring to the Finish Received—August	\$25,983.33
Sprint to the Finish received since May 2013	\$1,150,386.11

FBC COLUMBIA SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

SUNDAY:

Bible Study Groups	8:15am (adult classes—no nursery or childcare)
Worship	9:30am (childcare for birth through Pre-K)
Bible Study Groups	11:00am (all ages birth through age 150!)
AWANA	5:00-6:30pm (September—May; ages 3 through 5th grade)
Youth Group	5:00-6:30pm (meets at Student Ministry Center)
FBC Choir	6:45pm

WEDNESDAY:

Youth Group	6:30-8:00pm (meets at Student Ministry Center)
Bible Study & Prayer	6:30pm
Hiz Kidz Choir	6:30pm (September—May; ages 4 through 5th grade)

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For ministry needs, please don't hesitate to contact a member of our staff personally.

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