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“LIVING BEYOND MYSELF” - KEEP IT GOING!



What's a Ministry Fair without balloon animals and an ark?

The Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 2 was a fun and exciting event where over 45 ministry teams at Columbia hosted booths to explain their ministries and how others can get involved with them. Over 60 "Trial Serves" were available to help those in attendance explore ministry at Columbia. Thanks to EVERYONE who helped to make it such a success!

The Fair was great but the important thing to remember is that "Living Beyond Myself" needs to continue as we continue to explore ministry together with the intention of finding the place to which God is calling and equipping us to serve.



Columbia's Russian Congregation choir was one of the many groups that performed throughout the day.



Joyce Herb helps drum up support for the Administration Ministry Area.

Explore with us! Several different "entry points" to ministry are listed below. Commit NOW to finding your place of service at Columbia through one of the following routes:

Talk to a Coach about finding your ministry home at Columbia. Our gifted team of Lay Ministry Coaches is available beginning in late November to meet with you one-on-one to explore your unique place of service at Columbia.

Enroll in Discovering Ministry, the third course of Journey With Christ. This course is an excellent way to learn about yourself and about ministry as part of a small group. These courses meet for 8 week sessions on Sunday nights and also include one-on-one Coaching. The next class series starts on January 8th, 2006.



Pat Brennan invites you to take a ride with the Columbia Travelers.

Explore various Ministry Opportunities and Trial Serves. Information can be found on the Ministry Wall and on the Web Site about these many and varied opportunities. In most cases you can do a "Trial Serve" - trying ministry just once or twice to see if it might be the right place for you.

For more information about any of these resources and about getting connected through ministry at Columbia, please contact Ruth Dukes, Lay Area Leader for Lay Ministry (engmed12@aol.com or 703-764-0918) or Jeanine Bush, Director of Lay Ministry.



The Cotton Candy was a big hit!



Noelle Nestlebusch and Patty Hanson share apples and a word about keeping healthy at the Parish Health Ministry Team booth.



Amy King helps a little girl "fish". This was one of the many games provided to make the Ministry Fair enjoyable for all ages.

AVAILABLE IN THE COLUMBIA BOOKSTORE

When Skeptics Ask, by Norman Geisler is a helpful, user-friendly guide for thoughtful answers and clear explanations. Written in systematic fashion, step by step Geisler tackles statements against the Christian faith, giving solid biblical and evidential answers. The book covers a wide range of topics - why apologetics is necessary, arguments for the existence of God, the problem of evil, miracles, the person Jesus, the Bible and its reliability, apparent "contradictions" in the Bible, archeology and the Bible, science and evolution, what happens when we die, the issue of truth, and morals. This is an excellent starting point for preparing yourself for a defense of your faith.

In *Show Me God*, science writer Fred Heeren interviews today's foremost cosmologists in order to explore how the latest findings bear upon the ultimate questions we all ask. In doing so, he introduces people of faith to the ways of astronomy, and enlightens astronomy enthusiasts in the ways of faith. Written in a down-to-earth style with humor and a multi-media approach, this newly revised edition contains 100 new pages that include recent developments in the search for extraterrestrial life and the discovery of primeval galaxies. *Show Me God* is a fascinating book for anyone with an interest in astronomy and religion, and especially in defending their faith.



Sundays 8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Mondays 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.—noon;
5 p.m.—8 p.m.

**You may also place an order by emailing
bookstore@columbiabaptist.org.**

“BUT WHAT YOU GAVE ... WAS HOPE”

Below is a letter we received from someone in Picayune, MS. It is typed just as it was written:

Dear Church Members,

Many of you never heard of Picayune, MS. But the ones who came, saw a people very much in need of just what you brought to us. The hot food was such a welcome site, sense we had no electricity, water, or even phone service. But what you gave that was more important was hope in a desperate and stressful time.

You saw how hard we were hit, yet no one on TV would even try to say Picayune when it would appear the eye of the storm was directly over us.

When you showed up here, we had not seen or heard from FEMA, the RED CROSS, or any other gov. agency.

I just want to say thank you, and I know how much it meant to all of you who helped. I could tell how much each one of you enjoyed doing the hard work.

The churches was the most important ones helping out in every case, thank god, you choose Picayune, MS. We will never forget you, I only ask you to continue praying for all of the victims.

*Forever grateful,
Willie Beech*

Columbia thanks Kathleen Armstrong, Lucy Oshiro, and Curt Pendell for being ministers. Thank you for being prepared and willing to go when needed. We can all see from this letter what your demonstration of Christ's love meant in Picayune.

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER—SPOTLIGHT ON THE PRESCHOOL MINISTRY TEAM

Columbia is blessed to have many volunteer ministers in our midst. They perform invaluable roles and allow Columbia to realize its full potential of "Igniting Passion for Jesus Christ from Metro Washington to the World." To show appreciation for these ministers and to allow other Columbians to learn about the many ways to be involved here, the Lay Ministry area is honored to share this monthly "spotlight" with you.



Corky Anderson

This month we highlight a vital team to Sunday mornings at Columbia. The Preschool Ministry Team has responsibility to care for all children from babies through five year olds - all children who are not yet in school.

As you can imagine, parents place significant trust in this team as they drop children off for care and teaching while they attend Sunday School and worship. This team also provides a critical entry point for guests to

Columbia. Their well organized process and loving spirit creates a warm welcome for guests so they can explore Columbia with confidence that their children are being well cared for.

This team is headed by Lucy Cliburn who is supported by Linda Nezet, Lynn Sunde and Corky Anderson. They provide the infrastructure and support to the preschool ministry so that teachers can teach, nursery workers can rock, and helpers can help. They are responsible for meeting parents, checking in children, handing out pagers, providing attendance rolls, snack and craft materials and much more. There is much that is needed to provide a safe and stimulating environment for learning and growth.

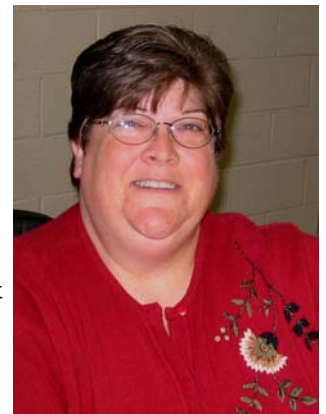
Lucy has been heading this team for several years now. In addition to Sunday mornings, where her primary focus is 3-5 year olds, her roles include assisting with curriculum selection, ministry team organization, goal setting and teacher support. Linda's primary focus on Sunday mornings includes the babies through two year olds. In addition, she handles most of the administrative detail including enrollment, attendance and record keeping.

Lynn Sunde supports the team in many different ways: helping to host the rainbow desk, helping administratively and especially assisting during the busy transition periods between services.

Like Lynn, Corky Anderson helps to host the rainbow desk, greets guests and their children, distributes pagers, etc.

Each of these dedicated team members find satisfaction in the smiles of the children as they grow to recognize them and look forward to seeing them on Sunday mornings. Linda finds the best part of her role is "knowing that we are giving the children the earliest possible exposure to the love of Jesus Christ". And loves the "relationships with the staff, parents and children".

Lucy loves to see a "child become comfortable enough to go into the classroom and be happy and learn" while "the parents go off to worship with a peaceful heart because they know their child will be happy and loved". She also is quick to point out that the "second best part is working with such a great and dedicated team!"



Lynn Sunde

Everyone would agree with that. Lynn finds special blessing in "seeing the children each morning and watching their faces light up when they see you." She also enjoys getting to know the parents and following the children and their families as they grow up here.

Corky's favorite part is "the kids" and, as Lynn said, their wonderful smiles of recognition on a Sunday morning.

What is needed to serve in the Preschool ministry? The needs are varied and your gifts can be used in many ways. If you like children you can be a teacher or helper in the classroom. If your skills are more administrative, there are plenty of behind the scenes roles that are needed. There are even roles during the week if Sunday mornings do not fit your schedule.



Linda Nezet

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JOURNEY TO THE MANGER, A PRAYER LABYRINTH

Deck the Halls, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, there's a Partridge in a Pear Tree, and bells are a jingle, jingle, jingling! Hustle, bustle, decorate, shop and wrap. Christmas is coming. The Advent season is upon us!

Advent...the season of preparation. Books tell us how to do it and traditions reign. Though all these things are wonderful, what are you doing to really prepare for the REASON for the SEASON? Choose how you celebrate Christmas this year.

"What more can God do with us if we prepare our hearts, Take time to be still and feel God's gift of life, To look around us to see where God is working, See the lives He is touching, To feel His touch as He is molding us Let God bring about in you a new gift, New life, New hope, New dream. It's time to claim that we are ordinary people, Made extraordinary by God's love... And the gift of His son!"

— Max Lacado

As you prepare for Christmas, you are invited to experience the *Journey to the Manger*

Prayer Labyrinth Experience

December 2 & 3, December 16 & 17

Fridays 6-9 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Reservations are needed to walk the Labyrinth; reservations may be made at the Information Center or by calling Columbia at (703) 534-5700.



"Spotlight on Preschool Ministry Team" continued from page 3

Columbia is a growing church with young families joining almost every week. We are blessed by this growth and excited to see where God plans to take Columbia in the years to come. Preschool and Children's ministry is a critical component of this growth and the needs grow as the church grows. We are reminded that a vast majority of people make professions of faith before they are 13 years old. We are responsible to our children and their families and are privileged to partner with God in this exciting ministry as he has sends increasing numbers of children into the Columbia family.

Why don't you consider exploring this ministry further? You can observe one Sunday, do a "trial serve" or just jump in with a full commitment. This team will welcome your interest and your love of this ministry. When we asked Corky what he would say to someone considering preschool ministry he replied "Go for it!" - we couldn't say it better!

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Lucy Cliburn at 703-757-2812 or in-fjmom@hotmail.com. If you want to serve at Columbia, but are interested in other opportunities, please contact Jeanine Bush, Director of Lay Ministry.

THERE'S A SONG IN MY HEART

Seventeen years ago I joined the Chancel Choir at Columbia "just for the summer." By season's end I was hooked! In our years together we have been privileged to sing everything from favorite hymns and Gospel, to the Brahms "Requiem," a diverse range, designed to please music lovers of all persuasions.

Music is a vital drum-beat in my life.....yet when throat surgery two years ago destroyed my rather mundane voice, Jim Watson, and others, convinced me to continue with the choir.....and that is another compelling reason I love these people. Their love and caring for one another is Agape love at its best!

Our worship through music is, to me, a voice within yearning to find expression. Our orchestra's rendition of "When The Saints go Marching In" brings the congregation to its feet! Yet when they play "Amazing Grace" we are moved to tears.

Do you love to make a joyful noise unto the Lord? There is a place for you. Perhaps you love to sing the wonderful gospel melodies.....or you prefer to be a part of the traditional worship hour with the Sanctuary Choir. Don't discount the Joy Singers. This group of mature adults can make you glad to be in the prime of life!

So, get on board and become an integral part of our worship experience. It will bless your life, as it has mine, in more ways than you can imagine.

— Rachel Farris

GET READY FOR YOUR "FOUR TICKETS TO CHRISTMAS"

December 9,
December 10,
December 11
7:30 pm

Four Tickets To Christmas is a landmark dramatic musical that grows out of a captivating story set in 1905. When a touring musical family finds no place to go for Christmas, they return to their grandparents' farm in northern Ohio. There they are forced to deal with longstanding conflicts. In the process they learn the importance of following God's unique direction for their lives.



INTRODUCING THE CAST OF COLUMBIA'S "FOUR TICKETS"

Henry Richmond	<i>Terry Havens</i>
Lucille Richmond	<i>Jeanne Koch</i>
Emma Richmond	<i>Keli Rhodes</i>
Nicholas Richmond	<i>Pierce Wright</i>
Victor Schwab	<i>Bill Fox</i>
Eudora Lindstrom	<i>Shirley Calloway</i>
Chester Richmond	<i>Don Steenfott</i>
Eleanor Richmond	<i>Linda Clagg</i>
Luke Wilcox	<i>Grant Mulkey</i>
Rev. Doyle	<i>Ron Austin-White</i>
Cornelia Washburn	<i>Donna Pastore</i>
The Playhouse Host	<i>Marlee Baucom</i>

Thanks to everyone who tried out!



Don't Miss Our Other Holiday Festivities

Sunday, December 18: Symphonic Christmas Festival

6:00 pm - in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve: Carols & Candlelight

5:00 & 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Christmas Day: Holiday Worship

9:45 am - Celebration in Stephenson Hall 11:00 am -

Classic in the Sanctuary

BREAKING NEWS!! SECRET SIGNAL MADE PUBLIC!

FALLS CHURCH – The meaning of a secret signal that before today was known only to a select group in the church has been made known to the general public.

The Columbia Catalyst has obtained information confirming that when a student in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade crosses his or her thumbs and extends both index fingers, he or she is making reference to WIRED!, the extremely fun and meaningful youth group ministry at Columbia Baptist Church.

The Catalyst has also learned that the group has been meeting twice every Sunday (in room 142 at 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. for KiloWattHour and 6 p.m. for UnPlugged) and on Wednesday nights (in the choir room at 6 for AudioFrequencies).

Evidence obtained through exhaustive research suggests that the group has already been out for a movie, ice cream and paintball and has a great schedule



Worship Investment Relationships Evangelism Discipleship

of activities planned for the fall, including a fall retreat on Nov. 6-7. This same research suggests that the group is in the planning stages of completely decking out its room deep in the basement of Columbia with bright colors, neat furniture and cool flooring.

Stay tuned to *The Catalyst* for more information about this select group of students with a not-so-secret hand signal.

UnPlugged – 6th, 7th, 8th grade – Large Youth Group Time, 6- 7:30 p.m. Sundays in Room 142

KiloWatt Hour – Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. in Room 142

Audio Frequencies – Middle School Music, 6- 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays in the Choir Room

NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD AND THE RAINBOW DESK

November is traditionally the time of year when people step back and take a moment to reflect on those things that have meaning to them. Since I am now serving as your Interim Children's Ministry Director, I have so many things to be thankful for.

First, and foremost, I am thankful for the many Columbians who have chosen to serve as ministers to the children here at Columbia. I am thankful for those individuals who put in many hours each week (at home and at Columbia) to organize, plan and execute the various programs we offer in children's ministry. I am thankful for those persons who come with joy to clean classrooms, closets, equipment and toys. I am thankful for those persons who willingly take on tasks that require more of their time, but are so important to children's ministry. I am thankful for those individuals who have come forward and said, "I'm not sure I am cut out to work with children, but I do know that God has called me to serve in this ministry area, so here I am!" I am thankful for children's ministers who have been patient and loving during

the recent transition in leadership. As you can see, I could go on and on. Believe me I "count my many blessings day by day". In closing I would like to say how thankful I am God has led me, and my family, to Columbia. It is with great joy and passion that I serve as your Interim Children's Ministry Director. This I am most thankful for.

God's Instrument,

LuAnn Carrig

Children's opportunities:

Sunday morning Bible study – Birth through kindergarten – check in at the Rainbow Desk

Sunday morning Bible study – grade school – 9:45 session – check in at the gate of the Orchard; 11:00 session – check in at the gate of the Orchard

Sunday evenings – 6:00 to 7:30 – Missions and Discipleship – preschool through grade school

Wednesday evenings – 6:00 to 7:30 – S.T.A.R.S./choirs/Homework Club



Children's Ministry opportunities and needs:

Sunday morning Bible study – Pre-school and Grade School

Sunday evenings – Discipleship - 4 more lay ministers are needed

Saturday 6:29 service – Nursery/preschool will be offered – lay ministers needed

Contact – LuAnn Carrig – 703-534-5700 x 268 or lcarrig@columbiabaptist.org.

41 COLUMBIANS GIVE BLOOD TO SAVE LIVES

On September 21, 41 Columbians volunteered to give blood through Columbia's on-site blood drive managed by Inova Blood Services. The atmosphere was festive as donors filled out their paperwork, were interviewed and then graciously donated blood so others might live. After donating blood, the donors were led to a refreshment area where they chose from a variety of goodies and juices.

Parish Health Ministry Team member, Jill Arvanitis stands next to Clarence Dukes for moral support as he prepares to donate blood.



Some reported the snack phase to be the best part! Columbia's Parish Health Ministry Team members were excellent hosts for the evening. Thank you to all who volunteered. We look forward to another successful drive in the spring.

Photo Credits: Karlene Pankey



Nancy Walker, Pastor for Congregational Care stands by while Ron Austin-White donates blood. Inova Blood Services provided the on-site staff to draw the blood.

FUEL + SPARK + OXYGEN = IGNITION

All the fuel and oxygen in the world can't do it alone. A spark without fuel and oxygen can't sustain itself. It takes all three in balance to create ignition.

Fuel + spark + oxygen... we have ignition!

Ignitions Groups bring together sermon teachings, individual reflection, group dynamics, and synergy of Spirit to foster spiritual growth and authentic community.

Ignition Groups are the place for adults who are a part of the 6:29 *Worship Service* to experience spiritual growth. Each week along with your sermon notes you will receive a study guide with questions for you to reflect on before your group meets. As you meet in a relaxed environment with 10-12 people you will have an opportunity to dig deeper in the Scripture and learn to apply the teachings of the sermon in your life.

Ignition Groups begin the week of November 27th. For more information about how you can be a part of a small group community as a facilitator or member, contact Cheryl Lowrance at cheryl.lowrance@cox.net.

WARM WELCOME COMES TO LIFE IN YOUNG COUPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Have you seen two new young men ushering at the classic service? Say hello to Steven King and Caleb Crosby. Or, if you have a child in STARS on Wednesday night, you may have met Destin Crosby who teaches art. And, Columbia's new parish health team is led by Jill Arvanitis; perhaps you met her at the ministry fair giving out apples. Or, one of Columbia's newest ministry teams, "Connect" - which helps us connect with our guests - is led by new member Maria Wojciechowski. So, what do all of these folks have in common? They are all part of one Sunday School class and somewhat new to Columbia.

Two years ago we saw a need for a new Bible Study class that would support young newly married couples that were beginning to worship in the Classic service. We were fortunate to recruit Debbie Baucom, our senior pastor's wife, to teach this new class with only three core couples. Jill and John Arvanitis, two of the original class members, remember the time when only a few would be there on Sundays. But one key ingredient to growth would be a committed teacher.

"Debbie is such a fun and committed teacher and even though we were small in numbers, she still gave 110% in her preparation and guidance," according to Jill.

In the last nine months the class has dramatically grown to nearly 40 members! And, according to Debbie, the class embodies "one of Columbia's key core values: Warm Welcome." "Energy was created as more and more couples were drawn into the group who share similar interests in worship style, stages of life, and shared experiences," said Debbie.

At the recent ministry fair, members of the class invested themselves in almost every area; helping with games and activities, hosting booths, setting up, organizing, cleaning up and so much more. Certainly they are adding great energy to the body of Christ at Columbia.

"It is hard to put into words how much this class has meant to me," said Destin Crosby. "I thank God everyday for the family I have found at Columbia and for the friendships we've made." Maria Wojciechowski says, "The Sunday School class has meant

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HIGHLIGHTING TWO OF NOVEMBER'S FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Columbia to Host NorthStar Senior Adult Thanksgiving Service

On Friday, November 18, at 11 a.m., Columbia will host the NorthStar Network of Churches' annual Thanksgiving service and luncheon. This year's worship will include a time of sharing the Lord's Supper as an expression of gratitude to God. Neal Jones, Columbia's Pastor Emeritus and Minister in Residence, will provide the sermon and communion meditation, while Columbians Bill Fox, Elaine Payne, Marcos Aanderud and the Joy Singers will lead worship through music. After the service, a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, prepared by Columbia's hostess, Helen Goff, will be served in Stephenson Hall.

Anyone of any age who wishes to attend is welcome! Reservations may be made through the NorthStar office. Make your check for \$6 payable to NorthStar Church Network and send it to: PO Box 1470, Annandale, VA 22003. The deadline for paid reservations is noon on November 15. Your tickets will be sent to you by return mail. Come let us give thanks to our God!

"Young Couples Sunday School" continued from page 7

so much to me because that is where we found our family after moving from Texas. We were able to study God's word and fellowship with the people who have helped to make Northern Virginia feel like home."

So, if you are in your 20's or 30', newly married, engaged, and new to the area or know others who are, this may be the class you have been looking for. Join them at 9:45am in Room 323! For the next several months they will be studying the *Fruit of the Spirit*.

We continue to welcome many new people to Columbia. And, as one can see, this class has done a lot of growing in 2005. We are looking to God to help us sustain that growth and excitement as we approach 2006!

Pillars of Faith Fellowship Breakfast with Betty Jones

On Saturday, November 12, at 8 a.m., the women of Columbia are invited to a potluck breakfast in room 229. We will hear from one of our own pillars of the faith, Betty Jones, as she shares how God is working in her life. Betty is married to Neal Jones, Columbia's minister in residence, and has served alongside Neal for many years among the family of faith here at Columbia. Betty and Neal are currently hosting our first multi-site, Columbia @ Green-spring.

Bring your favorite breakfast casserole, muffins, fruit or whatever you like to eat for breakfast. We will share our food and the rich fellowship we have in Christ.

Sponsored by the Women's Ministry Team.

OUR LANGUAGE CONGREGATIONS

Arabic Congregation

Sunday 5:30 pm Worship, Chapel
Friday 7:30 pm Bible Study

Hispanic AM Congregation

Sunday
9:30 a.m. Culto en Espano, Chapel
11:30 am Escuela Dominical Rm 309

6:30 pm Estudio Biblico, Rm 309

Wednesday 7:00 pm Culto de Oracion, Chapel

Hispanic PM Congregation

Sunday
1:15 pm Worship, Sanctuary
3:30 pm Bible Study, Rm 127
Wednesday 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Rm 308

Korean Congregation

Sunday
10:00 am Bible Study, Rm 103
11:30 am Worship, Chapel
Wednesday 7:30 pm Rm 309

Portuguese Congregation

Saturday
6:00 pm Esudo Biblico, Rms 201, 202
7:00 pm Encontrode Adoracao, Chapel

Russian Congregation

Sunday 1:30 pm Worship, Chapel
Wednesday 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Rm 109

Vietnamese Congregation

Sunday
2:00 pm Bible Study, Rm 109
3:30 pm Worship, Chapel
Thursday 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Chapel

EVERY WEEK AT COLUMBIA

Sundays

8:30am Contemplative Service
 9:45am Celebration Service & Sunday School Classes
 11am Classic Service & Sunday School Classes
 4pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Rm 124
 4:45pm Adult Handbells, Rm 108
 6pm Journey with Christ
 Ignition Point (Gr 1-5)
 Unplugged (Gr 6-8) Rm 142
 Beyond the Edge (Gr 9-12) 301 N. Washington

Mondays

7 pm Columbia @ Greenspring Worship Service
 10:30 am Mother's Heart Bible Study, Rm 229

Tuesdays

6:30 am Men's Bible Study / Breakfast, Stephenson Hall
 7:30am Women's Bible Study Rm230
 9:30am World Friends open registration, Rm 100
 10am Joy Singers Rehearsal, Rm 229
 7pm Compassion, 206 N. Washington Street

Wednesdays

9:30am World Friends ESL Classes
 5:15-6:50pm Wednesday Family Dinner, Stephenson Hall
 6pm STARS (ages 3 thru 6th grade)
 6pm Women's Bible Study, Rm 229
 6pm Alpha Course, Rm 230
 6:30pm MidWeek Manna, Sanctuary
 6:30pm Soul Café, Stephenson Hall
 6:30pm Orchestra Rehearsal, Rm108
 6:45pm Men's Bible Study, Rm 145
 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir, Rm124
 7:30pm Flute Choir, Rm 140

Thursdays

7am Men's Bible Study, Rm 230
 9:30am World Friends ESL Classes
 6:30pm Celebration Worship Rehearsal, Stephenson Hall
 7pm First Place Bible Study, Rm 127

Fridays

9am Laity Prayer Group, Rm 203

Saturdays

9:30am-noon Columbia Center for Missions Open
 6:29pm Worship, Stephenson Hall

NOVEMBER 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Regular Wed. Evening Activities	3 Deacons Meeting, Cancelled People First, 7pm, Rm 142	4 Columbia Travelers Trip - Tour of NYC, offsite	5 Columbia Travelers Trip - Tour of NYC, offsite Mission Ignition, 8:00 am
6 Columbia Travelers Trip - Tour of NYC, offsite Youth Group Retreat	7 Youth Group Retreat Mother's Heart Bible Study , 10:30 am, Rm 229	8 Parish Health Ministry Team Meeting, 7 pm, Rm 127	9 Regular Wed. Evening Activities	10 Implementation Team, 7 pm, Rm 201	11	12 Women's Breakfast, 8 am, Rm 229 Crosslink Ladies Luncheon, 9 am, Rm Stephenson Hall Croppin' at Columbia, 10 am, Rm 114-117
13 Luncheon/business meeting, 12:30 pm, Stephenson Hall	14	15 Lyons-Candler Mission Group, 12pm, Rm 230 Discipleship Ministry Team, 7 pm, Rm 201	16 Begaye Circle, 12 pm, Rm 230 Regular Wed. Evening Activities	17	18 Joy Singers Rehearsal, 10 am, Rm 229 Northstar Senior Adult Thanksgiving Worship & Lunch, 11 am, Sanctuary & Stephenson Hall	19 Flute Choir Festival, 11am, Sanctuary
20 Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner and Service of Praise, 5 pm, Stephenson Hall & Sanctuary	21 Columbia Staff Retreat	22 Columbia Staff Retreat	23 Columbia Staff Retreat World Friends Thanksgiving Break NO Wednesday Evening	24 Offices/Building CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day	25 Offices/Building CLOSED	26
27 First Sunday of Advent	28	29	30 Regular Wed. Evening Activities			

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

November 2 : Special International Menu

November 9

Tacos with the Fixins, Pico de Gallo, Guacamole, Cilantro-Cumin Rice, Roasted Corn and Black Bean Salad **Dessert:** Strawberry Shortcake

November 16

Honey BBQ Shredded Pork, Moms Potato Salad, Green Bean Casserole, Field Green Salad **Dessert:** Coconut Cake. **Kids Menu:** Hot Dogs, Potato Chips, Green Bean Casserole and Cookies

November 23

NO DINNER

November 30

Monterey Chicken, Mashed Red Bliss Potatoes, Green Bean with Bacon, Spinach Salad, Dinner Rolls

Dessert: Chocolate Cake with Whip Cream

Kids Menu: Macaroni and Beef, Green Beans and Chocolate Cake

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FROM METRO WASHINGTON TO THE WORLD

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<i>Pastor for Congregational Care</i>	
Ryan Walker	ext. 254
<i>Worship Leader, Celebration Service</i>	
Jim Watson	ext. 255
<i>Pastor for Worship, Music and Arts</i>	

“KINDLING” SPIRITS

A Catalytic Word from Dr. Jim Baucom,
Senior Pastor

Do you realize that we have just entered the time of year sociologists and marketers call “the pan-holiday period?” This amalgam of distinctive celebrations that have run together begins with a certain secular festival on the last day of October and ends with another on February 14. Of course, the days between Thanksgiving and Christmas are the zenith of this manic season.

Evangelical researchers tell us that this time of the year is the time when unchurched persons are most likely to attend religious services, usually at the invitation of a friend, relative or coworker. It's not just that people are more spiritually open during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, it's also that many people feel sad and lonely when societal cues tell them they should feel joyous. They tend to search for meaning.

Which leads me to ask you when the last time you invited someone to church was? For that matter, you might be a person who receives the *Catalyst* as a peripheral mem-

ber of the Columbia family who hasn't attended for some time yourself. Is now the time to check back in and see what God is doing among us, or bring a friend along to discover the joy of Columbia?

Make sure the dates of December 9-11 are on your calendar for our Broadway style Christmas production, “Four Tickets to Christmas.” This is a fantastic opportunity to invite your unchurched acquaintances to hear the real story of Christmas in a non-threatening way.

Columbia is not a set of buildings or locations. Columbia is YOU. “Igniting Passion for Jesus Christ from Metro Washington to the World” is not just Columbia's mission, it is yours. And inviting persons to discover the love of Jesus Christ within our fellowship is a one tremendous opportunity to fulfill that mission.

On Fire for Jesus Christ,

Dr. Jim