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# COLUMBIA CATALYST

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## COLUMBIA MINISTRY MART

**"Ministries for Your Life" Spring Ministry XPO**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Join us for our Spring Ministry XPO and learn about the wide range of ministry opportunities available to YOU at Columbia. Trial Serve opportunities will be available to help you explore ministry in one-time serving opportunities. A Customer Service team, hosted by the Columbia Coaches, will be there to help you think about the best place for you. There will even be a "Gifts Registry" where you can explore your unique gift-ness.

**Mark your calendar and plan to join us at either the Falls Church or Crossroads Campus.**

**@Falls Church**

Stephenson Hall

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:45 p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12:45p.m.

**@Crossroads**

The Dining Room

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Immediately following the Worship Service

*Note that the date of the XPO has been changed from the date that was advertised earlier.*



## WE NEED YOU ON THE BUS

Remember that Columbia @ Falls Church offers Park and Ride on Sunday mornings. Members and regular attenders are **strongly encouraged** to use this top notch service which allows you to park in the Kaiser Permanente parking garage (on Park Street between N. Washington Street and N. Maple Avenue) and take a mini-bus to church. Two shuttles run continuously from 8:15 am – 12:45 pm. Drop off and after church pick up is on N. Maple Avenue at the covered entrance to the church.

Even if there is a spot in the lot when you arrive, consider

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Falls Church Campus

**Good Friday, April 6: Noon Service/Lunch, Special Guest: Commander Luther Alexander, Washington Naval District Chaplain and former Chaplain of the Naval Academy in Annapolis**

**Good Friday, April 6: 7:30 p.m. Seven Words from the Cross A service for all of Columbia's Congregations**

**Easter, Sunday April 8**

8:30 and 11:15 a.m. - Traditional Services in Sanctuary

9:45 and 11:15 a.m. - Contemporary Services in Stephenson Hall

(and of course, there's 629 on Saturday night!)

## REMEMBER:

**COLUMBIA @ CROSSROADS  
CELEBRATES 1 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY ON  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007**

## INOVA BLOOD SERVICES SET FOR APRIL DRIVE AT COLUMBIA

Columbia's Parish Health Ministry Team is hosting a blood donor drive on Wednesday, April 25 from 4-8 p.m. in Rooms 146/149 (the last appointments are at 8.). On the day of the drive, Inova Blood Services will welcome qualified donors to help save the lives of those who desperately need blood due to surgery, illness or accident.



Please watch for details for signing up to donate blood. Appointments make the flow of people traffic more manageable, but no eligible donor will be turned away. Be a life saver—donate blood! For more information please contact Nancy Walker, Pastor for Congregational Care.

## AVAILABLE IN THE COLUMBIA BOOKSTORE

### **Gardening with God** *By Jane Mossendew*

"One is nearer to God in a garden than anywhere else on earth," writes Jane Mossendew, whose personal experience with gardening and prayer, has led her to gather her collected wisdom and compile it into this book of daily mediations. Using a different plant for each day, **Gardening with God** provides an illustrated drawing of each plant, along with a cultivation note, a meditative reading which seasonally coincides with the church year, and short section on the plant's history. Jane Mossendew has put a lifetime of reading and prayer into this project and the result is an inspiring book that can be read on a variety of levels.

### **The Christian Kids' Gardening Guide: Cool Stuff for You to Make and Grow** *By Rebecca Park Totilo*

Help your kids grow a green thumb! Blending Bible truths with gardening know-how, this fun and informative how-to helps plant the seeds for a lifelong love of God's creation. From tips on creating compost to the plantable flower-seed bookmark, a patch of potted perennials to a backyard garden of *eat-in'*, it offers everything your children need to get growing. Ages 8 and up.

### **Simple Secrets to a Beautiful Home: Creating a Place You and Your Family Will Love** *By Emilie Barnes*

Country cottage or contemporary condo? Wherever you live whatever your style, make your home a welcoming haven for your family and your guests. Barnes shares her secrets of creativity, hospitality, gardening, cooking and more. Each chapter ends with a list of practical tips that are certain to add sparkle and inspiration to your home.

### **The Master's Grip: Focus for Life and Golf** *By Jim Sheard*

Golf is not a game; it's a passion. Millions of golfers live for the sport, and this book helps them aspire to the best in both life and golf. *The Master's Grip* has 67 one-page devotions showing parallels between life, golf, and faith in the same format and style as best-seller *In His Grip*. Devotions feature quotes from golfers such as Jack Nicklaus, Tommy Armour, Paul Runyon, Lanny Watkins, Bobby Jones, Arnold Palmer, Ernie Els, and others in the profession. Each devotional thought includes a title, scriptures, a key verse, devotional thought about golf and life, and a swing thought to summarize the application.

### **In His Grip: Foundations for Life & Golf** *By Jim Sheard, Wally Armstrong*

Improve your score on the greens—and in life—with these devotions. Discover how finding a good teacher, keeping your focus, and following rules apply to your spiritual life *and* favorite game.

### **With God on the Golf Course** *By Phil Callaway*

For some, golf is merely a game. But for Callaway, it's a time to reflect upon life and faith. Here with humor and insight, he shares what he has learned while on the green. In 32 short devotions he compares golf to the Christian walk in chapters such as "Heavenly Golf" and "Improving Your Lie."

### **Play It as It Lies: Golf and the Spiritual Life** *By Mike Linder*

Linder believes and shows that those annoying, frustrating, or at-the-time tragic situations on the golf course can reveal life's great truths and foster spiritual development. Whether it is a perfect drive by a novice, a duffer sinking an impossible putt, or a miraculous chip shot, these totally unpredictable occurrences reveal a mystery that, if explored with patience and alertness, can, like religion, lead a person to deeper, ineffable truths. Through humorous anecdotes and accounts of personal experiences, Linder shows how these truths learned in the game can be applied in our lives, off the course as well as on.

### BOOKSTORE HOURS



Sundays 8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Mondays 6 p.m.—9 p.m.

Wednesdays 4 p.m.—7:30 p.m.  
Other hours, by request

**You may also place an order by emailing:**

**[bookstore@columbiabaptist.org](mailto:bookstore@columbiabaptist.org)**

**Remember: Anything can be special ordered and, if requested, shipped directly to your home.**

**The Columbia Bookstore uses the same distributors as major book chains — if they can get it, we can get it!**

## EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER—SPOTLIGHT ON THE WORLD FRIENDS MINISTRY TEAM

This month we highlight the World Friends Ministry Team. This team of dedicated lay ministers has been teaching English as a Second Language to international students for many years as a ministry of Columbia.

Unique to most ESL programs in the Washington area, this *ministry* was started with a passion to introduce people to Jesus while giving them the gift of learning to speak and read in English. Entirely lay led, this team teaches English at the Falls Church campus on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30. While adults are in class, another team of lay ministers is caring for their young children in a preschool-like setting.

Why do they serve? The reasons are numerous. Says Barbara Lehman, long time member of the children’s team and now teacher of the beginner class, “It is a very happy thing to come and teach. There are no disciple problems. The students want to be here and they work very hard.” She has seen students just this year from 12 countries whose native languages are Arabic, French, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Japanese, African Dialects and Russian. Wow! What a diverse area



Lorraine Snell and Barbara Clappitt with two of the World Friend kids.

we live in and what an incredible opportunity to minister.

Says Barbara Clappitt, leader of the Children’s Team:

“Working with

adults and children in World Friends has enriched my life beyond measure. I have had the opportunity to meet and know people from many cultures and walks of life some of whom have faced and survived atrocities we cannot even imagine. I have had the opportunity to help an Iranian woman who nearly gave birth in her English class, a woman from Sierra Leone who needed help brining her children to the USA, a woman from Japan who needed legal aid, and so on. Columbia offers so many social services that many of these folks wouldn’t seek out had they not been on our campus.”

Tom Moore, interim leader of the ministry team, says, “I have been blessed by seeing and being able to help people from many places around the world adapt to life in the United States, increase their proficiency in English and learn more of what the Bible says. Their interest, intelligence and diligence are inspiring.”

What impact have they had? Well, if a referral is the best comple-

ment someone can pay you, Columbia’s World Friends program has a world-wide referral program. “Some of our students come to us because they were told in their home country to come to Columbia for English Classes.” That’s pretty impressive! “I also believe a number of people over the years have become Christians because of World Friends” says Barbara King, who helps in the office.



Barbara Sampar, one of the World Friends faithful teachers.

World Friends also provides a community among the students. They make friends with each other, calling and checking in on each other, often even if they don’t speak the same language!

Barbara Lehman recounts an experience where a student sang beautifully to her after class one week. Barbara had introduced John 3:16 to the class and this student, who knew the verse well, was able to make a connection and offer her gift of song with a voice of love for the Lord.

Barbara Clappitt says, “The teachers I work with give of their time, talents and money. The children we teach are so bright. We hope that when they are adults in their own countries they will remember the people at Columbia who loved them, taught them English, held them on their laps and sang “Jesus Loves Me” and “This Little Light of Mine”.”

Sheri Thomas, who also helps in the office, says, “It has been wonderful meeting all the new (and current) students; they are so sweet and, despite the many language barriers, we seem to understand one another quite well.”

Why should you serve? You can see what a blessing it is to serve in this ministry. We don’t have room to share all the special stories that were shared with us about relationships built; differences made, and needs met. With World Friends, you can have an



Barbara Lehman reviews the work of several of her students.

international impact while staying close to home, feeling a sense of fulfillment and pride at being a part of this wonderful ministry.

The World Friends Ministry would love to hear from you if you would have an interest in

### Adult Teaching Team:

- Tom Moore
- Barbara Sampar
- Al Gammons
- Bill Horne
- Barbara Lehman
- Bev Donner (substitute)
- Alice Ridgely (substitute)

### Children’s Teaching Team:

- Barbara Clappitt
- Marian Mayoh
- Lorraine Snell
- Helen Blackwell
- Ruth Ann Barr
- Miriam Hubbard
- Shirley Collins
- Marian Wiles
- Fran Powell

### Office Support Team:

- Brenda Arthur (music)
- Reble Garrison
- Barbara King
- Sheri Thomas

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 007: ON A MISSION FOR GOD

July 9 – 13, 2007, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ages 4 years – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

By Samantha Wright

Summer to me would not be summer with out Vacation Bible School. Except for the trips to the beach each year with my family, the best part of summer was going to VBS as a young child. It was a place where I met new friends, did crafts, laughed and sang songs but more importantly it was a place where I learned about the Bible, the Word of God and what kind of person He wanted me to be.

This summer, VBS returns to Columbia and promises to be an out-of-this-world like adventure. We will invite young children from our church and the community to come together and join Columbia's Special Forces team, the **SonForce Kids** – God's courageous team of disciples standing side by side to serve Him. Each child will be a special *SonForce* agent who will follow in the words of Joshua 1:9: *Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified: do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will always be with you.*

For one week, Columbia will transform into the futuristic *SonForce* headquarters which orbits high above the earth. In our hi-tech command center, children will prepare for their five daily missions: Trust! Unite! Train! Follow! Lead! During this special week, children will have the opportunity to grow their understanding of what it means to serve God with courage.

Our mission with VBS is to meet each child where they are in their faith journey, and many are just at the very beginning. Starting this month, we are looking for new recruits who want to serve God's children and help make VBS a success. If you know you want to take part in this exciting adventure, please contact LuAnn Carrig at [Boblauresort@aol.com](mailto:Boblauresort@aol.com) or 703-237-3957. You don't have to have any experience other than a passion for God's children and a pair of "James Bond 007" sun glasses.

Registration will also begin this month, so watch for our online registration information in the bulletins and Flashpoint. Start spreading the word that VBS is going to be a Special Mission this summer and I hope to see you and your children there!

## COLUMBIA WAY & COLUMBIA WAY FOR KIDS

The Columbia Way class, taught by Dr. Baucom and other church leaders, provides you an understanding of basic Christianity, Baptist distinctives, Columbia's Core Values and Mission Statement, Columbia's structure and history, God's design for ministry, and an opportunity to connect to Columbia through ministry, Bible studies and fellowship.

Join us on **Sunday evenings starting April 15** for this very important six week class. We will be meeting from **6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in room #229** through May 20.

"CW4K" – **Columbia Way for Kids** will also be offered by advance reservation. This class will provide children in **grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>** with a child specific, fun, version of the Columbia Way class. Childcare through age 5 will also be provided if requested prior to the first class, so plan to bring the entire family.

During this time block there are also opportunities for Middle School and High School youth.

Space is limited, so RSVP today to Michelle Rhodes at 703-534-5740 x284 or [mrhodes@columbiabaptist.org](mailto:mrhodes@columbiabaptist.org) or Jeanine Aronowitz at 703-534-5740 x272 or [jaronowitz@columbiabaptist.org](mailto:jaronowitz@columbiabaptist.org) by April 11.

**Please plan to join us if you are new to Columbia or if you have attended for many years but have not yet been able to take the course. You will be VERY glad you did!**

## KIDS PRAISE: ART-IS-IN PERFORMING ARTS CAMP THIS SUMMER

July 23-27, 2007, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Final Performance Friday night, July 27**

The camp is for children who have completed Grades 1-5. It is sponsored by Columbia's KIDS PRAISE! children's choirs, Columbia Institute of Fine Arts, and Columbia's Summer Day Camp.

Cost is \$100 for the first child, \$75 for each additional child in the family. The registration fee includes lunch and snacks each day, a t-shirt, a singer's book and listening CD of the musical, costume rental, and supplies.

Registration will begin this month, so watch for online registration information and brochures on the Ministry Wall or visit [www.columbiabaptist.org](http://www.columbiabaptist.org) for more information.

## SLEUTHING WITH WIRED!

It was a dark and stormy night . . . when Big Daddy Sugarbaker invited 25 middle school youth to the 147<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his candy company. Little did the partygoers know that Big Daddy would die under mysterious circumstances just after punch was served!

The WIRED! students spent the next two hours trying to determine whether Big Daddy left them anything in his will and just how Big Daddy kicked the bucket. Youth were baffled as it might have



**Did someone say, "Cat fight!"? Rhett's wife Scarlett tries to pry away the knife from Savannah, Big Daddy's not-so-ex-wife.**

been Big Daddy's two sons—Ashley, needing money for his goat farm for poets, or Rhett, the arrogant and self-absorbed businessman. Others accused his marshmallow-loving jailbird of a brother, Philly, and even Big Daddy's wife Savannah, who turned out to be just a little bit crazy!

Adults around the church were wondering whether it was Halloween all over again as a cast of 11 youth workers in costume were questioned, inspected, and indicted as the plot thickened. It wasn't the nurse,

the lawyer, the executive secretary, the company foreman, or the interpretive dancer . . . it was Rhett's gold-digging wife who set the chaos in motion!

While all of the youth mourned the loss at an impromptu memorial service, in the end Big Daddy turned out to be alive and well—it was merely a test to determine who in the family was loyal to him! Were you?

WIRED! is Columbia's youth program for students in grades 6-8. For more crazy fun, be sure to check out information on the WIRED!

Retreat "Climbing the Mountain" planned for April 13-14, 2007 at Shenandoah Springs Retreat Center in Madison, Virginia.



**Melanie uses scarves in her interpretive dance while Ashley reads his poem about Big Daddy. Amused youth offer up snaps of approval.**



**Looking for possible clues, the "Wired" youth ask Savannah questions about her past as a waitress at Roscoe's Chicken and Waffles.**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

*People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.*

*When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

*Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."*

*And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.*

**Mark 10:13-16**

Since last fall, a number of Columbia's lay ministers to children have been meeting, and out of those meetings, an organized, energized and visionary group has developed. We can trust that God is at work by the confirmations He's provided.

At the March 18 business meeting, some of the lay leaders presented their passion and vision for exciting days to come in ministering to Columbia's kids and their families. They also shared

their model for Children's Ministry, with both a Preschool Team and Grade School Team forming one Children's Ministry Council but consisting of various sub-teams focused on different areas of Children's Ministry. (See list at right for current team leaders)

Team Leaders are actively recruiting gifted Columbians to help implement this new vision that includes many new and exciting ministry ideas. It will take the action and commitment of many. Our desire is to build up teams that include lay ministers from

across our various worship services, congregations and campuses in order to fully integrate our church family. This approach will provide Columbians of all ages a way to share their gifts in Children's Ministry, whether in a one-time Special Event or Mission activity, periodic Music & Arts performances, or ongoing teaching and relationship-building in weekly Ignition Groups. Please pray about whether the Holy Spirit is leading you to serve in Children's Ministry at Columbia. You may wish contact a Team Leader about a ministry area that interests you, or be open when a Team Leader contacts you about ministering to Columbia's children. We in Children's Ministry hope all this excites you as much as it does us! Please watch for upcoming Team and Council meetings and join us if you can! Janine Cook may be reached at [thecooks4@cox.net](mailto:thecooks4@cox.net) and Samantha Wright may be reached at [samwright@inetwright.com](mailto:samwright@inetwright.com).

### LEADERSHIP TEAMS

	GRADE SCHOOL	PRESCHOOL
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Janine Cook	Samantha Wright
<b>Ignition Groups:</b>	Elizabeth Trumbull	Anne Harper
<b>Discipleship:</b>	LuAnn Carrig	open
<b>Worship, Music &amp; Arts:</b>	open	open
<b>Family Integration:</b>	Kathy Allen	open
<b>Communications:</b>	Sharon Daniel (interim)	
<b>Special Events:</b>	Lynn Sunde	Maria Wojciechowski
<b>Missions:</b>	Alice Holman & Barbara Sharpe	Alicia Anderson

## LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY?

Ignitions groups are a great way to find your **place to belong in the family of faith** at Columbia. Ignitions Groups are a significant part of community life that encourage the connection we all long for. Here is one couples' story.

*As a couple, we had discussed joining an Ignition Group (IG) at Columbia. Last summer, David and Sandi Rogers invited us to join a new ignition group. Our Ignition Group meets on Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in our home. We appreciate getting to know people who we may not have a chance to meet during our worship time. Spending time reading and discussing the scriptures that relate to Jim's sermons as well as praying for one another allows us to get to know each other on a more personal level. We also truly enjoy the fellowship together.*

*Whether it's a dinner at Joe's, a family potluck dinner at Christmas time, or our newest twist: a guys'/ gals' night out on the fifth Tuesday of the month, we enjoy being part of our Ignition Group at Columbia.*

— Jan & Mark Turner

We have a variety of Ignition Groups, with different dates, times, curriculum, but with the same purpose to draw you into a deeper relationship with Christ and our family of faith at Columbia. Check the Ministry Wall, visit the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or contact Sandi Evans Rogers, Pastor of Faith Formation, to help you find a group that might be your place to belong in our family of faith.

## CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

May is Better Hearing and Speech month. Join us on May 3 at 10:30 a.m. at Columbia's Falls Church campus for a free informational seminar on the signs, symptoms and causes of hearing loss. Learn how to protect your hearing from being compromised. Receive tips for communicating with hearing impaired family members. There will also be an overview of the latest hearing aid technology available to treat hearing loss. Board certified audiologist, Deborah Berndtson and licensed hearing instrument specialist, Robert Brown, from the Alexandria and Arlington Hearing Centers and guest speaker, board certified audiologist, Jennifer Lyons, will present this seminar. All participants will receive a certificate for a free in-office hearing screening. Please RSVP to 703-525-1898.

## COLUMBIA TO HONOR NEW HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS

On Sunday, May 20, Columbia will gratefully acknowledge the contributions of new Heritage Club members. A person becomes eligible for membership in the Heritage Club when he or she reaches the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of joining Columbia. New and previous Heritage Club members will be recognized at the Falls Church campus' Classic worship service at 11:15 a.m., and in a luncheon in honor of all Heritage Club members at 12:30 in Stephenson Hall, where this year's inductees will receive a Heritage Club pin and a certificate.

Columbians joining the Heritage Club this year are:

**Helen Berry**  
**Nora Cardwell**  
**Joyce Perdue**

**Fred Cardwell**  
**Eleanor Moran**  
**Jane Warzecha**

The entire church family is invited. The cost of the luncheon is \$5 – but **ALL** Heritage Club members' lunches are complimentary. Plan now to attend and honor those who have built the foundation at Columbia on which we all now stand. Church members are invited to stay after the luncheon for a church business session. Childcare will continue through the business session.

For more information (or if you or someone you know who is not listed above is eligible to be inducted this year) contact Betsy Pankey or Nancy Walker.

### Volunteer Spotlight continued from page 3.

learning more about serving with them in the ministry. They can always use adult teachers, administrative/office support and children's teachers. *They are also in need of someone with the gift of leadership and a passion for this ministry to assist in leadership for this team.*

They serve during the school year on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Some team members serve both days and some serve one day a week. This would be a great ministry for a parent who is home with their children during the day because the Children's team will capably and lovingly watch your children while you serve.

World Friends may also start multi-siting at the Crossroads campus in the evenings at some point in the future.

To learn more about the World Friends Ministry, contact Tom Moore at [tomkmoore@gmail.com](mailto:tomkmoore@gmail.com) or 703-527-6623. To learn more about the possibility of serving with World Friends in the evening at Crossroads, contact Anne Tomas, Director of Missions and Evangelism. To learn more about other serving opportunities at Columbia, please contact Jeanine Aronowitz, Director of Lay Ministry.

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

7:30 – 8:30 am, Room 230

**Walking with God: From Slavery to Freedom:  
Living the Promised Life** by Mindy Ferguson



Enjoy some coffee or tea and an amazing intergenerational group of women as they explore how Joshua was a man who walked with God. His life, and the lives of the Israelites often paralleled the spiritual battles and struggles you encounter as you walk with God today. You might even be surprised to recognize a little of yourself in Joshua. He was passionate, and at times presumptuous. He set his heart on obedience, but sometimes he struggled to be “strong and courageous” as God commanded him.

God promised Joshua and the Israelites an inheritance in the land of Canaan. But in order to receive that inheritance, they had to decide to leave Egypt behind and walk with Him into the land of promise. Sometimes they followed Him obediently and without question. Other times they chose their own way. Each decision impacted their journey.

In this study, you’ll find that God has given you, too, a designated area where you can flourish as you use your gifts and talents. You’ll recognize how He is preparing you for your future, just as He prepared Joshua. You’ll see how He can use each experi-

## PLANT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR: WOMEN’S RETREAT APRIL 27-29

*The Bloomery...Where Women Blossom in faith and friendship.*  
Columbia’s Retreat Center, Cost \$80

Pack your bags and refresh yourself at our fun, floral retreat! Cultivate a friendship with Jesus as we dig into God’s Word and explore God’s perennial goodness. Our prayer is that hearts will blossom and grow as women of all ages relax and connect with God and others through meaningful devotions, and lots of small group fellowship! Registration brochures are available on the ministry walls at both campuses and you can also register online, [www.columbiabaptist.org](http://www.columbiabaptist.org). Won’t you make plans now to be there? For more information contact Sandy Tarpinian at [starpinian@yahoo.com](mailto:starpinian@yahoo.com).

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

April 18 – June 20, 6 – 7:30 p.m. - Room 229

### **Beloved Disciple**

Each week enjoy Columbia’s wonderful Wednesday night supper, connect with a amazing group of women through table small groups and listen to Beth Moore bring her dynamic teaching and passion for God’s Word as we explore the life of the apostle John in *Beloved Disciple*. Through her personal study of this extraordinary biblical figure, Beth Moore conveys that John had the God-given gift of seeing a larger picture, and that his love relationship with Christ profoundly influenced everything he did and wrote.

In *Beloved Disciple*, women will get to know the one the New Testament calls the beloved disciple. We will explore the depths of John’s relationship with Jesus Christ, viewing our own relationship with Christ as unique from all others. Join Ruth Claussen, Lorrie Bejjani, Laurie Prather, Peggy Shomette, Debbie Jaeger, Heather Mayhew and Sandi Evans Rogers for a great journey toward becoming “beloved disciples” and discover how to allow God to establish a love relationship with

### ARE YOU GOING WITH US TO APPALACHIA? STILL TRYING TO DECIDE?

Join us for an **Appalachian Outreach Mission Trip Team Meeting** on **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** at **12:30pm** in **room #229**.

This rewarding and fun trip takes place **July 1 – 7, 2007**. We will be traveling to the Appalachian region of East Tennessee to perform light construction and other home repair projects to improve the lives of those in need. No experience is necessary.

This is a great trip for families to attend together. Older children and youth attend at a reduced cost and experience hands-on ministry and the joy of serving. The trip is open to everyone and we are excited to have a large group of Columbians joining us.

For more information on Appalachian Outreach, the organization that we are partnering with for the trip, see their website at <http://web.cn.edu/ao/>

Danny and Jeanine Aronowitz are leading this trip. For more information, contact them at 703-534-5740 x272 or [jaronowitz@columbiabaptist.org](mailto:jaronowitz@columbiabaptist.org) or [djaronowitz@gmail.com](mailto:djaronowitz@gmail.com).

## MINISTRY NEED AS CLOSE AS ACROSS THE STREET

Many years ago, Clint Kersey began a ministry to the residents of Sunrise in Falls Church. This retirement and care community is located just across Washington Street from our Columbia@Falls Church campus. After Clint's death, several men in the church have kept this ministry going, but they need help. The Sunrise residents are very grateful for the time spent with them in worship—singing, praying, reading scripture, and talking about a particular Bible passage.

If you play the piano, you are needed one or two Sundays each month.

If you are willing to lead music, you are needed.

If you are willing to share a Bible passage, you are needed.

If you are willing to share yourself with others who can't get out to attend church, YOU ARE NEEDED!

In the poetic words of Ben Wiles:

*How far would you go?  
Would you travel to some far off land  
To carry the message of a nail-scarred hand?  
Would you travel far and wide  
To share the joy you feel inside?  
To carry God's love, how far would you go?  
How much of His mercy are you willing to show?  
How often the message of the Bible are you willing to repeat?  
How far would you go—  
Are you willing to walk across the street?  
How much of yourself are you willing to share  
With those who may or may not be aware?  
Go ye therefore---are you willing to go across the street?  
For understanding your words you may have to repeat.  
I believe most of them have heard it all before,  
Yet they appreciate hearing it once more.  
It may not be your type of ministry at all---  
Would you go across the street? It's your call.*

To become a volunteer minister on Sundays at Sunrise, call Ben Wiles, 703-591-4481. It's your call!

### TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

**Seminar on end of life planning, April 21, 9 a.m. – Noon**

Columbia's Parish Health Ministry Team is sponsoring this seminar at the Falls Church campus in Stephenson Hall. For more information please contact Nancy Walker, Pastor for Congregational Care at 703-534-5740, ext 266 or [nwalker@columbiabaptist.org](mailto:nwalker@columbiabaptist.org).

## OUR LANGUAGE CONGREGATIONS

### Arabic Congregation

Sunday 5:30 pm Worship, Chapel  
Friday 7:30 pm Bible Study, Rm 108

### Brazilian Congregation

Saturday  
7:00 pm Encontro de Adoracao, Chapel

### 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  
2:30 pm Bible Study, Rm 127  
3:30 pm Worship, Stephenson Hall  
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Rm 308

### Korean Congregation

Sunday  
11:30 am Worship, Chapel  
1:30 pm Bible Study, Rm 103  
Wednesday 7:30 pm Rm 309

### Russian Congregation

Sunday 1:30 pm Worship, Chapel  
Wednesday 7:00 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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> No Youth Evening Activities Discipleship Ministry Team Mtg., 6pm, Rm 201	<b>2</b> Encounter: College Bible Study, 5:45 pm, Rm 142	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>No Wednesday Evening Dinner, No Soul Café or Midweek Manna</b>	<b>5</b> Deacons' Meeting, 7pm, Rm 229	<b>6</b> <b>11:50 am Good Friday Service and Lunch</b> <b>7:30 pm Good Friday Evening Service</b>	<b>7</b>
Heart and Soul Gospel Choir Mission Trip to New Orleans						
<b>8</b> <b>Easter</b> <b>8:30/11:15 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary</b> KidsPraise! Cancelled <b>9:45/11:15 am Contemporary Worship in Stephenson Hall</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Women's Book Club, 7pm, Parlor	<b>11</b> Regular Wednesday Evening Activities	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Wired! (Middle School) Retreat, at Shenandoah Springs	<b>14</b> Wired! (Middle School) Retreat at Shenandoah Springs Orchestra Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m.
<b>15</b> Regular Sunday Activities <b>CROSSROADS 1st Anniversary</b> Russian Congregation Benefit Banquet, 5pm Stephenson Hall Divorce Care Re-sumes, 6pm, Rm 127	<b>16</b> Encounter: College Bible Study, 5:45 pm, Rm 142	<b>17</b> Joy Singers Rehearsal Cancelled Columbia Coaches Mtg, 7:30 p.m., Rm127	<b>18</b> Joy Singers Rehearsal 4pm, Sanctuary Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Missions/Evangelism Council Mtg, 6pm, Rm 202	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Travelers To National Portrait Gallery, Depart 10:45 a.m.	<b>21</b> End of Life Issues Seminar, 9 am, Stephenson Hall Ministry XPO, 7:45 pm, Stephenson Hall
<b>22</b> Regular Sunday Activities Ministry XPO, 9 am—12:45 pm, Stephenson Hall and Crossroads Trinidad Mission Trip Meeting, 12:30 pm, Rm 230	<b>23</b> Encounter: College Bible Study, 5:45 pm, Rm 142	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 55Alive Driver Training, 10 am, Rm 229 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities INOVA Blood Drive, 4pm—8pm, Rm 146/149	<b>26</b> 55Alive Driver Training, 10 am, Rm 229	<b>27</b> Women's Retreat, Columbia Retreat Center	<b>28</b> Women's Retreat, Columbia Retreat Center
<b>29</b> Regular Sunday Activities Women's Retreat, Columbia Retreat Center Appalachian Outreach Mission Trip Mtg, 12:30 pm, Rm 229	<b>30</b> Encounter: College Bible Study, 5:45 pm, Rm 142	<h1 style="margin: 0;">A P R I L 2 0 0 7</h1>				

## WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

**April 4:**  
NO DINNER

**April 11**  
 Cider Marinated Pork Loin  
 Sautéed Cabbage with Red Onions and Peppers  
 Sweet Potatoes and Apple Puree  
 Potato Rolls  
 Assorted Desserts  
**Kids Menu:**  
 Cheese Pizza, Mixed Vegetables and Assorted Desserts

**April 18**  
 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce  
 Italian Herb Vegetables  
 Parmesan and Garlic Bread  
 Mixed Green Salad  
 Pound Cake with Bananas in Caramel Sauce  
 Kids Menu: None

**April 25**  
 Monterey Chicken  
 Mashed Red Bliss Potatoes  
 Green Beans with Bacon  
 Spinach Salad  
 Dinner Rolls  
 Chocolate Cake with Whipped Cream  
 Kids Menu: Hot Dogs, Potato Chips, Green Beans and Chocolate Cake

## Every Week at Columbia

### Sundays

8:30 am Contemplative Service  
 9 am—11:30 am Columbia Café, Rm 229  
 9 am—9:40 am Children & Youth Choir  
 9:45 am Celebration Service & Ignition Groups  
 10:30 am Columbia @ Crossroads Worship Service  
 11:15 am Classic Service & Ignition Groups  
 4 pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Rm 124  
 6 pm Unplugged (Gr 6-8) Rm 142  
 Beyond the Edge (Gr 9-12) 301 N. Washington

### Mondays

9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235  
 7pm Columbia @ Greenspring Worship Service

### Tuesdays

7 am Men's Bible Study, Rm 201  
 7:30 am Women's Bible Study, Rm230

9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235  
 10 am Joy Singers, Rm 229  
 6:30 pm College/Young Adult Study, 301 N. Washington  
 6:45 pm Tutoring at Crossroads

### Wednesdays

5:15-6:50 pm Wednesday Family Dinner, Stephenson Hall  
 5:45—7:30 pm Children's Programs  
 6 pm Women's Bible Study, Rm 229  
 6:30 pm MidWeek Manna, Sanctuary Soul Café, Stephenson Hall  
 Orchestra Rehearsal, Rm108  
 Men's Bible Study Rm 323  
 Iron Men Bible Study, Rm 127  
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir, Rm124

7:45 pm Wednesday Connections—Single Adult Bible Study, Rm 229

8 pm Celebration Worship Rehearsal, Stephenson Hall

### Thursdays

7 am Men's Bible Study, Rm 230  
 7 pm First Place Bible Study, Rm 127  
 7 pm Grief Share

### Fridays

9 am Laity Prayer Group, Rm 203  
 9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235

### Saturdays

9:30 am-noon Columbia Center for Missions Food Pantry Open, 301 N. Washington  
 6:29 pm Worship, Stephenson Hall

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### A Catalytic Word from Dr. Jim Baucom, *Senior Pastor*

As you receive this issue of the Catalyst, we are beginning our celebration of Holy Week and Easter, the most sacred season of the church year. For me, the Lenten season has been heightened by our focus on the last “24” hours of Jesus’ life. Everything really was changed forever during that one day! Remember to invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers as I begin the “second season” of “24” on Easter Sunday.

Throughout this series, we have used video in some dramatic ways, often to great effect. Having a gifted videographer, Wil McMillen, on our staff team has made possible our use of video to enhance worship and offer a Biblical response to our culture. I have heard from a couple of our members (two families, actually) who resent the introduction of video, and particularly television clips, but the overwhelming response has been positive. We will continue to experiment with this medium, and we welcome your feedback. It may take

some practice to find the right balance.

Our ability to utilize video of all sorts will be significantly enhanced by the addition of audio-visual capabilities to our sanctuary and chapel, made possible through some generous gifts and bequests from Columbia members. I think you will be amazed by all of the improvements that will come to our worship spaces in the next month or so.

I look forward to celebrating this Holy Week with you, my fifth at Columbia. Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will include very meaningful services and events, and I hope to see you at Columbia!

On Fire for Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Jim