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BUSINESS MEETING WRAP UP

By Brett Flanders

At the May 20th scheduled business meeting, Walnut Street Development (WSD) personnel presented the current plans for a possible development on part of the Columbia @ Falls Church campus. The current plan calls for two buildings along Washington Street: a commercial building where our 301 Washington building now stands; and a commercial/residential building on the center of the block. In return for acquiring the land for these buildings, WSD would build Columbia a Family Life Center on Maple Street, where our three houses now stand. WSD would also create a two-level underground parking structure for use by Columbia, the residents of the condos, and the commercial tenants.

Overall, this development (as currently planned) would:

Provide 2 of our current 6 acres to WSD

Increase our available parking on the west side of the main building from 135 to 365 spaces

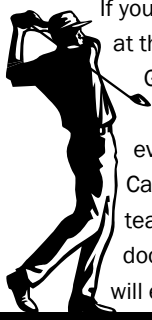
Increase our building square footage from 97500 to 131250 square feet.

Not require Columbia to enter into an additional capital campaign or acquire any debt

At the end of a question and answer period, the members in attendance voted to proceed with the project and present it to the Falls Church City Council in a working session. As mentioned in previous communications with church members, this vote was *not* a decision to build, sign a contract, or approve a final design.

On Sundays and Wednesdays, the Walnut Street Development conceptual plan boards will be displayed in the hallway near Stephenson Hall. During the rest of the week, the display boards will be available for viewing in Bob Brody's office (Rm 218). Look for more information about the plans and process in upcoming worship bulletins, announcements, emails, the church website, and editions of the Catalyst. In the meantime, you can send your questions to Kristin Clifton at kclifton@columbiabaptist.org.

COLUMBIA MEN: READ THIS!



If you're a golfer, do plan to join in on a day of fun and fellowship at the 2007 Men's Golf Outing on Saturday, June 23rd at Forest Greens Golf Club in Dumfries, VA. Golfers of ALL skill levels are welcome, so join the fun. Participants will be placed in evenly matched foursomes for a great day of golf, using the Captain's Choice format. There will be prizes for the winning team, longest drive, and closest to the pin.....plus lots of other door prizes. Tee times begin at Noon on June 23rd, and we will enjoy a picnic dinner together in the clubhouse immediately after we finish golfing. Cost for the whole day is only

\$70. Sign up today at the Information Desk or online at www.columbiabaptist.org.

For further information, contact Dick Cornelius at 703-538-6228, or by email at richard_cornelius@hotmail.com.

MENDELSSOHN'S
Hymn
OF PRAISE

Sunday, June 10 at 7 p.m.

Join us for a classic performance of Mendelssohn's stirring oratorio, written to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the invention of printing. Presented by our Sanctuary Choir and soloists. Jim Watson, conductor, and Elaine Payne, organist.

SUMMER READING LIST FOR DISCIPLES

Each summer school systems and colleges publish summer reading list for their students - suggested or required reading that encourages students to stay 'fresh' and in the learning mode all summer. When classes begin again they are better prepared and ahead of the curve. As disciples, we are to always be in the learning mode, life-long learners, always open to what God would want to teach us. So, this summer we offer you a summer reading list. As you prepare for your summer adventure, pack a book that might challenge your spiritual growth, be a part of the transforming process, the renewing of your mind; so that you are better prepared to live in the world.

Recommended by Kristin Clifton

Blue Like Jazz; and *Searching for God Knows What* by Donald Miller. In both of these books, Donald Miller takes you through the rabbit trails of his mind and invites you to explore the depths of faith and how it impacts our lives day in and day out.

Bookends by Liz Curtis Higgs; Ladies, this is a great beach book. It's chick-lit to be sure, but it will lift your spirits.

Relevant Magazine, For those with shorter attention spans, here's a great magazine. From their website, www.relevantmagazine.com: "We're twentysomething Christians. We want to break stereotypes, challenge status-quo and enact change through the media. We're seeking God, living life and striving to impact the world around us. It's pretty simple, really."

Recommended by Sandi Evans Rogers

A Love Affair with God by Welton Gaddy; Finding Freedom & Intimacy in Prayer

revolutionary parenting by George Barna; Want to raise a spiritual champion? What the research shows.

Cure for the Common Life by Max Lucado; A great read to encourage you to live in your 'sweet spot'

Culturally Savvy Christian by Dick Staub; A manifesto for deepening faith and enriching popular culture in an age of Christianity-lite, a good follow-up to Dr. Baucom's *In and Out* teaching series

Creating a Life with God by Daniel Wolpert; The call of ancient prayer practices

Leading a Life with God by Daniel Wolpert; The practice of spiritual leadership.

The Irresistible Revolution by Shane Claiborne; Living as an ordinary radical

With Scripture as my Compass by Tom Elrich; Meditations (51) for the journey

Humble Leadership by N. Graham Standish; No matter where you lead, you will be challenged to become open to God's guidance and grace.

The Barbarian Way by Erwin McManus; Unleash the untamed faith within, a call to a revolution against 'civilized' Christianity.

SoulCravings by Erwin McManus; An exploration of the human spirit.

Praying in Color by Sybil MacBeth; A creative praying practice the whole family can discover and enjoy

Recommended by Anne Tomas

Power, Faith, and Fantasy by Michael B. Oren; This book tells the fascinating story of America's relationship with the Middle East from 1776 to the present. Filled with interesting tidbits of information, you will learn how American faith and American fantasy with the Middle East have molded and shaped power in our relationship with the Middle East.

Recommended by Nancy Walker

Praying Our Goodbyes by Joyce Rupp; We all have our own unique goodbyes-times when we lose someone or something that has given our lives meaning and value.

Seeing in the Dark by Gary Kinnaman and Richard Jacobs, MD; Getting the facts on depression and finding hope again.

No Wrinkles on the Soul by Richard L. Morgan; A book of readings and meditations for older adults.

The Body Broken by Robert Benson; Answering God's call to love one another.

Recommended by Jim Watson

Grace Awakening by Chuck Swindol; Believing in grace is one thing. Living in grace is another.

Recommended by Greg Loewer

Religious Literacy by Stephen Prothero; *What every American Needs to Know-and Doesn't*: "Like it or not," he says, "religion has shaped and still is shaping American history, culture, politics, and foreign policy.... Between the crazy secular left and the crazy religious right, there is a really huge middle that tends to be silent because we don't know enough" to talk intelligently about religion.

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

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 CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID MINISTRY

The Legal Aid Clinic (CLA), hosted by Columbia in our 301 N. Washington Street building, offers free legal advice to under-served persons. The vision for CLA came from a partnership between the law firm of Gammon and Grange and the Christian Legal Society (CLS). CLS hosted other clinics in the area, but began to explore the possibility of offering CLA through a church. While several churches responded to the invitation to meet to discuss the possibility of hosting CLA, Columbia was the only one who followed up, making it the first clinic in this area to be held on a church campus. It was considered a good fit due to the existence of a well established ministry to underserved persons through the Food Pantry. Columbia made the space available and in 2006, 20 clinics were held at Columbia serving 62 clients by 53 lawyers and 24 other volunteers.

When this opportunity presented itself just over a year ago, Barry Hall offered to help coordinate the administrative and scheduling portion of the ministry. Below are his thoughts on the ministry and its importance:

Describe what Legal Aid is and how it works.

Our area has many legal aid clinics. The legal aid clinics that Columbia hosts differ from other clinics in attempting to provide legal aid from a Christian perspective. We hope to address both legal and spiritual issues with the legal aid clients.

Our legal aid clinics attempt to respond to a variety of needs. Some people cannot afford to pay for an attorney. Others have no idea how to navigate the legal system to secure representation. CLA attempts to respond to different levels of need in an appropriate manner. There is no church membership requirement as a condition for obtaining legal aid.

What is your role with Legal Aid?

My role is to schedule clients who wish to have an appointment with CLA. We schedule clients for 50 minute appointments and can handle a maximum of six clients at a clinic. Usually we serve no more than three clients at a Saturday clinic.

As part of the scheduling process, we request some basic information from each person requesting an appointment. The information requested includes name, age, marital status, name and age of each child, salary, value of assets, amount of government assistance received, brief description of legal issue, and names of opposing parties and their lawyers. To help us analyze who we help, we ask those requesting appointments to identify their ethnic status, country of birth, and church membership or religious affiliation. If a translator is needed, we secure that assistance as well.

How has your life been impacted/how have you been blessed by your service with Legal Aid?

I think of one individual and one family in particular who say they received significant help from CLA. I consider it a blessing to have helped these individuals by scheduling their appointments. When talking with those who have received help from CLA, they often express their gratitude for the help given. I feel grateful for the chance to deal with our many clients. I feel blessed by the chance to deal with the administrative staff of the law office that schedules the clinic attorneys.

What would you tell others who might be considering serving?

I am not a lawyer but I can help them by handling the administrative task of scheduling clients. If you know you have a talent, others can benefit if you use that talent. When others receive your help, they feel energized to serve God also. God can magnify your efforts beyond anything you could imagine.

What specific help do you need and how can people volunteer?

We need attorneys who can fill different roles. First, we need attorneys willing to serve in the CLA Saturday clinics. Second, we need attorneys who will accept clients the clinic refers to them. These attorneys would receive cases in their specialty. We need lawyers willing to help clients with their legal issues on a pro bono basis, a reduced fee basis, or a delayed payment basis (for example, a client who is out of work but willing to pay once they obtain another job).

Anything else?

At present, Columbia Baptist Church and St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church host CLAs. Columbia holds clinics on the first and third Saturdays of most months. St Mark holds clinics on the second Saturday of most months.

Does this ministry interest you? If so, we would love to hear from you. To learn more about supporting the Legal Aid Clinic as a team member, contact Nancy Walker, Pastor for Congregational Care, at nwalker@columbiabaptist.org or 703-534-5740 x266. To make an appointment at the Clinic, contact Barry Hall at 703-532-3070 or grdrbch@verizon.net. To learn more about other serving opportunities at Columbia, please contact Jeanine Aronowitz, Director of Lay Ministry.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: GOT SUPPLIES?

One way to help with Vacation Bible School this summer is to donate supplies that are needed for all the fun kids' crafts. We are collecting the following items in boxes outside Stephenson Hall or you can simply drop them off at the CDC office marked for VBS.

If you are interested in joining the VBS ministry team please contact LuAnn Carrig - 703-237-3957 or Bobaluresort@aol.com.

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THE COMMITMENT NOW TO BE PART OF THIS FOUNDATIONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY. RISE TO THE CHALLENGE AND SHOW THE CHILDREN OF COLUMBIA JUST HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE!

Registration is now available online www.columbiabaptist.org. For additional information contact Betsy Pankey, Ministry Associate bpankekey@columbiabaptist.org or call 703-534-5700 x 263.



VBS 2007 Supply List

- Bright colored duct tape
- Geometric stickers
- Metallic curling ribbon
- Red and yellow lightweight knit fabric
- Low temp glue sticks
- Cardstock in bright colors
- Acrylic paint in any color
- Cardstock in neon colors
- 2 - 3" jar lids i.e. apple-sauce, jelly, etc.
- Glitter - any color
- Glow in the dark pony beads
- Star shaped plastic confetti
- Styrofoam balls - xsmall to medium sizes
- Toilet paper or paper towel tubes
- Aluminum foil
- Metallic chenille pipe-cleaners
- Pom poms - any color
- Wiggle eyes
- Buttons
- Paperclips
- Small hardware pieces - washers, nuts, screws, bolts
- Permanent markers - any color
- Silver duct tape
- Colored electrical tape - any color

LITTLE LAMBS WELCOMES NEW LEADER

A warm welcome to Angela Neeb, who this summer transitions into the volunteer role of directing Columbia's "Little Lambs" mother's day out ministry. Angela, a mother of four, including 3-year-old twin boys, replaces Anna Novak, who as the ministry's director from 2003-2007, worked diligently and creatively to make Little Lambs the strongest and most effective it has ever been. As Anna's three children have graduated from Little Lambs and her youngest son will graduate from the Child Development Center (CDC) next year, Anna felt it was time to turn the leadership role over to a new person.

"We were blessed with three strong candidates for the new leader," Anna said. "Angela's business experience, spiritual life, and high-energy personality make her the right fit for this position."

CDC Director Kris Solberg said, "We are incredibly grateful to Anna for all of her hard work and will miss her very much. But we know with Angela on board that Little Lambs is in good hands."

Little Lambs is Columbia's co-operative mom's day out ministry for children one to three years old, and offers parents one, two or three "mornings out" each week, as well as a support network of other families in the program. Little Lambs staff and parent volunteers provide a safe environment in which children learn social interaction, creative play, and biblically-based values. A typical morning at Little Lambs involves free play, craft and snack time, and play time outdoors or in an indoor playroom.

For more information about Little Lambs, please contact Erin Link, the ministry's liaison, at erinroblink@aol.com.

MORE FAMILY FUN FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Columbia's Children's Ministry is hosting a **Summer in the Son** for Columbia Kids and their families to celebrate being part of the Columbia Family under Christ. Mark these dates now and watch for more information about each one. Anyone is welcome to join in!

Friday, June 22, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. -- Karaoke Night! Prizes for best family and small group performances! Pizza provided; donations requested. Come sing (or listen) your hearts out!

Wednesday, August 1, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. -- Scavenger Hunt! How well do you know Columbia's Falls Church campus? After Wednesday night dinner, grab your family or group and take the "easy" or (for you long-timer Columbians) the "challenge" scavenger hunt throughout the church. Maybe you'll learn a little bit in the process...

Saturday, August 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. -- Columbia Kids Game Day! Leave the folks at home and come have fun with your friends.

Wednesday, Sept 5, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. -- Summer's waning...school is starting...but still time for Columbia Family together-time. Back-to-School night with a twist."



COLUMBIA @ CROSSROADS' MINISTRY XPO

Enculturating the theme of a MINistry Mart, on April 22, Columbia @ Crossroads enjoyed an International Market of Ministries, complete with foods from various countries to symbolize "a taste of serving God." Amid 20 ministry displays, some unique to Crossroads and others from the larger Columbia family, "Crossroadies" and guests sampled foods and ministry opportunities.

Among the several who signed up for a "trial serve" was Jennifer Hayden, who realized that she might be a good fit for the Warm Welcome Team. According to Jen, "I found my ministry as a greeter — which I'm enjoying tremendously — when Columbia @ Crossroads held its International Ministry XPO. OK, maybe the promised food treats did help lure me to the event, but once there I found a wide array of opportunities. My visit to the XPO has turned into a real blessing!"

Indeed, for in just a few weeks Jen has proven to be quite a blessing to those who come to worship at the 10:30 a.m. contemporary

service. Already, her infectious smile and uplifting voice has left her mark on those she has greeted on their way into the Worship Center.

Truly, the Holy Spirit is at work in the multi-site congregation. After its first year of life and ministry, with its multicultural, multi-national congregation, its various ministries (worship, children, adults, tutoring and more), the soon-coming Peace Center (with renovations presently underway), and the enthusiasm of its members, Columbia @ Crossroads is reaching persons with God's good news and igniting passion for Jesus Christ, from the Bailey's Crossroads community, to Metro Washington, to the world. For more info on how you can support and help, contact Greg Loewer, Host Pastor: 703-534-5700 ext.262 gloewer@columbiabaptist.org

Coming Up @ Crossroads

On Saturday, July 14: Fun Fiesta: An outreach project to Culmore kids and Families. At the Vista Gardens Apartments.

AN XPO THANK YOU



Thank you to all those who made the Spring Ministry XPO a success!

The MINistry Mart at the Falls Church Campus was full of ministry displays and opportunities for service. Many people were educated about the varied ministry teams at

Columbia and everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship. A special thank you to all the ministry teams and to the XPO Planning Team: Dorothy Wise, Jamie Burley, Maria Wojciechowski and Destin Crosby.

The next Annual XPO will be April 12th and 13th, 2008! But you don't have to wait until then to find your place of ministry at Columbia. Take a look at the blue Ministry Opportunities 2007 book on the Ministry Wall or contact the Lay Ministry Area to be paired with a Columbia Coach who can help you find the best ministry for YOU.



Members of the Columbia Coaching Team, Priscilla Stegenga, Jan Brinson, Pamela Clark and Don Steenfott, met "shoppers" at the door and explained about their Coaching Ministry as well as the Ministry XPO. Photo credit: Donald Moore



Many enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship as much as the chance to learn about our various ministry opportunities. Photo credit: Donald Moore



The XPO was visited by a children's class who also learned about serving at Columbia. Photo credit: Donald Moore

SPECIAL SUMMER STUDY FOR WOMEN

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

For 6 Mondays, Starting Monday June 11, 7:00pm

Join facilitators Jenny Ferry Robles and Michelle Tennison in Beth Moore's faith-building study of prophecy, and learn how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures—to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats—today's believers face many of the same trials. This study will help to equip women to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. The group will meet at Jenny's home, 6496 Cory Pl., Springfield, VA 22150. RSVP to Jenny if you're coming: Jenny.robles@yahoo.com, 703 597-9771. Workbooks will be available for purchase on Monday nights.

LIFE IN THE beltWAY . . .

... A new intergenerational ignition group on Sunday morning @ **9:45 a.m.** in **Room 323** focused on balancing professional and personal life in the community, in the family, in the family of faith and on a Christ-centered foundation.

While God's Word provides the basis for our direction, contemporary text and enrichment resources will vary. Initially facilitated by David and Sandi Rogers, Barry and Judi Eady, and Terri and Frank Breeden

June 3rd is the inaugural Sunday, so come for a light breakfast, fellowship and introductions @ 9:45 in room 323. Following weeks bring your favorite refreshing drink; we'll provide a few "smart" snacks. Come with an openness and willingness to share and engage in a lively discussion.

LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY?

Are you new to Columbia? Are you looking for a **place to belong in the family of faith?** **Ignition groups** are a significant part of our community life that encourages the connection we all long for. Here is one facilitating couples' story.

Providing dinner and biblical discussion is not a new venture for us, but God has honored us by letting us see our ignition group develop into more than sustenance and study. Taking the discussions beyond the academic and expository to daily life application is something for which Eric strives. I'm passionate about connecting people who can support and encourage each other.

While sitting down to dinner, instead of brown bagging it in our laps between verses, we've watched individuals share from their varied backgrounds and perspectives and seen a level of comfort grow among the group. That carries over to the discussion of the sermon and scripture, where candid, practical discussion has developed such that the group encourages and supports each other in how to apply the lessons in their lives and struggles.

As the group has shared and grown, we've witnessed these things happening naturally without icebreaker games or "going around" the room. It's even more evident when we haven't been available to host and members of the group have stepped up to keep it moving. God has really blessed us by making this "group" a community. — Laura and Eric Reiser

Laura and Eric Reiser's Ignition Group meets on Thursday @ 7:30 pm in their home at 310 N. Maple Street Falls Church, give them a call, 571-215-0344, if you might be interested in joining them. Remember, Ignition Groups come in a variety of shapes. They meet on different days, at different times, with a variety of curriculums, yet each has the same purpose: to draw you into a deeper relationship with Christ and our family of faith at Columbia. You can 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.

GET READY FOR COLUMBIA'S FALL EMPHASIS

How can we be talking about fall when we haven't even had summer yet? Knowing how busy people's schedules get, it is best to put in a bid early for some quality time. September 9-30 will find Columbia focusing once again on a particular area of ministry. 2007 offers the opportunity for Congregational Care to provide the theme, study materials and church wide events to support the month-long emphasis. There is a great team at work to plan and implement the emphasis. Exciting details will be publicized in the near future. It always saddens me to hear even one Columbian say they "didn't know anything about _____." (You fill in the blank!)

Please watch Columbia's publications and digest them thoroughly so you won't miss out on the September experience. For sure you should reserve September 29 and 30 on your calendar. There will be a guest preacher at all worship services and a grand finale PICNIC on that Sunday, September 30. No excuses for missing that date—the Redskins have a Bye that weekend! Yes! The planning team is excited—can you tell?

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JUNE 2007						1 Columbia Travelers— Niagara Falls
3 Regular Sunday Activities Grade School Team Mtg. 12:30pm, Rm 201 Discipleship Minis- try Team Mtg, 6pm, Rm 201	4	5	6 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Last Evening for Way of the Child	7	8	2 Columbia Travel- ers—Niagara Falls Pillars of Faith Breakfast, 8:30am, Rm 229
10 Regular Sunday Activities Graduating Seniors Recognition Sunday Appalachian Trip Mtg. 12:30pm, Rm 228cd Finance Committee Mtg. 12:30pm, Rm 229 HYMN OF PRAISE. Sanctuary Choir Performance, 7pm	11	12	13 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities	14 Columbia Travelers Tour Georger C. Marshall Home Little Lambs Orientation, 6:30 pm, Rm 146/149 Deacons Mtg, 7pm, Rm 229	15	16
17 FATHER'S DAY Regular Sunday Activities	18	19 Columbia Coaches Mtg. 7:30 pm, Rm 127	20 Regular Wednesday Activities Missions & Evangel- ism Leadership Council Mtg. 6pm, Rm 202	21	22 Children's Ministry Karaoke Night, 6:30pm, Stephenson Hall	23 Men's Golf Outing, Off-site
24 Regular Sunday Activities Youth Missions Trip Mtg. 12:45pm, 301 Bldg	25	26	27	28	29	30 Trinidad Mission Trip Team Departs

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

June 6
 Tacos with Fixings,
 Fresh Guacamole,
 Cilantro-Cumin Rice,
 Roasted Corn and
 Black Bean Salad,
 Dessert: Strawberry
 Shortcake
 Kids Menu: Same

June 13
 Chicken Cordon Bleu
 with Mushroom Gravy,
 Herbed Mashed Pota-
 toes, Green Bean
 Sautee, Garden Salad,
 Rolls
 Dessert" Chocolate
 Mousse with Straw-
 berries
 Kids Menu: Fish
 Sticks, Tater Tots,
 Green Beans and
 Chocolate Ice Cream

June 20
 Herb Marinated Roast
 Beef, Cheesy, Bacony
 Red Bliss Potatoes,
 Green Beans with
 Bacon and Onions,
 Garden Salad, Dinner
 Rolls
 Dessert: Strawberry
 Jell-O with Whip
 Cream
 Kids Menu: Beef with
 Gravy, Cheesy Pota-
 toes, Green Beans,
 Strawberry Jell-O

June 27
 Teriyaki Chicken, Stir
 Fried Rice, Glazed
 Carrots with Candied
 Walnuts, Asian Style
 Cabbage Salad
 Dessert: Orange Cake
 Kids Menu: Ravioli,
 Steamed Carrots and
 Chocolate Pudding

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
 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, Ste-
 phenson 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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

9:30 am-noon Columbia Center for Mis-
 sions Food Pantry Open, 301 N. Washing-
 ton
 6:29 pm Worship, Stephenson Hall

Columbia's Calendar of Events for the Rest of 2007

June

- 10 Graduate Recognition (SMIN), Sanctuary Choir Concert (WMA)
- 22 6:30 to 8:30 -- Karaoke Night! (Children Ministry)
- 24 Men's Golf Outing
- 30-July 8 Trinidad Mission Trip (ME)

July

- 1-7 Appalachian Mission Trip (ME)
- 9-13 Vacation Bible School (FF)
- 15 Business Meeting (ADMIN)
- 23-27 Kids Praise Music Camp (WMA)
- 23-28 Mission Connection 2007 Eagle Eyre (ME/SMIN)

August

- 1 Family Night—Last Wednesday Night Dinner: Scavenger Hunt! (Children's Ministry)
- 11 Columbia Kids Game Day! (Children's Ministry)
- 24-25 School Supply Day (ME)

September

- 5 Columbia Family together-time. Back-to-School night with a twist (Children's Ministry)
- 9-30 Church-wide Fall Emphasis (CC)
- 9 Columbia Way Class Begins
- 16 Business Meeting (ADMIN)
- 18-25 Duck Creek UT Mission Trip (ME)
- 18-29 Ukraine Orphanage Mission Trip (ME)
- 21-23 High School Retreat at Summit Lake (SMIN)
- 26 Blood Drive at Falls Church Campus
- 28-30 Scrap Booking Retreat
- 30 Columbia Family Picnic - End of Fall Emphasis (CC)

October

- 5-8 Monterey Woodcutting Trip (ME)
- 5-7 Men's Retreat (FF)
- 12-13 Contemplative Retreat (FF)
- 26-27 Deacon Retreat (CC)

November

- 2 Fall Festival (Children's Ministry)
- 9-12 Gulf Coast Mission Trip (ME)
- 11 Business Meeting (ADMIN)
- 16-17 Thanksgiving Share (ME)
- 18 Thanksgiving Dinner and Service (ADMIN)
- 22 Thanksgiving Day

KEY

- ADMIN Administration—Donna Groover
- CC Congregational Care—Nancy Walker
- Children's Ministry—Janine Cook
- FF Faith Formation—Sandi Rogers
- LANG Language Congregations—Greg Loewer
- LMIN Lay Ministry—Jeanne Aronowitz
- ME Missions & Evangelism—Anne Tomas
- SMIN Student Ministry—Chris McPeck
- WMA Worship, Music, & Arts—Jim Watson

December

- 8-9 Christmas Outreach Musical (WMA)
- 19 Christmas Family Night at Falls Church
- 24 Christmas Eve Services (WMA)
- 25 Christmas Day

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<i>Columbia Institute of Fine Arts Director</i>	
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Wil McMillen	ext. 214
<i>AV Tech Manager</i>	
Don Palmire	ext. 287
<i>Director of Instrumental Music</i>	
Elaine Payne	ext. 253
<i>Associate Minister of Music</i>	
Kris Solberg	ext. 279
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A Catalytic Word from Dr. Jim Baucom, *Senior Pastor*

About a year ago, I presented an exciting possibility to you: a possible “partnership” with a reputable local developer that might allow us to trade two acres of our valuable real estate for a large parking and facility development that could immediately enhance the Falls Church campus without the accrual of any debt by our congregation. As a plan has evolved, we have been completely transparent with you all along the way. On Sunday May 19, we were finally in a position to demonstrate what we would like to present to the Falls Church City Council for their consideration. Your response in business session was overwhelmingly positive.

We are yet very early in this process, and there are many questions still to be answered and “wrinkles” in the plan to be “ironed out,” but we are on a very positive course. Should the City respond favorably to our proposal, we could easily be in posi-

tion to move forward by the end of this year. Between now and then, we want to get as much information to you in as many ways as we possibly can. Of course, there will also be along the way numerous political processes, legal negotiations, and changes to the plan that was presented Sunday. There are still “miles to go before we sleep.”

Please take time to read thoroughly Brett Flanders excellent summary on the front of this issue of the *Catalyst*, and keep your eyes and ears open. This is only one component of what needs to become a comprehensive plan to chart Columbia’s future in multiple locations throughout Metro Washington. I am ever more confident that God is leading us to an amazing future together.

On Fire for Jesus Christ,

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

Dr. Jim