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"DA VINCI CODE" DECIPHERED, DEBUNKED

By Scott Schaffer

At least 120 people gathered in Stephenson Hall on June 4th to watch a panel of experts discuss Dan Brown's best seller, *The Da Vinci Code*, and Ron Howard's new movie of the same name. The panel sliced and diced both works and found little to commend them.

Asked by the moderator, Columbia's Evangelism Fellow Eric Reiser, what made the book so popular, Karen Swallow Prior, Associate Professor of English at Liberty University, answered with a smile, "I don't know." She then explained that Brown marketed the novel to women and wrote it in the flat, superficial style of a Harlequin romance. He also made it very visual for our "post-literate" culture and laced it with "pseudo-intellectual" jargon.

Film director Wil McMillen, AV Tech Manager at Columbia, equally panned Howard's adaptation of the book. "This is where I get to say this is horrible,"

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DING! THE MINISTRY XPO WAS GREAT

Many thanks to the over 80 Ministry Teams who participated in the Ministry XPO on Sunday, June 4th! Teams displayed information about their specific ministries, offering a wonderful opportunity for other Columbians to learn about various ministries at Columbia.

The Ministry XPO filled the first floor of the building, where people used their boarding passes to travel to different countries as they learned about opportunities to serve. Destination decorations filled the hallways and inside each of the rooms you could find creative and exciting displays by the ministry teams. Postcards were available at each table as a reminder of the ministry.

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(above) David and Cindy Fisher (with Kara) talk to Rich Owen about the "door-to-door" ministry.
(left) Jeff Huett explains to Barbara Saffer what the Ignite! Missions magazine is all about.

Photos by Don Moore



**BUSINESS
MEETING
AND LUNCH
JULY 16
12:30 PM
STEPHENSON HALL**

AVAILABLE IN THE COLUMBIA BOOKSTORE

God's Grace in an Imperfect World

Columbia is honored to host author Brennan Manning as part of the church's fall emphasis. Manning is the author of a number of books, whose overriding theme is God's grace. Manning certainly knows about needing to experience God's grace: his life took him on a journey from priesthood and academic achievement through a collapse into alcoholism. Ultimately, Manning came face to face with his need, finally abandoning himself to grace. At Columbia, he will personally invite us to join him in a life of grace.

Manning's effectiveness at writing about grace stems from openly sharing his own pain and struggles to help readers deal with failure and inadequacy. In his best known book, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, he writes that his book is for "the bedraggled, beat-up, and burnt-out," the marginalized folks to whom Jesus ministered: the children, the ill, the tax collectors, the women. In other words, the ragamuffins. Manning understands better than many authors that behind our facades of order and self-assurance are inadequacies that can find healing only in Jesus. He who embraced and healed and fed the needs of the ragamuffins; He who delivered love, healing, and, most of all, grace.

Grace is defined as "the freely given and unmerited favor

and love of God." But, as Manning points out, we have "twisted the gospel of grace into religious bondage and distorted the image of God into an eternal, small-minded book-keeper." In reality, God offers us immeasurable grace. Brennan Manning gently encourages us to embrace that grace in the face of our greatest needs.

Many Christian authors try to show you the steps to becoming a more "perfect" Christian; how to work harder for your faith. Does Manning, as a self-professed Ragamuffin, urge you to lower your standards, and become tolerant of your shortcomings? Hardly! Read *Ruthless Trust* — another of his well-known books— and you will come away with not only a powerful sense of your need for God's grace, but also a challenge to your spirituality that you will find daunting.

The Bookstore has a stock of all of Brennan Manning's books. Come in and treat yourself to reading some of them before he comes to visit—you will acquire a new sense of yourself, and a challenge, as well.

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!

Mixistry XPO continued

Columbia plans for the Ministry XPO to be a regular offering here; likely twice a year. We believe that serving is part of God's plan for each of us and for his local church. Therefore, we have a responsibility to help you find a place of service at Columbia, and you have a responsibility to serve.

Remember that ministry team descriptions are always available on our website under the "Serve With Us" tab. Also, don't forget about the blue "Ministry Opportunities 2006" book, another good resource for discovering minis-

try opportunities at Columbia. Lastly, information on one-time-only service opportunities are advertised in the Hot Sheet and Flash-Point each week.

Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, October 15**, when we will offer the Ministry XPO again — in a new setting!

[A special "thank you" to Jamie Burley, Destin Crosby and Maria Wojciechowski who formed the planning team for this wonderful event!]



Pamla Clark and Jan Brinson get ready to introduce others to the Coaching ministry. Gus Mancuso prepares their table of information.

Photo by Don Moore

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER—SPOTLIGHT ON THE “SERVERS” MINISTRY TEAM

This month we spotlight a ministry team that is vital to Columbia – especially the part of us that loves to fellowship together over a meal! Columbia is blessed with great chefs in Doug Cook and Helen Goff. Because of that, we are able to serve meals quite frequently at Columbia. We eat together on Wednesday nights for dinner, for Sunday lunch when we have our church Business meetings, and we eat together any other opportunity we can find – including celebrations, picnics, receptions, etc.



Joyce Herb and Lin Peacock

And, what do you need when you serve a large meal? You need servers, of course! The Server Team – also known as the Wednesday Night Server Team, because of their weekly responsibility - is critical to

Columbia. This dedicated crew serves our food quickly and efficiently – often getting hundreds of people through the food line in a very short time. Most important of all, they have FUN! When you serve you have the wonderful opportunity to see and greet people as they come through the line. It’s a great way to make connections with people and tell them how glad you are they chose to join us for the meal. There is also occasionally a little “healthy competition” between the serving lines to see who can work the fastest or “attract” the largest number of diners. It is really an enjoyable social time.

As mentioned, the weekly meal we share together is every Wednesday night except during the month of August. There is a rotating schedule for those who help to serve:

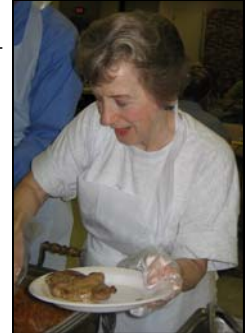
- 1st week – Columbia Staff
- 2nd Week – Deacons
- 3rd Week (Even month) – Single Adults
- 3rd Week (Odd month) – Lois Cox’s Sunday School Department
- 4th Week (Even month) – Correll Sunday School Department
- 4th Week (Odd month) – Choir
- 5th Week – Youth

While this schedule is in place, there are often nights where other servers are needed. We can especially use help on the even-month 3rd week—when the single adults serve, the odd-month 4th week—when the choir serves, and the 5th week when the youth serve.



Ann Mileham

In addition to these once-a-month servers, there is a team of “regulars” who generally are there every week to help out in whatever capacity needed. These dedicated lay ministers include Randy and Caroline Williams, Ann Mileham, Charlie Mayhew and Frank Halterman, who collects the money almost every week. Alicia Anderson also helps with coordinating the teams on Wednesday nights. Others servers who are “on call” when needed include Tania Guitz, Adine Petrie, Jill Strickland, Lucille Dawson, Dorothy Wise and Jason Lowrance, who has helped a few times! Of course, many others help as needed and we could never list everyone who has ever served, because so many have and do!



Caroline Williams

Could this be a ministry you would enjoy? Perhaps this is a ministry that your entire family would enjoy! This is a wonderful place for a family to minister together. School-age children are able to serve with some supervision by their parents or another adult.

Servers on Wednesday nights generally serve one of two shifts – either 5:15 – 6:00 or 6:00 – 6:45. Business meeting lunches are bi-monthly on the 3rd Sundays. Others special events are as scheduled. Perhaps Wednesdays do not work for you, but maybe a Sunday lunch or a special event would.

We would also be remiss to not mention that the Kitchen team can often use help preparing the food that is served as well. From chopping to stirring to placing cake on plates, there is much to do behind-the-scenes and your willing hands could be put to work for sure.



Joe Helvey, Lois Cox, and Fred Brinson

To learn more or to offer to serve just one time, please contact Joyce Herb at jherb@columbiabaptist.org or 703-534-5740 x202. To explore ministry with the food preparation team, please contact Doug Cook at 703-477-1620, or dcook@dccatering.com. If you are interested in other serving opportunities at Columbia, please contact Jeanine Bush Arowowitz, Director of Lay Ministry.

TRINIDAD MISSION TRIP

A Columbia Mission Team will again travel to Las Lomas, Trinidad for a week-long evangelism crusade and health ministry, **August 12-20**. This is the second year Columbia will be working with Pastor Roopchand Benny and members of his church, **Power & Signs Ministries**. This church is a vibrant church of about 150 members within a village that is predominately Hindu.

The health ministry, which demonstrates Christ's love to the community and helps meet physical needs, has three clinics. The first clinic distributes eyeglasses, including prescription, reading and sunglasses. The second clinic tests individuals for high blood pressure. In the third clinic, essential vitamins will be provided to those needing them. Training in each of these areas will be provided to all team members.

A nightly tent crusade immediately follows the health ministry. The worship service will include hymns, praise songs, musical solos, skits, and testimonies. There will also be activities for children during the services.

All people are encouraged to participate in this mission. We are looking for:

- Singers and musicians to lead Christ-exalting worship
- Individuals willing to provide genuine witness about how Christ has transformed their lives
- People who intentionally care for the physical and spiritual needs of others
- Individuals to minister to children by leading activities such as crafts, puppets, Bible stories, and songs.

Cost for the trip is expected to be around \$1,100. This includes airfare, lodging, food, and insurance.

If you would like more information about the trip, see the brochure on the Ministry Wall. You may also contact Eric Reiser, Evangelism Fellow at ereiser@columbiabaptist.org or Michelle Rhodes, Ministry Assistant, at mrhodes@columbiabaptist.org.

UPDATE FROM COLUMBIA @ CROSSROADS

By Karen Horsley

He chased me down the aisle and nudged me aside. Solemnly he gazed at me, frowned, dropped his tithe into the basket and then slowly walked away. Whoa! Lesson learned. Never overlook a determined four-year old giving God His due, especially one whose look of reproach speaks of wisdom beyond his years.

Launching Columbia @ Crossroads has been inspirational, rewarding, and, yes, humbling. We are learning how to be a church family and to impact the community. The Crossroad congregation has hosted a welcome lunch, organized a community picnic, participated in the Culmore Kids Day Camp, which included sheltering their youth volunteers from South Carolina, and started a Sunday morning Ignition Group.

We are also learning how to educate our guests on what it means to be a part of the Columbia family. It can be daunting to explain that we may be a small group; however fewer than three miles away, there are hundreds of members supporting us through prayer and a multitude of programs. Thankfully we can offer guests the opportunity to attend a program locally. This summer Columbia@Crossroads will offer the course *Becoming Intentional* on four Saturdays in July (8, 15, 22, 29), from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Open to all (attendees from Columbia@Falls Church are also encouraged to come), this *Journey with Christ* introductory and new member's course will be taught by Host Pastor Greg Loewer and will cover the basics of our Christian faith, spiritual growth, church life and values, spiritual gifts, and more. Everyone is invited to come early for breakfast refreshments. You can sign up at the welcome desk at Crossroads or the information desk at the Falls Church campus on Sundays.

Words cannot truly convey the Crossroads team's gratitude and appreciation for all the support received from the Columbia family. Knowing that you are praying for us and "have our backs" has allowed us to focus on our mission of igniting passion for Jesus Christ. To God be the glory and to you goes our heartfelt thanks.

You are always welcome at Crossroads, whether as a guest or as a volunteer. You never know...maybe you, too, will have the honor of seeing Kingdom wisdom in the eyes of a child.



SENSATIONAL SWEETS

If you're like many Columbians, you enjoy Wednesday night suppers in Stephenson Hall, AND you probably don't like to see that gathering on hiatus. However, for the month of August, there will be no Wednesday night suppers—that's the bad news. But, there is GOOD news! On Wednesday, July 26, we will celebrate a successful season of suppers by having one last dinner together before September.

It has become traditional on the last scheduled supper of the summer to eat together as usual and to bring our best dessert creations to top off the meal. Two years ago, we had desserts made with berries of all kinds and last year people brought desserts that represented their favorite travel destinations. This year, bring your favorite dessert—no limitations! Any **Sensational Sweet** will do.



Dinner will be served at its normal time—5:15-6:50 p.m. and the cost will be the same—\$5/adult, \$3/child with an \$18 family maximum. You will decide what kind of desserts and how many different ones by bringing your best **sensational sweet** to share. Feel free to provide copies of the recipe. Start thinking what you might like to bring—you'll be surprised and delighted at the variety! (Chocolate is always a favorite).

We'll try to save dessert for late arrivals, but there are no guarantees. Mark your calendar and join the fun. We will have an activity for children and there will also be a guest missionary family visiting with us that night. Come meet the Greens who serve in Indonesia as CBF field personnel.

Don't miss this **sensation-ally sweet** time together as family!

VBS DREAMS

By Carol Taylor

Think back and try to recall when life was simple, and you were young...

A time when you memorized the lyrics so the songs could be sung.

Perhaps you viewed videos or watched technicolored films...

And loved the message expressed in the hymns.

You listened to simple Bible stories told about Samuel or Ruth

That showed God's love as being the absolute way and the truth.

You looked forward to crafting with construction paper and some paste.

You finished your snack because graham crackers had such a great taste.

Each year you couldn't wait for the last day of VBS Celebration

You got to perform—even show off, and it was a time of jubilation.

And now, our Columbia children are getting ready for Trading Places,

It is their time for wonderment, spiritual growing, and smiling faces.

So please come to the church and do your part

Just pray to God about what is on your heart.

Be part of the group who lift up all who are doing God's Will

Ministers and teachers who are making Christ real.

Sunday, July 16th will be this important day,

Remember, at 3:30 mark your calendar to pray.

Jesus makes a world of difference

COLUMBIA TAKES RFK BY STORM

On Tuesday, August 15, join Columbia's faithful baseball fans as they support DC's own Washington Nationals as they play the Atlanta Braves. A charter bus will leave the Columbia@Falls Church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. and will take us to RFK for the 7:05 p.m. game. The cost of \$22 per person includes upper-level reserved seat and transportation. We will return at the conclusion of the game. We have 55 tickets on hand, five of which are handicap accessible and will not be with the larger group.

Sign up ASAP at the Columbia@Falls Church Information Desk, by calling Betsy Pankey at 703 534-5740 x263, or online. Your payment secures your reservation. Payment is acceptable by cash or by check. Checks are to be made out to Columbia with "Go Nationals!" on the memo line.

You may carry water and snacks into the stadium. No coolers or soft drinks! All bags are inspected at the gate, and there is a limit to the size bag you may bring in. Go to the official website www.nationals.com for details. Don't miss this fun evening cheering for the Nats with your Columbia family!

NEWS FLASH! A NEW MINISTRY IS FORMING



FREEDOM! The resounding final cry of William Wallace perhaps is now the cry of our own hearts.

What are we seeking FREEDOM from?

When was the last time you felt comfortable that your financial house was on a sound foundation? Or, when was the last time you had the freedom to willingly and joyfully sign up to serve in ministry?

Our cry for FREEDOM is from the bondage of money and time constraints!

Columbia's newest ministry, the **Freedom Ministry Team**, is prayerfully planning to provide tools and motivation to help the Columbia family, of all ages, learn and apply God's principles of stewardship of resources and time management. The **FMT's** goal is to lead the Columbia Baptist Church congregation towards financial & schedule freedom in order to faithfully serve Christ. It's very important for our youth to learn and apply these Biblical principles that will become their compass for life.

The **FMT** is on the lookout for Freedom Fighters to help facilitate this important revolution for freedom at Columbia.

Freedom does not come free. We all need to become freedom seekers. FREEDOM is closer than you think! Watch for opportunities to learn to become FREE in the coming months!!

FREE UP YOUR LIFE

Contact FMT Charter members for information, or to become a Freedom Fighter:

Caleb & Destin Crosby -- destincrosby@aol.com or ccrosby@oa.eop.gov

Bob Prather -- bobb@nationshomefunding.com or lbprather@cox.net

Mark & Maria Wojciechowski -- mariawojo@comcast.net or wojciechowskim@sec.gov

Ralph Solberg -- CrownWDC@aol.com

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he quipped. Apparently intimidated by the novel's success, Howard simply put the book on screen, without trying to change it much, McMillen said, adding the movie "took itself too seriously" and was "ponderous."

Philip Jacks, Associate Professor of Art History at George Washington University, started out with light-hearted "kudos" to Brown for getting students to study Leonardo's depiction of the Last Supper but later asserted that Brown in the end had no purpose for the works of art presented in the book and wrongly portrayed those of Leonardo. Jacks said that in Leonardo Brown chose a "perfect vehicle" for the encoder because so little is known about the artist himself. Leonardo was a pantheist, said Jacks, and there is no evidence that he converted to Christianity while on his death bed, contrary to Brown's depiction.

Like no other scene in the book and movie, the one on Roman Emperor Constantine infuriated Philip Rousseau, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Early Christian Studies at Catholic University. He explained that, according to Eusebius, Constantine did legitimately become a Christian, although Rousseau added it is not clear why the emperor did so or what he really understood about the religion. Constantine called the Council

of Nicea in 325 to unite the empire's Christian community by ending a fierce argument over the relationship between the persons of the Trinity, Rousseau said, but the emperor played no role in forming Christian orthodoxy, again contrary to Brown.

Columbia's Senior Pastor, Jim Baucom, made several pithy observations. He noted that the debate some panelists had over an artist's responsibility to be historically accurate is more an indictment of our culture than of Brown because "post-modernist" readers (who do not believe in absolute truth) are getting information from *novels*, not history books. He pointed out that, just as did the writers of the Gnostic gospels, which pretend to convey conversations between Jesus and privileged insiders, Brown took orthodoxy and subverted it for his own agenda—in his case, to write a successful novel and make money. Dr. Baucom also emphasized that nothing in the Bible or corporate Christian history indicates that Jesus married Mary Magdalene.

Several adults in the audience commented afterward that the panel's comments were very informative and helpful, even fascinating. Not everyone was satisfied, though. According to one eight-year-old, "That was booooring!"



IMMERSE YOURSELF

By David Rogers

Imagine the ways you have often *immersed yourself*... in a task, a hobby, a book, or even in your professional work or personal passion.

Imagine *immersing yourself* in God's word...in a personal relationship with Him...in His engulfing love...in His guidance and direction. Imagine yourself totally engaged in thinking about and seeking to understand His "thirst quenching" love and grace. Being bathed in His peace...in His presence...and feeling His surrounding strength.

Columbia's fall emphasis will help each of us come to the well and focus on that "immersion" into God's living water. "**Come Thirsty**," and we'll drink deeply into His word and reemerge refreshed, renewed and ready to share the His love and grace with those around us.

Beginning in September and continuing through Sunday, October 8, renew yourself with special worship experiences, music and drama, Bible studies, meaningful devotions, a mission opportunity, and a spiritual retreat with internationally known author Brennan Manning (*Ragamuffin Gospel*, *Abba's Child*, *A Glimpse of Jesus*, etc.) on October 6, 7 and 8.

New Ignition Groups Forming This Summer:



❖ Intergenerational, Sundays, 9:00am, facilitated by Jim Wingfield and John Stait, 3245 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, 22041 (Columbia @Crossroads campus)

❖ Married Couples, Thursdays, 7:30pm, facilitated by Sandi & David Rogers, 6503 Orland St., Falls Church, 22043; 703 533-7936.

Check the **Ignition Group bulletin board** outside of **Stephenson Hall** @Falls Church, the **Ministry Wall** @ Crossroads or contact **Cheryl Lowrance**: cheryl.lowrance@cox.net.

RAGAMUFFIN AUTHOR BRINGS 'COMMANDING' YET 'GENTLE' APPROACH TO OUR FALL EMPHASIS

By Jeff Huett

From the shrimp boats of Bayou La Batre, Alabama, to a secluded cave in the Zaragoza desert, it seems that Brennan Manning has seen it all. He briefly served in the Marines, attended a Catholic seminary, studied creative writing as a graduate student, and spent time living among the poor, transporting water to rural villages by donkey – all in search of something more in life.

On October 6-8, Manning's travels will bring him to Columbia, where he will be part of the culmination of the congregation's fall emphasis on spiritual formation.

A prolific writer whose works include *Ragamuffin Gospel* (1990), *Abba's Child: The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging* (2002), and *The Signature of Jesus* (2004), Manning's books deal with experiencing an intimate relationship with Christ.

The Rev. Nancy Walker, Pastor of Congregational Care at Columbia, remembers well her first experience attending a presentation Manning gave at a church she attended in the early 90s. Specifically, she remembers the "commanding presence" brought about by such a "gentle man."

Walker said Manning shares life experiences that he's gained, while reminding you that your story and your experiences have to be your own.

"He spoke about the intimacy we can have with God and articulated it in a way that you could really receive it,"

Walker said. "He always has a story, usually of a personal nature, and they are things people can relate to."

Manning's visit to Columbia will begin with a Columbia-family-only event at Columbia@Crossroads for about an hour beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 6. A large crowd is expected for a community-wide retreat from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 7. Participants in the one-day retreat will meet at Columbia@Falls Church for a continental breakfast and two one-hour sessions with Manning. There will be a \$25 charge for the retreat. Manning will then speak in all services at Columbia on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Helen Hall, a member of Columbia who has read numerous Manning books, said "everything he writes is beautiful."

"I'm a word-oriented person," Hall said. "Reading and words are very important to me, so it's a thrill to think I will be able to hear what this writer sounds like."

Hall, who is one of the organizers of Manning's visit, said that she expects the author to find an "entertaining and engaging way" to present the theme of "Living Water," which is the thrust of this year's spiritual formation emphasis.

"Although it's easy to make things very abstract, [with Brennan] it's all so personal. It's so real," Hall said.

BECOMING INTENTIONAL... IN JULY!

Saturdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Crossroads Campus

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DINNER & A CHICK FLICK

July 14; 6:30 pm; room 229

All women are invited to join in a night of fun and fellowship. We will gather in room 229, have a little pizza and watch *While You Were Sleeping*, starring Sandra Bullock. After the movie we will have dessert and a discussion. What a great night out!

To make sure we have enough pizza, please RSVP at the Information Center at the Falls Church campus or by emailing Sandi Rogers at srogers@columbiabaptist.org. Child-care will be provided by reservation, so please sign up when you RSVP for the movie.

WOMEN OF FAITH: CONTAGIOUS JOY 2006

America's Largest Women's Conference!

Don't miss this dynamic conference, coming up July 21-22 at the Verizon Center in Washington. Flyers are available on the Ministry Wall; you can sign-up at the information desk or register via the Columbia website (www.columbiabaptist.org) to get the group rate of \$45 per person. For more information about the conference check out their website, www.womenoffaith.com/conferences.

ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS, TEACHERS, AND IGNITION GROUP LEADERS

Don't miss this important meeting Sunday, July 30th, 6pm

Join in a delightful fellowship dinner, always a great opportunity to get to know others who teach. We will talk about our future family ministry as it touches our teaching ministries and the fall emphasis, *Immerse Yourself*. You will be introduced to the material for the Fall Emphasis by ages – *"Come Thirsty"* for adults, *"Plunge"* for youth, and *"Splash!"* for children. It will be a great night for equipping, preparation and experiencing great fellowship. Mark your calendars NOW! You won't want to miss it.

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 Encontro de 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

JULY

EVERY WEEK AT COLUMBIA

Sundays

- 8:30am Contemplative Service
- 9:45am Celebration Service & Sunday School Classes
- 10:30am Columbia @ Crossroads Worship Service
- 11am Classic Service & Sunday School Classes
- 3:30pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal Rm 124

Mondays

- 9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235
- 7pm Columbia @ Greenspring Worship Service
- 7pm Women's Bible Study, Jenny Robles' home

Tuesdays

- 6:30am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast, Stephenson Hall
 - 7:30am Women's Bible Study Rm230
 - 9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235
- ### Wednesdays
- 5:15-6:50pm Wednesday Family Dinner, Stephenson Hall
 - 6:15pm Discovering Ministry, Rm 126
 - 6:30pm MidWeek Manna, Sanctuary
 - 6:30pm Soul Café, Stephenson Hall
 - 6:30pm Orchestra Rehearsal, Rm108
 - 6:45pm Men's Bible Study, Rm 145
 - 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir, Rm124
 - 7:45pm Singles Wednesday Connections Rm 229
 - 8pm Celebration Worship Rehearsal, Stephenson Hall

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

- 9:30am-noon Columbia Center for Missions Open
- 5pm Young Women's Bible Study, Rm 230
- 6:29 Worship, Stephenson Hall

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Gospel Choir Mission Trip
2 Gospel Choir Mission Trip HS Trinidad Trip Mtg, 12:30 pm, 301 Bldg Centri-Kid Camp Mtg, 12:30 pm, Rm 229	3 Gospel Choir Mission Trip	4 Independence Day, Bldg/offices closed	5 Regular Wed. Evening Activities Lay Ministry Planning Mtg 6:30pm, Rm 201	6 Deacons Meeting, 7 pm, Rm 229	7 Middle School Missions Trip	8 Middle School Missions Trip Becoming Intentional, 9 am, Crossroads
9 Middle School Missions Trip Correll SS Department Leaders, 12:30pm, Rm 230 Finance Committee, 12:30pm, Rm 229 Women's Ministry Team, 12:30pm, Rm 201 HS Trinidad Trip Mtg, 12:30 pm, 301 Bldg	10 Middle School Missions Trip Children's Summer Excursion Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC), 6:30 pm, Rm 222	11 Middle School Missions Trip Discipleship Ministry Team, 7 pm, Rm 201	12 Middle School Missions Trip Regular Wed. Evening Activities Driver's Training Meeting, 6 pm, Rm 230	13 Middle School Missions Trip IMP TEAM, 7pm, Rm 201	14 Middle School Missions Trip Children's Summer Excursion	15 Middle School Missions Trip Becoming Intentional, 9 am, Crossroads
16 Vacation Bible School (VBS) Registration, Foyer Luncheon/Business Meeting, 12:30pm, Stephenson Hall HS Trinidad Trip Mtg, 12:30 pm, 301 Bldg VBS Prayer Walk 3:30 pm Sanctuary VBS Workers Rally, 5pm, Rm 229-237	17 VBS, 9 am	18 VBS, 9 am Lyons-Candler Mission Group, 12 pm, Rm 230 Missions Evangelism Leadership Team, 7 pm, Rm 201	19 VBS, 9 am Begaye Circle, 10 am, Rm 222 HS Trinidad Trip Mtg, 7 pm, 301 Bldg Regular Wed. Evening Activities	20 VBS, 9 am	21 VBS, 9 am High School Missions Trip to Trinidad Women of Faith Conference 7 pm	22 High School Missions Trip to Trinidad Metro Missions: Habitat for Humanity, 8 am Women of Faith Conference, 9 am Becoming Intentional, 9 am, Crossroads
23 High School Missions Trip to Trinidad HS Missions Trip to Trinidad All Sunday School Leadership Meeting, 6pm, Rm 228-230	24 High School Missions Trip to Trinidad 859 House Day	25 High School Missions Trip to Trinidad 859 House Day Camp, 8am	26 High School Missions Trip to Trinidad 859 House Day Camp, 8am Last Wednesday Night Supper for Summer: Sweet Sensations No Soul Café or Mid Week Manna	27 High School Missions Trip to Trinidad 859 House Day Camp, 8am	28 High School Missions Trip to Trinidad 859 House Day Camp, 8am	29 High School Missions Trip to Trinidad

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

July 5

Red Chile Crusted Salmon or Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Broccoli, Rolls **Dessert:** Lemon Meringue Pie
Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Broccoli and Fruit cup

July 12

Herb Marinated Roast Beef, Cheesy, Bacony Red Bliss Potatoes, Green Beans with Bacon and Onions, Dinner Rolls **Dessert:** Strawberry Jello with Whip Cream **Kids Menu:** Roast Beef with Gravy, Cheesy, Bacony Potatoes, Steamed Green Beans, Strawberry Jello

July 19

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Mushroom Gravy, Herbed Mash Potatoes, Green Bean Saute, Garden Salad **Dessert:** Chocolate Mousse with Strawberries **Kids Menu:** Fish Sticks, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Chocolate Ice Cream

July 26—SWEET SENSATIONS*

Chef's Chili and Salad, **Desserts: "Sweet Sensations"** provided by YOU! **Kids Menu:** Turkey Burger with fixings, French Fries, Assorted Desserts

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“KINDLING” SPIRITS

A Catalytic Word from Dr. Jim Baucom,
Senior Pastor

Ah, Summer. The season of vacations, picnics, and swimming pools, is also the season of mission trips, Vacation Bible School, summer camps, and celebrations. I chuckle whenever one of our members says, “At least the pace slows down in the summer.” The church calendar changes, but it doesn’t really slow down, except perhaps for the month of August.

I hope that you are making plans to involve your family in Bible School July 17-21. If you are able to donate your time, we still need volunteers for that week; considering the huge number of children who attend Bible School at Columbia, there are never enough. Children receive more intensive Biblical training in Bible School than in several months of Sunday School classes, so this is a great opportunity to invite families you know to be involved.

Commit your prayers and support to groups of Columbians going out on mission this summer to Moscow, New Orleans, Trinidad, and other locations “from Metro Washington to the world.” Believers committing their vacations to such mission efforts is a growing trend in our culture. I recently read an article in a national

news publication questioning the value of such “vacationaries” to the evangelistic enterprise, but I am convinced that these trips are invaluable. At Columbia, we insist on using such opportunities to strengthen the ministry of indigenous churches wherever we go, rather than conducting insular projects. I have seen firsthand that the lives of those who go out are changed for the better by these short-term experiences. It is not too late for you to find a project that fits your gifts and schedule.

Perhaps the highlight of our summer schedule will be the celebration of our 150th anniversary as a church on Sunday, September 10. Plan now to be present for dramatic worship, dinner on the grounds, and a homecoming celebration of our rich heritage.

I look forward to seeing you in worship whenever you are in town this summer!

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