



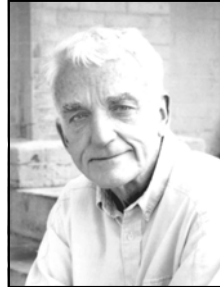
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SPIRITUAL RETREAT WITH BRENNAN MANNING IS HERE!

October 6-8 we are privileged to have an enlightening and inspiring weekend planned as we *retreat* with Brennan Manning, internationally-known writer, preacher and encourager (author of *A Glimpse of Jesus*, *Abba's Child* and *The Ragamuffin Gospel*). He will help us deepen and enrich our "living water" experience.



Friday evening is a special opportunity for Columbians at our Crossroads campus at 7:30 p.m. Saturday Morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. folks from as far away as Florida and Ohio will join us. For the two morning sessions, which conclude by 11:30 a.m., we will gather at the Falls Church campus.

Brennan Manning will preach in all our worship experiences; Saturday 6:29 p.m. & Sunday at 8:30, 9:45, 10:30 (on the screen at Crossroads) and 11:15 a.m. Reservations are required for Friday and Saturday, with a registration fee of \$25. There is childcare for the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions. Please make childcare reservations at the same time you make your reservations. Registration can be made online at www.columbiabaptist.org or at either of our campus' information centers.

PARENTING IN THE NET GENERATION

Columbia will be hosting a parenting seminar on **Saturday October 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in Stephenson Hall. Dr. Dale Keeton, Director of the Columbia Counseling Center, will speak on parent-child communications, conflict resolution, and traits found in healthy families. There will also be a break-out session designed to further develop practical skills essential for parenting. The break-out session will be divided into three groups: parents of preschoolers, grade-schoolers, and teenagers.

Childcare for infants through kindergartners is available with advanced reservations. Continental breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m. and light snacks will

be provided throughout the event.

You can register for the seminar on Columbia's website. The cost of the seminar is \$8 per person for advanced registration and \$10 per person at the door. Advance registration ends October 15th.

This seminar is a ministry to the parents at Columbia and to the broader Metro DC community. If you know of parents who would benefit from this seminar, please invite them to attend.

For more information, see the brochure on the Ministry Wall or contact Chris McPeek, Kris Solbeg, or Eric Reiser.

GET IN THE GAME!



Kickoff for the fall Ministry XPO is **Sunday morning, October 15 from 9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in Stephenson Hall.** This church-wide bi-annual event is

for the entire team (ALL Columbians). You will have front row seats to see all the action in Columbia's many ministries.

We hope you'll **get out of the stands** and find one or two ministry teams you'd like to explore further.

Now is the time for you to "Get in the Game!"

We're not a winning team without YOU!



Welcome Lunch

If you are new to Columbia, please join us for a **Welcome Lunch** on Sunday, October 29 at 12:30 p.m. in room 229.

You will have the opportunity to learn more about Columbia, meet Dr. Baucom and other staff leaders and enjoy a time of fellowship.

There is no charge for lunch, but please RSVP to Jeanine Aronowitz by October 23.

Please also indicate your need for childcare.

We look forward to visiting with you!

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER—SPOTLIGHT ON THE LAY MINISTRY COACHING TEAM

An athletic coach will teach you a sport and encourage you as your skills improve. An executive coach will help you hone your professional performance at work. **So what does a Lay Ministry Coach do?** Well, similar to an athletic coach or an executive coach, a Lay Ministry coach will work with you in a small group setting and one-on-one; but, their goal is to help you understand your God-given design and encourage you as you find a place to serve that is well suited to you.

We believe that God has a ministry plan for each and every believer and that he gifts us with spiritual gifts and a specific personal style and ministry passion that fit with his ministry plan for us. He will often use our life experiences in preparation for ministry too. He wants you serving in a place that you love, that



Priscilla Stegenga, Jan Brinson, and Don Steenfott

brings you joy and about which you are passionate. A Lay Ministry Coach can help you get there!

Through the Discovering Ministry course offered at Columbia, you learn about God's plan for ministry in the local church and how God created and gifted you.

As part of the course, you meet one-on-one with a coach who is trained to help you better understand how your unique profile matches with ministries at Columbia or how you can begin a new ministry about which you are passionate. Our Coaches teach this course and do the one-on-one coaching.

The Coaching Team includes: Janet Brinson, Pamela Burket, Pamla Clark, Leo Fetterolf, Celeste Layne, Becky Mancuso, Lynette Sappe-Watkins, Don Steenfott and Priscilla Stegenga. In addition, Gus Mancuso has provided invaluable technical expertise with our database. This dedicated team went through extensive training and has been teaching and coaching for a year now.



Celeste Layne

When asked what she has enjoyed the most about coaching, Jan replied, "I have found great joy in seeing others discover their gifts. Once someone begins their journey they discover it is really not all that mysterious. It is simply answering questions of self discovery, looking at the gifts God has given and realizing that there are many places to serve."

Lynette has enjoyed teaching the Discovering Ministry class the most. "I think the reason I like it so much is you get to see the progression someone goes through as they learn more about themselves, discover (or rediscover) their spiritual gifts and then begin to plant the seeds that they can affirm this gift through service within the church. There is always great interaction amongst participants and the fellowship helps to establish new relationships."

Pamla Clark says "Since I am a people person I have really enjoyed having the opportunity to meet new people (to me) in the Columbia family and assist them in matching their gifts and passions with available opportunities here at Columbia. From each coaching session, I have learned something new and unique about the person being coached and established a special bond and relationship in the process."

How has your life been blessed by your service? Don says that "Service to our Lord leads me away from the temptation of sin and helps me to focus on God and others." He also adds, "Coaching believers to discover and use their spiritual gifts is a vital part of living intentionally for Christ."



Leo Fetterolf and Pamela Burket

Priscilla, notes that "I have actually learned a lot about myself – my strengths and my weaknesses – by serving as a coach. I go away from each session thinking that the "coachee" has helped me more than I have helped him/her. God has a way of using the time I spend coaching as a blessing in my own life, and I pray that each session is a blessing for the person being coached as well."

Clearly this is a team that God is using in the life of Columbia to teach us about himself, his design for ministry and about our responsibility to serve.

Discovering Ministry will be offered again mid-fall. Check the Hotsheet and Flashpoint to find out when and join our Coaching team for this valuable and exciting course!

To learn more about the Lay Ministry Coaching Team, please talk to any team member or contact Jeanine Bush Aronowitz. If you are interested in other serving opportunities at Columbia, please also contact Jeanine Bush Aronowitz, Director of Lay Ministry, at jaronowitz@columbiabaptist.org or 703-534-5740 x272.

FROM THE RAINBOW DESK AND THE ORCHARD

A message from Anne Harper, Nursery/ Preschool Leadership Team Member

As we continue our fall schedule, we are excited about all of the opportunities in Children's Ministry that families will take part in. We are blessed that the enrollment in our children's areas continues to grow. Along with growth is the calling for adults to minister to the children.

One of the core values of Columbia is "Gifted Servanthood" which tells us that "We are a congregation of people who serve God by exercising equally the gifts given us by the Holy Spirit: 'every member a minister.'"

There are many rewarding opportunities within Children's Ministry on Sunday and Wednesday. If you are not currently serving, please take time to pray about where God would have you to serve. As a minister in our Preschool Sunday

School program you can directly assist in providing a loving, safe and secure environment where children ages birth through kindergarten learn about God's love for them. In the Orchard we continue to seek individuals to lead our 3rd grade class and someone to assist in our 5th grade classroom.

I recently joined the Preschool ministry team and I am delighted to serve as part of the leadership team for our nursery/preschool children's area. Won't you join me in serving the Lord and the families of Columbia@ Falls Church?

Weekly Opportunities for Children Sundays

9 - 9:40 a.m. Choir

9:45 - 11:00 Ignition Groups Session I

11:15 - 12:30 Ignition Groups Session II

Wednesday Evenings

5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Missions

6:30 - 7:30 - The Way of the Child
(grades 1-5)

FAITH THAT STICKS CONFERENCE

.All individuals who minister to our children at Columbia are invited to attend a one day seminar on Saturday, November 4 at McLean Bible Church.

The Faith That Sticks seminar will lead those who attend to experience God encounters and learn how to create the same encounters for children, solve the most perplexing dilemma facing children's ministry today, take home **12 sticky ideas** you can use starting the very next Sunday and network with others as you examine what kids can truly know at different ages!

We have reserved 20 spots for this conference and will accept individuals on a first come first serve basis. Contact Betsy Pankey, Ministry Associate to register, 703-534-5740, x263 or bpiskey@columbiabaptist.org.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER MARKS 37 YEARS!

Opening on October 2, 1969, Columbia's Child Development Center (CDC) now celebrates its 37th anniversary! This ministry was started by Margaret Browning after Dr. Neal Jones shared his vision of helping the Falls Church community through a pre-school weekday program. After operating for many years in what is called the "1955" part of our building, the CDC moved into a new children's wing, which was dedicated on Sunday, May 24, 1987.

How many of you are aware that we currently have approximately 200 children enrolled in both our full-day and morning programs? The children range in age from 2 ½ years through Kindergarten age for the school year Septem-

ber through June. In the summer we add first through fifth grades for a comprehensive Day Camp program. Overall we have a staff of approximately 29 full and part time people. Some of our staff, like Sue Cloud, have been here for more than twenty years. Mae Smith has retired from a full time staff position at the CDC and has come back to work on a part time basis. The Center opens each morning at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m. There are six full-day classes and five morning classes during the school year, using eleven preschool rooms. The two playgrounds were installed and are maintained by the CDC for use by all church programs. Funded by income from the CDC, each year improvements are made to the physi-

cal environment. This year we are renovating the classroom sinks and cabinets and installing all new ones. Many of our families do not attend any church, but become a part of the Columbia family once their child is enrolled in the CDC. The Child Development Center is a wonderful outreach ministry of Columbia. It is a loving, safe, Christian environment, where staff minister to the children and their families on a daily basis. Columbia's CDC seeks to live out the core values of Warm Welcome, Intentional Caring, Authentic Community, Biblical Foundation and Genuine Witness. Won't you join me in celebrating our 37th anniversary?

DIVORCECARE: NEW FORMAT, NEW FEATURE

Columbia is offering **DivorceCare** for separated and divorced persons, which also features a new component—**DivorceCare4Kids** for children in families that are experiencing separation and divorce. **DivorceCare** and **DC4Kids** begins on Sunday, October 8, meeting in Room 127 from 6-7:30 p.m. The traditional 13-week program will be presented in 2 phases. Phase 1 will meet October 8 through December 10 and Phase 2 will meet January 14 through March 11. Cost for the total

program (phases 1 and 2) is \$15/person to cover the cost of materials.

Cynde Rogers is the facilitator for the adult sessions while **LuAnn Carrig** will meet with children ages 6-12 in the Orchard, Room 327/330. The adult sessions are DVD-based presentations featuring some of the foremost Christian experts on divorce recovery topics from a biblical perspective. Topics include reconciliation, remarriage, forgiveness, and the effects of divorce on chil-

dren. Each participant receives a workbook for taking notes which also includes a plan for daily Bible study.

DC4K provides a safe, fun environment where children will learn to understand their feelings, express emotions appropriately, feel better about themselves, develop coping skills, and be introduced to biblical concepts that will bring them comfort. As children begin to heal, their relationships with God and others will grow healthy and strong. For addi-

tional information go to www.dc4k.org or www.divorcecare.org.

Registration is underway! You may sign up by contacting Nancy Walker. Don't miss this tremendous opportunity for adults and children dealing with separation and divorce.

FIGHT THE FLU



On Wednesday, October 25, from 3-8 p.m. Columbia's Parish Health Ministry will host a flu shot clinic in Rooms 145 and 147 to help you **Fight the Flu**. The flu causes inconvenience and misery for all who have it, but it can be deadly for senior citizens. Each year, in the United States alone, over 36,000 people die from the flu and its complications. Fortunately, an annual flu shot can be up to 90% effective in protecting against this serious disease.

The **Fight the Flu** campaign offers a dual benefit to our community. A portion of the flu shot charge is a tax deductible contribution to the Inova Health Systems Foundation to provide community wellness programs and immunizations to those with limited resources. You will not only receive a high quality service, but you have the satisfaction of knowing that proceeds will help the health needs of under-served persons.

Medicare Part B is accepted as payment in full for the flu shot. Seniors and others enrolled in a managed care plan should receive their flu shot from their primary medical provider. Flu shots are \$25 for those that don't have Medicare Part B insurance.

Mark your calendar and be "present to win" the protection you need to **Fight the Flu!**

AN INVITATION TO AFTERNOON TEA

In the Dining Room at our Crossroads campus.
October 28, 2006
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Come and enjoy a traditional cream tea. Bring a favorite teacup or teapot and the story of why it has special meaning to you. Cost per woman is \$5. We encourage you to bring a neighbor or co-worker with you for only \$2.50. You may want to fill a table of eight! Childcare is available by request when you make your reservation at the Information Desk at either of Columbia's campuses. For more information call Alicia Anderson, 571-238-6495.

Make plans to have tea with us!

Sponsored by the Women's Ministry Team



GRIEF SHARE IS RETURNING IN JANUARY

GriefShare, a weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the loss of someone close to them, will return to Columbia's schedule of ministry offerings in January 2007. Ed and Jo Mierke will facilitate the group, using brand new materials to be released in December. Watch for details on meeting dates and times. For information about GriefShare go to www.griefshare.org.

IGNITION GROUP—WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Columbia Baptist's first *Ignition Group* -- a sermon-based small group -- formed in the fall of 2005. Starting this fall, the term will be used for all Bible-based studies. This includes all children, youth, and adult Sunday Schools, mid-week Bible studies, men's & women's studies, and all other groups that regularly gather for the primary purpose of learning about God through Scripture.

Why? *Ignition Groups* will better align our Faith Formation opportunities with Columbia's core values. The values that most directly guide the Faith Formation Area are *Biblical Foundation* and *Authentic Community*. As followers of Christ, we are to teach and learn God's Word and grow spiritually in community. That is why we encourage everyone to be involved in some form of a Sunday School class, week-day Bible study, or Bible-based book study ... an *Ignition*

Group.

Calling all Bible-based studies *Ignition Groups* will also help highlight and facilitate the fulfillment of Columbia's mission statement. These gatherings ignite passion for Jesus Christ by revealing God's character and redemptive activity, as recorded in Scripture and lived out in community.

So when you now hear the term *Ignition Group*, this is what is meant. It is the direct or indirect studying of Scripture in a group environment.

No matter what form it looks like, or what specific name it is called, we encourage all Columbians to get involved in an *Ignition Group*.



THE ALPHA COURSE IS MOVING TO SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Alpha Course is a ten-week study on the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. Through a DVD presentation and small group discussion, participants explore questions such as "Is Christianity True?" "Who is Jesus?" "Why should I read the Bible?" "Why and how do I pray?" and "What is the Church?"

The course is designed for seekers and new believers interested in knowing more about Christianity.

The ten-week ALPHA course will be offered on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. in room 323 beginning on October 22.

See the Alpha Course brochures on the ministry wall for more information. For additional information or to register, contact Eric

IRON MEN HAVE MOVED

...To Wednesday evenings; 6:00-7:30 pm, Room 127.

They will be studying "*The Quest for Authentic Manhood*," by Robert Lewis. *The Quest for Authentic Manhood* is designed to help a man embrace a bolder and more noble concept of manhood. *Quest* also takes a man inside himself to consider the forces that are shaping — or misshaping — his personal manhood. *Quest* also fosters deep spiritual and emotional growth. This powerful experience will allow men to discover their true identity and pursuit and a man of God. What's more, it's a great way to help men find a real connection... with each other, with the church,

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

Believe it or not, Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming upon us fast! AND there's that "candy day" also known as Halloween to contend with. What is a person supposed to do to make healthy choices at such a time as this?

Your first healthy choice may be to join a First Place Bible study, meeting on Thursdays at 7 p.m. October 26 through January 4. Using the book *Healthy Holidays: A plan to help you maintain your healthy lifestyle through the Holiday Season*, the First Place group will offer sound resources as you navigate the holiday food traps that await all of us.

On October 26, Becky Mancuso will lead an orientation session for newcomers and returning members alike. November 2 and 9 will include a thorough discussion of the First Place "Live-It" food plan. Topics for the remaining weeks include *Gates of Thanksgiving, Wonderful Works, Birth of a Savior, Gift of Love, Spring Forward* and *New Creation*.

To register and let us know how many books to have ready, please email or call Nancy Walker. This year when you arrive at the New Year, you will already be making healthy choices—one less resolution for 2007!



ACTIVITIES FOR SINGLE ADULTS

Wednesday Connections! Wednesdays 7:45 p.m. room 229

Columbia's place for Single Adults, is in the midst of a new DVD-based Bible study on "Unmet Expectations". This exciting, life-examining study is designed especially for 20 and 30 year olds by Erwin McManus, the lead pastor of L.A.'s Mosaic. This study examines how to handle life's disappointments in the face of unmet expectations.

Columbia Center for Missions – Food Pantry – Singles Serve

The Singles are the team that runs the Food Pantry on the first Saturday of each month - handing out groceries and stacking shelves as well as fitting in moments for coffee & donuts! It is good fun and an excellent opportunity to serve our local community. We would love to encourage new people to join the team or be available for occasional help. Why not come along one time and see what it is all about? 9 a.m. -12 p.m. on a Saturday morning. Our upcoming dates are Oct 8, Nov 5, Dec 3. Please contact Clare Tunbridge ctunbridge@cox.net if you are interested.

Singles Retreat October 20-22

Join Columbia's Single Adults at the Retreat Center, in Cross Junction, Virginia (outside Winchester). The retreat center is a great place anytime of the year, but it's beautiful in the fall! Watch for more details on the Ministry Wall, in the Hotsheet and Flashpoint.

If you'd like to know more about the singles ministry at Columbia or if you'd like to find out how you can get more involved, contact singles@columbiabaptist.org or join the Yahoo! Group by sending an email to singles_ministry_columbia

COLUMBIA TRAVELERS ANNOUNCE 2006-2007 ITINERARY

2006

October 17-19 Philadelphia Trip
December 1 Shopping at Premium Outlets in Leesburg

2007

February 15 National Portrait Gallery & Smithsonian Art Museum
March 15 Tour of the Marine Museum at Quantico & lunch at Occoquan
May (tentative) Trip to Niagara Falls
June 14 Tour of George C. Marshall Home in Leesburg, Virginia & lunch

Watch the Columbia Travelers' bulletin board outside Room 229 across from Stephenson Hall for details.

For further information contact Betty Bates at bet3114@aol.com or 703-938-2523 or Donna Ricks at ricksdonna@aol.com or 703-979-0641.

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
1 Children's Ministry Meeting, 12:30 pm Stephenson Hall Finance Committee Mtg, 12:30 pm, Rm 229	2 Ministry Coordinating Council Meeting, offsite	3	4 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities	5 Monterey Woodcutting Trip	6 Brennan Manning Spiritual Retreat, Crossroads Monterey Woodcutting Trip	7 Brennan Manning Spiritual Retreat, Falls Church Monterey Woodcutting Trip
8 Monterey Woodcutting Trip High School Seniors Lunch Columbia Travelers Philly Trip Mtg, 12:45 pm Rm 127 Divorce Care and DC4Kids Begins, 6 pm, Rm 127 (adults) Rm 338 (kids)	9 Columbus Day Holiday, Offices Closed	10	11 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities	12	13	14 Metro Missions Light the Night Walk
15 Ministry XPO 9 a.m.—12:45 p.m., Stephenson Hall Driver's Training Mtg 5:30 p.m. Rm 114-117	16	17 Columbia Travelers Trip to Philadelphia Missions and Evangelism Team Mtg. 7 pm, Rm 201 Women's Book Club, 7:30 pm, Parlor/Rm222	18 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Columbia Travelers Trip to Philadelphia	19	20 Single Adults Retreat, Columbia Retreat Center	21 Single Adults Retreat, Columbia Retreat Center Parenting in the Net Generation, 9 am, Stephenson Hall Middle School Corn Maze, 5 pm, offsite Metro Missions Light the Night Walk
22 Single Adults Retreat, Columbia Retreat Center	23 Discipleship Ministry Team Mtg, 7 pm, Rm 201	24	25 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Flu Shot Clinic, 4 pm - 8 pm, Rm 145/147	26	27 Lois Jennings Circle Retreat, Columbia Retreat Center Deacons' Retreat, 6 pm, Stephenson Hall	28 Lois Jennings Circle Retreat, Columbia Retreat Center Deacons' Retreat, 8:30 am, Stephenson Hall Women's Ministry Tea, 3 pm, Crossroads
29 Lois Jennings Circle Retreat, Columbia Retreat Center Welcome Lunch, 12:30 pm, Rm 229	30	31	O C T O B E R 2 0 0 6			

**WEDNESDAY
DINNER
MENU**

- **October 4**
- Monterey Chicken,
- Mashed Red Bliss
- Potatoes, Green
- Beans w/ Bacon
- Spinach Salad,
- Dinner Rolls
- **Dessert:** Chocolate
- Cake w/ Whipped
- Cream
- **Kids Menu:** Hot
- Dogs, Potato Chips,
- Green Beans
- **October 11**
- 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
- **October 18**
- Honey BBQ Shred-
- ded Pork, Moms
- Potato Salad
- Green Bean Casse-
- role, Field Green
- Salad
- **Dessert:** Coconut
- Cake
- **Kids Menu:** Maca-
- roni and Beef,
- Green Beans and
- Cookies
- **October 25**
- Crispy Chicken,
- Potato au Gratin,
- Seasoned Carrots
- Tossed Salad
- **Dessert:** Cinnamon
- Rolls
- **Kids Menu:** Turkey
- Burgers w/ Fixings,
- French Fries, Sher-
- bet

EVERY WEEK AT COLUMBIA

- **Sundays**
- 8:30am Contemplative Service
- 9 am—11:30 am Columbia Café, Rm 229
- 9 am—9:40 am Children's Choir
- 9:45am Celebration Service & Ignition Groups
- 10:30 Columbia @ Crossroads Worship Service
- 11:15 am Classic Service & Ignition Groups
- 4pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Rm 124
- 4:45pm Adult Handbells, Rm 108
- 6pm Unplugged (Gr 6-8) Rm 142
- Beyond the Edge (Gr 9-12) 301 N. Washington
- Equipping Parents of Teenagers, Rm 229
- Divorce Care for Adults, Rm 127
- DC4Kids, Rm 338
- **Mondays**
- 9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235
- 10:30am Mother's Heart Bible Study, Rm 229
- 7pm Columbia @ Greenspring Worship Service
- **Tuesdays**
- 7:30am Women's Bible Study Rm230
- 9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235
- 10am Joy Singers Rehearsal, Rm 229
- **Wednesdays**
- 5:15-6:50pm Wednesday Family Dinner, Stephen-
- son Hall
- 5:45—7:30 Children's Programs
- 6pm Women's Bible Study, Rm 229
- 6:30pm MidWeek Manna, Sanctuary
- Soul Café, Stephenson Hall
- Orchestra Rehearsal, Rm108
- Men's Bible Study w/ John Stait, Rm 323
- Men's Bible Study w/ Dick Cornelius, Rm 127
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir, Rm124
- 7:45 pm Wednesday Connections—Single
- Adult Bible Study, Rm 229
- 8pm Celebration Worship Rehearsal, Stephen-
- son Hall
- **Thursdays**
- 7am Men's Bible Study, Rm 230
- 7pm First Place Bible Study, Rm 127
- **Fridays**
- 9am Laity Prayer Group, Rm 203
- 9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235
- **Saturdays**
- 9:30am-noon Columbia Center for Missions
- Open
- 6:29 Worship, Stephenson Hall

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A Catalytic Word from Dr. Jim Baucom, Senior Pastor

Last spring, as summer vacations approached, I issued a challenge to our congregation for a renewed emphasis on family ministry. In a series of sermons and a business session presentation, I shared the beginnings of a vision for this ministry area, along with my opinion that our future depended on redoubling our efforts to shape the next generation of believers. Having now entered a new church year, we are on our way to realizing our family ministry dreams, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

Over the summer, we conducted several listening sessions with key leaders, preschool and children's ministry volunteers, and interested parents. In response to the feedback we received, we made some major changes to our weekly ministry schedule and set our sights on the future. Some great new volunteer ministers have stepped forward, and we are beginning to move aggressively toward some new models of Biblical education, discipleship, and creating community among parents. But we have only just begun!

As you receive this issue of *The Catalyst*, I am preparing to meet with a large group of volunteer ministers and parents to take the next step. As LuAnn Carrig completes her service as our Interim Chil-

dren's Ministry Director, we have decided not to call another interim minister, but to initiate a broader search for a full-time Pastor of Family Ministry. Until God's person for this position is located, recruited, and called by our congregation, we will work to build out an excellent lay-led, lay-driven ministry to preschoolers, children, and their families. Then when a new staff minister arrives, that person can come aboard as a visionary equipper and facilitator. We want to avoid the common trap of looking to one or more paid staff members to do the real ministry of the church, an un-Biblical strategy that always results in mediocrity.

We are actively seeking Columbians who want to make a significant Kingdom impact on the lives of children and preschoolers and their families. The tremendous growth we are experiencing among families with young children necessitates twice the number of active volunteers we have right now. Is it possible that God might be calling you to this significant ministry area? If so, please let me know. Our families need you!

On Fire for Jesus Christ,

Dr. Jim