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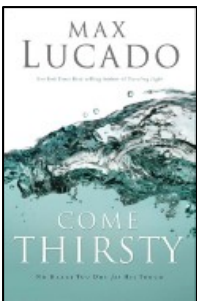
COLUMBIA CATALYST

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NOW IS THE TIME TO "IMMERSE YOURSELF" IN CHRIST THE "LIVING WATER"

The very warm and humid summer we have experienced has reminded us often of our physical thirst. It is time to "immerse ourselves" by quenching our deepest thirst with the living water only Christ can provide. He said, "I am the 'living water'."

Our fall emphasis is here, and we journey to the well to refresh our souls. Ignition groups (sermon-based, weekday and Sunday morning Bible studies) are studying Max Lucado's



books: *Come Thirsty* for adults, *Plunge* for youth and *Splash* for children. With the children's and youth studies mirroring the adult study, this experience will provide families great opportunities

to share devotions and discussions. Many are already using "*Dip from the Well*", written especially for this time, to guide personal and family worship times.

We will "immerse ourselves" during our worship experiences, through sermons, music and drama, all focusing on satisfying our deep thirst for God's "living water" revealed and available only in Jesus Christ.

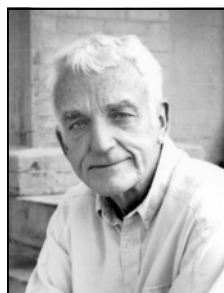
Columbia's special Prayer Labyrinth experience, *Journey to the Well*, on September 20 through 22 and hosted at our Crossroads campus, will feature opportunities to "drink in"

God's "living water." This prayer walk will provide a special meditative journey to the well that is always gushing with refreshing water. Families are especially invited to choose to make this journey together. You need to reserve your time by contacting Betsy Pankey, 534-5740, ext. 263 or spankey@columbiabaptist.org.



Make time to "IMMERSE YOURSELF" in the fall emphasis at Columbia and come away refreshed and renewed with a well of living water inside your heart.

Our concluding event of this year's fall emphasis is a Spiritual Retreat with Brennan Manning, internationally-known writer, preacher and encourager (author of *A Glimpse of Jesus*, *Abba's Child* and *The Ragamuffin Gospel*) on October 6-8. He will help us deepen and enrich our "living water" experience. The Friday evening session is a special opportunity for Columbians only, at our



Crossroads campus. For the Saturday morning sessions we will be joined at the Falls Church campus by folks from as far away as Florida and Ohio.

Brennan Manning will also preach in all our worship experiences Saturday & Sunday. Reservations are required for the Friday and Saturday sessions (the fee is \$25); they can be made online at www.columbiabaptist.org or at either of our campus' information centers.



Columbia's 150th Anniversary Celebration

**Sunday, September 10
Lunch starts at Noon**

Get your ticket at the Information Center.
Tickets \$5 — 19 yrs and older
Free Tickets — 18 yrs and younger
EVERYONE except infants will need a ticket.

**REMEMBER: THE CLASSIC
WORSHIP SERVICE WILL START
AT 11:15 A.M. BEGINNING
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17!**

AVAILABLE IN THE COLUMBIA BOOKSTORE

Your Kids Read More Than Just Textbooks

Here are some Christian resources to help your kids grow in their spiritual walk. Now that they are back in school, these may help them stay focused on important things.

Study Bibles

For girls ages 8 to 12, the *NIV Young Women of Faith Bible* is full of cool, fun to read in-text features that are not only interesting, but provide insight. Created to develop a habit of studying God's Word in young girls, in addition to the bright, bold features that will inspire young women of faith, there are 52 weekly studies thematically tied to the NIV Women of Faith Study Bible to encourage a special time of study for mothers and daughters to share in God's Word.

The *2:52 Boys' Bible* is the "ultimate manual" designed for boys ages 8 to 12. Based on Luke 2:52: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men," this Bible focuses on the four primary areas of growth highlighted in the Scripture to help boys become more like Jesus mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially—smarter, stronger, deeper, and cooler. Each reading highlights people, stories, and Scriptures that help boys grow towards maturity and manhood. Additional features include: Make It Stick — special entry spaces for everything from fun doodles and sketches to quick responses to the text; Get a Load of This — interesting and sometimes humorous facts about the Bible, Bible times, and Bible characters; Gross! — gross facts and gory facts in the Bible. (Yes, you know that boys would love this part!) Encourage boys in their quest to be smarter, stronger, deeper, and cooler as they develop into young men of God.

Kid Living

The *2:52 Boys Bible* is part of the 2:52 series, aimed at boys 8-12. Two other titles in this series are *Weird and Gross Bible Stuff*, and *Amazing and Unexplainable Things in the Bible*. Obviously, these are not geared toward serious bible scholarship, but they do appeal to boys, in a way that will help them remember and learn, and even dig into their Bible and find out more.

Weird and Gross Bible Stuff is a collection of items from the Bible that include the gross, the weird, and the bizarre, with sections like Gross-cordance, Vomit Verses, Bugs & Insects, Weird Trivia and Bizarre Healings. Some of it, though, is just things like records (longest living—Methuselah, worst day ever—Job), or sections such as Remarkable Miracles or Laugh Out Loud. *Amazing and Unexplainable Things in the Bible* will capitalize on kids' natural curiosity about miracles. How can a dead person come back to life? How did Jesus and Peter walk on water? How did two little fish and five loaves of bread feed thousands? It will draw them into discovering God's Word.

Explain ethics to an 8-12 year old girl? *The Blurry Rules Book* is all about ethics. Author Nancy Rue approaches the subject by talking about those gray areas and hard-to-answer questions that aren't so clearly addressed in the Ten Commandments. Kids clearly understand "Thou shalt not kill", but what about "thou shalt not hate the guts of the girl who deliberately snubs you?" Sure "thou shalt not steal," but what if I catch somebody else doing it? There are no easy answers to questions or situations like these, but *The Blurry Rules Book* offers great advice about such issues. Young girls will discover that although there may not always be an easy answer or a concrete rule, there's always a "God answer."

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 COLUMBIA TRAVELERS MINISTRY TEAM

Several times each year, a group of Columbians and friends boards a bus and hits the road pursuing a new adventure. Destinations have included Cape May, the World War II Memorial, the Washington National Cathedral, Fredericksburg, shopping at the Premium Outlets in Leesburg, a boat ride on the C&O Canal, Graves Mountain, New York City, the Organization of American



Donna Ricks

States building and Asheville, North Carolina to name a few. Those who go on these trips might think the arrangements just magically appear, fully organized, with little or no effort on anyone's part. To tell the truth, a dedicated group of women gather on a regular basis to choose, plan every small detail, and evaluate the results for each trip.

Among the very first ministry teams formed was the Columbia Travelers, comprised of Betty Bates and Donna Ricks, co-chairs and Pat Brannen, Joan Furr, and Dorsie Graham who complete the group. Each trip has its own challenges of transportation, lunch accommodations, tour reservations and the overnight trips require lodging and rest stops in addition to the normal needs. Dorsie generally designs the brochures to advertise the trips. Joan Furr plans the overnight outings while Pat, Donna and Betty take turns arranging local trips.

Everyone has input and fellow travelers are always polled as to where they might like to go as a group.

The Columbia Travelers look for moderate pricing with excellent quality. They want as many people as possible to participate and encourage people to bring friends and family. Their goal is to provide safe travel in a congenial group. Many of the travelers would not feel comfortable making trips alone and welcome the opportunity to travel with the Columbia group.



Joan Furr

After each trip, the group posts pictures on the travelers' bulletin board outside Room 229 across from Stephenson Hall. There you can also find brochures with the yearly schedule and fliers outlining the details of the individual trips. Registration is available at the Information Desk during normal working hours Monday through Friday and on Sunday mornings. Several of the travelers attend the Wednesday evening supper, offering yet

another opportunity for people to sign up for trips. There is usually a deadline for payment well in advance of the trip, allowing time to make sure adequate accommodations are made.

The hardest part is arranging trips that appeal to everyone and getting people to sign up in a timely fashion. Occasionally a trip has to be cancelled because too few people have signed up. The best part is experiencing the fellowship and camaraderie that each trip inevitably provides. After the trips there is a lot of sharing of past experiences and excitement for the trips to come.

To learn more about the Columbia Travelers and how you can be involved, contact Betty Bates or Donna Ricks (contact information provided below). If you are interested in other serving opportunities at Columbia, please contact Jeanine Bush Aronowitz, Director of Lay Ministry.



Betty Bates and Pat Brannen, standing by the Columbia Travelers bulletin board.



Dorsie Graham

COLUMBIA TRAVELERS ANNOUNCE 2006-2007 ITINERARY

2006

September 19	Luncheon Cruise on <i>The Odyssey</i>
Mid-October	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.

CENTRI KID CAMP WAS A BLAST

Twelve children and three adults traveled to Skycroft Conference Center in Maryland for a week of camp. This camp experience grabbed our kid's attention and captured their hearts through high-energy worship, interactive kid friendly Bible study, and a lot of FUN! The theme for the week was "For Here or To Go" — it wasn't about fast food but about missions! Children examined their relationship with God and then learned that they needed to share their faith with others, especially those who do not know Jesus.



Centri-Kid camp is a wonderful opportunity for children who have completed 3rd, 4th or 5th grade. We plan to go again in June 2007, contact LuAnn Carrig, Interim Children's Ministry Director, to sign-up your child. Don't delay, sign up today! Our goal is to take 20 children next summer!

Here are our Centri-Kid camp-goers, along with the camp's mascot ... a 4-to-go cup with a straw.

Front row: Jason Lowrance, Christine Nassar, Brittony Trumbull, Grace Trotter, Robert Stoner, Joe Gittinger, and Caleb Royce.

Back row: Kris Solberg, Evan Watkins, Sarah Sotelo, LuAnn Carrig, Katie Atkins, Chris Tietjen, Julie Olafsson, and Kelly Baucom

COLUMBIA'S VBS - A HUGE SUCCESS

What an exciting week we had as we *Traded Places* with children from around the world! Over 75 adults and youth guided 352 children as they visited Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya. Each day the lay ministry team and children participated in a daily worship experience, studied stories from the Bible, made crafts, played games, ate food and learned about mission experiences in lands far away. On Friday evening parents had the opportunity to come back with their child(ren) and experience family worship followed by the VBS family fun night.

During the week children were asked to bring an offering. This year our offering went to Cross Link International to purchase vitamins for children in third-world countries. The children learned this week that for many children this might be the ONLY medical care they receive in their lifetime. A total of \$853.22 will be sent to Cross Link International as a result of this effort. In addition, the children were asked to bring canned food items for the Columbia Missions food pantry and WOW did they do just that by collecting 275 cans of food and 35 boxes of cereal, and macaroni and cheese. WAY TO GO KIDS! Word has it that everyone can't wait to see what's in store for VBS 2007!

A NOTE FROM KATHRYN ALLEN

Dear Columbia Baptist Church

The past two weeks [in June] that I spent in the Dominican Republic were incredible, and I have you to thank for supporting me financially and with your prayers. Throughout my time in the Dominican Republic, I felt as though God was continually reaffirming that I should be working in the future with children who are disabled; I spent my time there working at a special ed. school. I would love to tell you some more about my trip and what I have been doing in the Dominican Republic for the past two weeks.

I was working at a school called Centro Especial Genesis, a school for children with disabilities. There were about thirty children at the school in six different classes, ranging from ages three and four up to twenty-five. There was a wide variety of different disabilities among the children as well, and it was a joy to work with all the students. During the first week, my group was only at the school for two days, helping out in different classes, and then on Friday the school went to a pool, so we helped out with that as well. During the second week, we ran a Vacation Bible School for the students. This year was the first that they had done a VBS, so the teachers were a bit nervous. With our help, though, everything went smoothly, the students loved it, and they will probably do a vacation Bible School each year now.

On the Saturday between the two weeks, our group from James Madison University went on an excursion to two different beautiful waterfalls. It was such a blessing to see the beauty that God has created in another country. The following weekend we left the Student International base - where we were staying - and spent two days at a resort on the beach. It was good to just take those two days to relax and process the past two weeks.



Once again, thank you so much for all your support and prayers. It meant so much to me to have your support on this trip. Hope you enjoy the enclosed picture, where you can see all of the students at the school - and me standing in the back.

Thanks again, Kathryn

Kathryn is pictured here, in the back row - fourth from left, with students from the Centro Especial Genesis.

FROM THE RAINBOW DESK AND THE ORCHARD

It is hard to believe that summer has passed and we are beginning a new year of learning! When I was young I loved going "school shopping". I remember enjoying looking at my new clothing and shiny new school supplies. It was also refreshing to think about the new start I would get. Isn't it AWESOME that we get a new start daily with Jesus?

The fall emphasis *Immerse Yourself* is an exciting study that will be taught across the ages. Our children will be learning about *immersing* themselves in Jesus through Bible study and interactive experiences. I look forward to having discussions with my own family about what we are learning on Sunday mornings.

The next new and exciting thing about this fall is our *new* Sunday morning schedule. Our children's areas will not only be filled with learning and experiencing God's word, but also music.

In our infant/preschool area our children will be instructed using Gospel Light's curriculum. Infants through preschoolers will be learning how to say "Thank You, God" based on the book of Genesis. Children will hear the story of creation as well as Noah, Abraham and Isaac.

In the Orchard we are introducing a new curriculum – Hands On Bible! Our grade school students will be engaged in active learning and life application in every lesson – helping them to live what they have learned! Lively gizmos, music and unique sensory experiences will also help our grade schoolers experience each week's lesson.

Now for another REALLY exciting addition for our children this fall: ***The Way of the Child***. This experience recognizes that children have an innate spirituality with a natural acceptance of mystery, an amazing capacity for awe, a vital imagination, a longing to be their unique selves, and an ability to be open to and receive God's love. For children ages 6-11 years, *The Way of the Child* leads children into a deeper relationship with God, instills in children spiritual practices to form lifelong habits, encourages children to respond to God, and provides an experience of vital community. A family orientation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13m at which we will introduce this material.

Sunday Morning Opportunities for Children:

- 9 – 9:40 a.m. – Preschool and Grade School Music
- 9 – 9:40 a.m. – Parent Coffee Fellowship
- 9:45 – 11 a.m. – Sunday School Session I
- 9:45 – 11 a.m. – Celebration Service
- 11:15- 12:30 p.m. – Sunday School Session II
- 11:15 – 12:30 p.m. – Classic Service

See you in September!

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, 2006 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 ministers 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.

Don't delay, reserve your spot today! If you are interested in attending, please contact LuAnn Carrig – Interim Children's Ministry Director.

PARENTING IN THE NET GENERATION SEMINAR

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 kindergarteners 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 LuAnn Carrig, Chris McPeek, Kris Solbeg, or Eric Reiser.

AWARENESS BREAKFAST HIGHLIGHTS THREE TOPICS

In a continuing effort to provide Columbia and the community with health education, the Parish Health Ministry Team will sponsor a breakfast on **Saturday, September 30** from 9 a.m. to noon, highlighting three major cancer awareness topics. **September is both Prostate Cancer Awareness and Ovarian Cancer Awareness** month. **October is Breast Cancer Awareness** month. Breakfast will be served in Stephenson Hall and guest speakers will raise our awareness in the prevention of these three forms of can-

cer. There will be door prizes to heighten the experience for all who attend.

Excluding skin cancers, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, accounting for one out of three cancers diagnosed in US women. Men generally are at low risk, however, they should be aware of risk factors. Ovarian cancer is the 6th most common cancer and the 5th leading cause of death among US women. One in every 6 men is diagnosed with prostate cancer and it

is the 5th leading cause of death among US men.

Education is the key to prevention and early intervention. All men and women at Columbia and throughout the community are invited to attend this event. Watch for opportunities to sign up in the near future. **Save the date—September 30!** You'll be glad you did—your life or the life of someone you love may depend on it!

INOVA BLOOD SERVICES SET FOR SEPTEMBER DRIVE AT COLUMBIA

Columbia's Parish Health Ministry Team is hosting another blood donor drive on Wednesday, **September 20** from 4-8 p.m. in Rooms 146/149. On the day of the drive, Inova Blood Services will welcome qualified donors to help save the lives of those who desperately need blood due to surgery, illness or accident. If you donate regularly, be sure to allow enough time—6 weeks—between donations so that you can participate in Columbia's drive.



Please watch for details for signing up to donate blood. Appointments make the flow of people traffic more manageable, but no eligible donor will be turned away. Be a life saver—donate blood!

For more information please contact Nancy Walker, Pastor for Congregational Care.

WARM WELCOME & LAY MINISTRY RETREAT

If you are currently serving on any of our Warm Welcome Ministry Teams (Greeters, Welcome Center, CONNECT, Information Center) or our Lay Ministry Coaching Team OR, if you have a passion for welcoming guests, assimilating new members or inviting people into ministry at Columbia, please plan to join us for our Team Retreat on September 22-23 at Columbia's Retreat Center. Cost will be \$20 per person. Sign up at the Information Desk by September 17 or contact Jeanine Aronowitz for more information. Hope to see you there!

NEW TO COLUMBIA?

It is time you discover *The Columbia Way*, the **UPDATED & REVISED** New Members Class (formerly known as *Becoming Intentional*), **beginning Wednesday, September 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m. in Room 209.**

Join Dr. Jim Baucom, senior pastor, as you discover and explore the Columbia way of life in Christ and community. He will share with you about:

- Baptism, Lord's Supper, Salvation
- Our Mission statement and Core Values
- Our strategy
- Our Story and how we are structured to build community and live out ministry.

This is the best way to get started on your journey toward authentic community here at Columbia.

GET IN THE GAME

DOWN! SET! HIKE! Kickoff for the fall Ministry XPO will be Sunday morning, October 15th 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 won't just sit on the bench, but find a position to play in one or two ministries on the Columbia team. Now is the time for you to "Get in the Game!"

SERMON-BASED IGNITION GROUPS CREATE BIBLICALLY-BASED AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY IN THE COLUMBIA FAMILY

Creating authentic community is a theme that runs throughout scripture. For Peter and Paul, starting new communities of Christ-followers was their strategy as they sought to grow the Kingdom, and most of these new communities began with a small group. And, Jesus naturally developed a community of followers as he began with His 12 apostles.

Small groups have always been integral to the growth of the Kingdom - small enough for individuals to minister to one another, as well as opportunities in which they could use their spiritual gifts and be disciplined in the ways of Christ. They are vibrant life-giving communities where others can see a loving compassionate community in action. As Christ followers today, we are still called to live in community, with mutually accountable relationships as we seek to reflect the character of our Abba.

At Columbia, **sermon-based Ignition Groups** seek to move members into a closer relationship with one another, while

becoming opportunities for being transformed to Christ's image. **Sermon-based Ignition Groups** bring together sermon teachings, individual reflection, group accountability, and synergy of Spirit to bring about spiritual growth and authentic community

Each week inside the sermon notes you receive **Ignition Group Notes** with questions and scripture references for you to reflect on and study before your group meets. As you meet in your "community" you have an opportunity to dig deeper in the scripture and learn to apply the teachings of the sermon in your life.

If you would like to be a part of a vibrant, growing small group, a **Sermon-based Ignition Group** may be just what you are looking for. Send an email to Cheryl Lowrance for more information, cheryl.lowrance@cox.net.

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 course also allows long-time Christians to

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 Reiser, Evangelism Fellow.



Alpha

PILLARS OF FAITH BREAKFAST

September 16th, 8:30 a.m. , The Dining Room , Crossroads campus

The women of Columbia are invited to a potluck breakfast to hear one of our pillars of the faith, Janet Hutchison Loewer, share how God is working in her life. Bring your favorite breakfast casserole, muffins, fruit or whatever you like to eat for breakfast. We will share our food and the rich fellowship we have in Christ.

Sponsored by the Women's Ministry Team

CALLING ALL FREEDOM SEEKERS

Journey To Financial Freedom Seminars

Sept 15 & 16 at Manassas Assembly of God. (703-368-2895)

Sept 30 at Burke Community Church (703-425-0205)

Call Ralph Solberg at 703-573-1153 for details or check out www.crown.org

DIVORCECARE: NEW FORMAT, NEW FEATURE

Beginning in October, Columbia will offer **DivorceCare** for separated and divorced persons, and will also feature a new component—

DivorceCare4Kids for children in families that are experiencing separation and divorce.

DivorceCare and **DC4Kids** will be offered on Sunday evenings 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. 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 will facilitate the adult sessions in Room 127 while **LuAnn Carrig** meets 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 children. 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 additional information go to www.dc4k.org or www.divorcecare.org.

Registration begins immediately! You may sign up by contacting Nancy Walker or LuAnn Carrig. Don't miss this tremendous opportunity for adults and children dealing with separation and divorce.

Ladies, Check out these Ignition Groups and make plans to join us this fall!

MONDAY MORNINGS:

Mother's Heart:

Lost Women of the Bible

Beginning September 11th
10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Room 229

Do biblical women still have something relevant to teach their 21st-century sisters? Yes! Author Carolyn Curtis James provides fresh insight into ancient stories as she takes an honest look at Eve, Sarah, Mary, Tamar, Hannah, Mrs. Noah, and others. As you meet them anew, you'll see your own life in a whole new light.

Debbie Baucom will once again lead this very special group for moms each week. Child care is provided, available from 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

TUESDAY MORNINGS:

Ruthless Trust: The Ragamuffin's Path to God

Beginning September 5th 7:30
– 8:30 a.m., Room 230

Enjoy some coffee or tea and an amazing intergenerational group of women as they examine the major obstacle to living in God's unconditional love and grace—our inability to trust God ruthlessly—through Brennan Manning's book. A life-changing discussion of how the whole of Christian practice can be summed up in a single 5-letter word—trust.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

September 6 – November 29,
6 p.m., Room 229

Wednesdays this fall join facilitators Pam Orr, Peggy Shomette, Lori Bejjani, Heather Mayhew, Debbie Jaeger, Laurie Prather, Sandi Rogers, and Ruth Claussen, an intergenerational group of women, and Beth Moore (via DVD Technology) in a faith-building study of prophecy. 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. **Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy**; will help to equip women to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society.

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.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
SEPTEMBER 2006						1 Muslim Back-ground Believers Conference	2 Muslim Back-ground Believers Conference
3 High School Lock-In, 6:30 pm, 301 Bldg Come Thirsty Study Begins	4 Columbia Church Offices Closed	5	6 Wednesday Family Dinner Resumes Women's Bible Study Resumes NO MIDWEEK MANNA or SOUL CAFÉ Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal Resume	7 Deacon's Mtg, 7 pm, Rm 229	8	9	
10 Columbia's 150th Anniversary Celebration	11	12 Joy Singers Resume, Rm 229, 10 am Parish Health Team Mtg, 7 pm, Rm 127 Discipleship Ministry Team, 7pm, Rm 201 Women's Book Club, 7:30 pm, Parlor	13 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities MidWeek Manna and Soul Café Resume Children's Activities Resume <i>The Columbia Way</i> begins w/ Dr. Baucom, 6 pm, Rm 209	14	15	16 Pillars of Faith Breakfast, 8:30 am, Crossroads Dining Room	
17 Fall Emphasis Begins Preschool and Children's Choirs Begin at 9 am CLASSIC WORSHIP begins at 11:15 am Churchwide Business Meeting and Luncheon	18	19 Columbia Traveler's Trip Missions & Evangelism Leadership Mtg, 7pm, Rm 201	20 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Transportation Ministry Team Mtg, 5:30 pm, Rm 230 Blood Drive, 4pm, Rm 146/149 Journey to the Well Labyrinth, 6pm, Crossroads Worship Center CDC Board Mtg, 6:15 pm, Rm 201	21 Journey to the Well Labyrinth, 11:30 am and 6pm, Crossroads Worship Center	22 Journey to the Well Labyrinth, 11:30 am, Crossroads Worship Center Warm Welcome/Lay Ministry Retreat, Retreat Center High School Summit Lake Retreat	23 Warm Welcome/Lay Ministry Retreat, Retreat Center High School Summit Lake Retreat	
24 High School Summit Lake Retreat	25	26	27 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities	28	29 Scrap-booking Retreat, Retreat Center	30 Scrap-booking Retreat, Retreat Center Cancer Awareness Breakfast, 9 am, Stephenson Hall	

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

September 6, 2006
Teryaki Chicken
Stir Fried Rice
Glazed Carrots with Candied Walnuts
Asian Style Cabbage Salad
Dessert: Orange Cake
Kids Menu: Ravioli, Steamed Carrots and Chocolate Pudding

September 13, 2006
Home Style Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Succotash
Tossed Salad
Parker House Rolls
Dessert: Apple Pie with Ice Cream
Kids Menu: Spaghetti with Meatballs, Succotash, Apple Pie with Ice Cream

September 20, 2006
Cider Marinated Pork Loin
Sauted Cabbage with Red Onions and Peppers
Sweet Potatoes and Apple Puree
Potato Rolls
Dessert: Assorted
Kids Menu: Cheese Pizza, Mixed Vegetables and Assorted Desserts

September 27, 2006
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Italian Herb Vegetables
Parmesan and garlic Bread
Mixed Green Salad
Dessert: Pound Cake with Bananas in Caramel Sauce
Kids Menu: same

EVERY WEEK AT COLUMBIA

<p>Sundays 8:30am Contemplative Service 9—9:40 am Children's Choir 9:45am Celebration Service & Ignition Groups 10:30am Columbia@Crossroads Worship 11:15am Classic Service & Ignition Groups 12:45pm Adult Handbells, Rm 108 4pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Rm 124 6pm Unplugged (Gr 6-8) Rm 142 Beyond the Edge (Gr 9-12) 301 N. Washington Equipping Parents of Teenagers, Rm 229</p> <p>Mondays 9am Little Lambs, Rm 235 10:30am Mother's Heart Bible Study, Rm 229</p>	<p>7pm Columbia @ Greenspring Worship Service</p> <p>Tuesdays 7:30am Women's Bible Study Rm 230 9am Little Lambs, Rm 235 10am Joy Singers Rehearsal, Rm 229</p> <p>Wednesdays 5:15-6:50pm Wednesday Family Dinner, Stephenson Hall 5:45-7:30pm Preschool and Children's Programs 6pm Women's Bible Study, Rm 229 6:30pm MidWeek Manna, Sanctuary 6:30pm Soul Café, Stephenson Hall 6:30pm Orchestra Rehearsal, Rm 108 6:45pm Men's Bible Study, Rm 145</p>	<p>7:30pm Sanctuary Choir, Rm 124 7:45pm Connections (Singles Bible Study) Rm 229 8pm Celebration Worship Rehearsal, Stephenson Hall</p> <p>Thursdays 7am Men's Bible Study, Rm 230 7pm First Place Bible Study, Rm 127</p> <p>Fridays 9am Laity Prayer Group, Rm 203 9am Little Lambs, Rm 235</p> <p>Saturdays 9:30am-noon Columbia Center for Missions Open 6:29 Worship, Stephenson Hall</p>
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A Catalytic Word from Dr. Jim Baucom, Senior Pastor

As I write this edition of “Kindling Spirits,” I am looking out over the ocean and preparing to return to Metro DC. While I have been away, Debbie and I have celebrated our 19th wedding anniversary and spent some much needed “quality time” with the family that has resulted from our union. Anniversaries are just dates on the calendar, I suppose, but they give us good opportunities to reflect on what God has done in our lives and celebrate the strength of our relationship. Needless to say, I have a lot for which to be thankful, and the second-best decision I ever made in my life was to marry Debbie (the first being to follow Christ). She is my soul-mate, my full partner in ministry, and my fellow servant in Jesus Christ. What a gift from God!

As I return, I am preparing for another anniversary, the 150th anniversary celebration of Columbia on September 10. On that day, we will worship the God who led our forebears to establish a great congregation in Metro DC, and celebrate the present strength of our relationship, because anniversaries really are important. After all of our weekend worship services are complete, we will gather between our church and the Baptist World Alliance building for “dinner on the grounds” (Columbia Street will be closed

in our block for this occasion). In the old days, that probably would have meant a “covered dish;” today it means a catered meal by our outstanding chef, Doug Cook and his team of volunteers. Please purchase your tickets ASAP!

Some would say that anniversaries are about the past. I say they are about the future. We draw on the past to build bright futures; this is the way God has designed our lives and our church. Accordingly, with the agreement of our leadership team, I am proclaiming Sunday, September 10, “Prove the Tithe Day.” We stand at the precipice of a great tomorrow, but we are at a critical juncture. If we are to become everything God has called us to be, we must give generously to the future. Our anniversary is a great opportunity to prove our faith in the God who has sustained us for all these years and has an amazing future planned for us.

I am confident that we will very nearly catch up to our ambitious ministry budget on September 10. That one day will prove that we understand what God is still calling us to be and to do. Each of us will give A REAL 10% of our income, and God will be glorified!

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