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NEW FALL SCHEDULE COMING TO COLUMBIA @ FALLS CHURCH

Worship

Classic Worship will begin at

11:15 a.m. starting

Sunday, September 17

Other service times will remain the same. Sunday morning Childcare for infants through kindergarten will begin at 8:30.

Children

Sundays @ 9 a.m. Children's Choirs

For preschool and grade school children, beginning Sunday, September 17

Wednesdays @ 5:45–7:30 p.m.

Diving Deeper—an opportunity for preschool and grade school children to get more focused spiritual growth, beginning Wednesday, September 13

Fellowship

More opportunities for church-wide fellowship and special opportunities for parents to connect with each other

Bible Study

Enhanced and expanded opportunities for group study

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN ... TIME FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES!



Each August our School Supply Day ministry team coordinates the collection and distribution of donated

school supplies to help children in our community start the school year on an equal school-supply footing with their classmates.

On Friday, August 25th from 7 – 9p.m., we fill backpacks with school supplies. On Saturday, August 26th from 9 to 11:30 a.m., we distribute the backpacks to the children. Both activities will take place in Stephenson Hall.

The following school supply items are

needed and are being collected in the blue bins placed throughout the church:

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| <i>Backpacks</i> | <i>Lunch boxes</i> |
| <i>Pencil boxes</i> | <i>#2 pencils</i> |
| <i>Big pink erasers</i> | <i>Crayons</i> |
| <i>Colored markers</i> | <i>Colored pencils</i> |
| <i>3-ring notebooks</i> | <i>Notebook dividers</i> |
| <i>Pocket folders</i> | <i>Compasses</i> |
| <i>Protractors</i> | <i>Hi-lighters</i> |
| <i>Rulers</i> | <i>Glue sticks</i> |
| <i>Bottles of glue</i> | <i>Blunt end scissors</i> |
| <i>Blue and black ink pens</i> | |
| <i>Spiral Notebooks</i> | |
| <i>Loose leaf notebook paper</i> | |

Many helping hands are needed to put together several hundred backpacks for the children. Please contact Anne Tomas for more information.

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.



“IMMERSE YOURSELF” at Columbia this fall with “Living Water”

Physical thirst is quenched by taking in water. But we also experience a spiritual thirst. It's not easy to keep a heart and mind that is always flowing over with joy. In everyday life and in relationships with others we may become wounded, completely dried up and experience empty souls that require a special quenching that only Jesus can provide.

Most of us know about the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well from John 4:1-26...Jesus encounters the woman and says He has “living water” that will satisfy her deepest need. Her question: “Where can I get that water?” His response: “I am the ‘living water’.”

Do we often “come thirsty” to Jesus at the Columbia well? This fall as we return from vacations, mission trips and other summer activities that might have kept

us away from worship and Bible study, we invite you to “Immerse Yourself” in a church-wide, six-Sunday focus (September 3 through October 8) on “quenching your deepest thirst with this living water” much like the Samaritan woman at the well.

Sermons, worship experiences, music and drama, small group discussions and fellowships all focus on satisfying this deep thirst for God's “living water” revealed and available only in Jesus Christ. *Come Thirsty* by Max Lucado is the book that all adult Bible study classes and ignition groups will use during these six weeks. The children's study “*Splash*” and youth study “*Plunge*” mirror the adult study and will provide a great opportunity to share family devotions and discussions with our sons and daughters.

Columbia's special Prayer Labyrinth experience, *Journey to the Well*, on September 20 through 22 will feature oppor-

tunities to “drink in God's living water.” Hopefully this meditative walk is something that families will choose to experience together. “*Dip from the Well*”, a devotional guide, is being written by members of our family of faith, and will include devotions for both individual and family worship.

As a final event during the fall emphasis, internationally-known writer, preacher and encourager Brennan Manning (author of *A Glimpse of Jesus*, *Abba's Child* and *Ragamuffin Gospel*) will help us to further enrich our “living water” experience with special opportunities October 6, 7 and 8. Look for more information on the Columbia website about this special weekend with Brennan Manning. Reservations are required for this event.

Anticipate and look for the well...of “living water.” “Immerse Yourself” in the fall emphasis at Columbia and come away refreshed and renewed with a well of living water inside your heart.

METRO MISSIONS: SERVE ONE TIME, SOMETIMES OR EVERYTIME

Metro Missions activities are designed to give members of the Columbia Baptist Church family (Columbia @Crossroads, Columbia @Falls Church, Columbia @Greenspring) the opportunity to minister to and serve others in and around our community. You can help out one time, sometimes, or every time we have a **Metro Missions** activity. Monthly **Metro Missions** activities allow us to participate with organizations and ministries outside of Columbia. **Metro Missions** are a great chance for families to serve together – parents and kids, siblings with friends. The time commitment for each **Metro Mission** opportunity is generally one whole Saturday or part of a Saturday

around our local Metro DC area. Metro Missions happen once a month so if this month's activity doesn't entice you, there will be another one around the corner.

If you are interested in learning more about **Metro Missions**, have an activity to suggest, or want to help plan a **Metro Mission**, please email Michelle Tennison at jmtennison@prodigy.net or call at 202-342-1832.

SATURDAY AUGUST 19th City of Falls Church - Metro Missions friendly neighbor trash collection project

Let's be a good neighbor to the City of Falls Church and help pick up trash! On

Saturday, August 19 - Meet in the Columbia @ Falls Church parking lot at 7:30am (to beat the heat) and carpool to the trash collection site. The City of Falls Church will provide Safety Tips, Trash Collection Bags and Orange Safety Vests to all who volunteer. Trash Collection timeframe will be approximately 2-3 hours based on assignment. Water and light snack will be provided, but please bring work gloves to protect your hands and any trash collecting tools you might have. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please email Michelle Tennison at jmtennison@prodigy.net or call at 202-342-1832.

WORLD WIDE MISSION TRIP—STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Experience other countries around the world without even leaving Falls Church! If you enjoy meeting people and learning about their cultures and would like to help them learn English in a Christian environment, then we encourage you to sign up to help the "English for World Friends" mission at Columbia. In the past, English classes have been taught 2 mornings a week at the Falls Church facility, but the World Friends mission team has a vision to expand its services to the Crossroads campus and to have evening classes, as well.

While the adults are in their English classes, there is a companion program for their children. The World Friends Children's program cares for babies through kindergarten-aged children. The children learn English through play, socialization, directed activities, and music. Children

of World Friends volunteers are also welcome to be part of the World Friends preschool.

We welcome volunteers from all age groups who are available on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. If you are available on evenings only, let us know that, too!

There are several ways to help:

- Adult English teacher (training provided)
- Children's worker
- Assistant teachers
- Substitutes
- Clerical helper
- Computer technology
- Giving placement tests
- Setting up/cleaning up for snacks between classes



- serving on an advisory board or mission team
- presenting a short, 1 time cultural program, hobby, entertainment, or topic of your choice
- using your special skills as needed
- helping with registration
- serving as an interpreter

Past and present World Friends teachers report on the many benefits the program has given to their students and to the teachers themselves. If you feel God's call to meet interesting, international people and to let them witness God's work in your life, please volunteer for World Friends. You'll be glad you did!

Contact Anne Thomas, Columbia's Director of Missions; Don Dailey who will be the supervising World Friends director; or Barbara Clampitt who will be returning as Children's Director.

FREEDOM SEEKERS

Saturday August 19, 2006

Freedom To Live Biblical Time Management Seminar. (By Christian Stewardship Ministries) , Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Woodbridge VA, Register at www.csmin.org or 703-591-5000

Journey To Financial Freedom Seminars

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

Sept 30 at Burke Community Church (703-425-0205) or www.crown.org

Call Ralph Solberg at 703-573-1153 for details.

COLUMBIA TRAVELERS UPCOMING TRIP DATES

2006

September 21	Luncheon Cruise on <i>The Odyssey</i>
Mid-October	Philadelphia Trip
December 1	Shopping at Premium Outlets in Leesburg

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

September 6 – November 29, Wednesdays 6:00 p.m., Room 229
Wednesdays this fall join an intergenerational group of women & Beth Moore (via DVD Technology) in a faith-building study of prophecy, and learn how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures—to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats—today's believers face many of the same trials. Beth's newest study, *Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy*, will help to equip women to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. Make plans now to join us this fall.

THRILLING THURSDAYS FOR KIDS

Hershey Park – August 24

Plan to attend this Thrilling Thursday event. This is a family friendly park with rides for all ages.

Meet at the church at 8:15 a.m. and leave by 8:30 a.m. Arrive at Hershey around 11:30 a.m. Enjoy the day. Leave the park at 5 p.m. and return to church by 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Ages 9 – 54 = \$44.25, Ages 3 – 8 = \$36.25 Cost includes entrance fee to the park, transportation, meal ticket and a snack.

Reserve your spot by contacting LuAnn Carrig – lcarrig@columbiabaptist.org or 703-534-5740 x 268. Advance reservations are required.

NORTHSTAR MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2006

Centreville Baptist Church Saturday, September 9, 9 a.m. – noon
Workshops for: teachers, deacons, pastors, women's ministry, WMU, missions groups, drama, outreach, prayer, small groups, discipleship, evangelism, etc.
For details see Columbia's website; sign up by August 27th online or at the Information Desk at Columbia@Falls Church.

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IGNITING PASSION FOR JESUS CHRIST
FROM METRO WASHINGTON TO THE WORLD

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“KINDLING” SPIRITS

A Catalytic Word from Dr. Jim Baucom, Senior Pastor

About all my younger daughter watches on television is the Food Network, so I occasionally catch a show. The other night, Kelly and I were watching a brand new program entitled “Feasting on Asphalt” in which a fellow named Alton motorcycles around America in search of great “road food.” In the first episode, he begins his journey in the South, and one of the spots he visits is The Biscuit Place in Washington, Georgia, where he eats a country-fried-steak biscuit while speaking with the owner and proprietor. In a Southern drawl worthy of “Gone with the Wind,” the biscuit man proceeds to tell Alton the secret to his success: “it’s the biscuits.” Simple, right?

As it turns out, The Biscuit Place began life in a little shack, making and selling homemade biscuits with a few things like eggs and cheese optional. Over time, the Place grew and offered more and more “stuff” on those tasty biscuits, and the owner could barely keep up with its success. When a salesman showed up and offered quality frozen biscuits as a solution to The Biscuit Place quandary, the owner jumped at the opportunity to sleep a bit later and serve a bit more. Problem was, the people stopped coming. One customer threw his biscuit on the floor

and said, “No matter how good you make the stuff in the middle, I’m not comin’ back ‘til you go back to them good biscuits.” The Biscuit Place went back to scratch, and the people went back to The Biscuit Place.

I should make a little sign for myself that says, “It’s the biscuits, stupid!” because I think we outsmart ourselves sometimes. We can offer everything in the world for everybody in the world, but a great church is really grounded in a few excellent basics: worship, Bible study, fellowship, and ministry. That’s why we are responding to your call for simplicity and going back to the basics this fall, attempting to make all of our most basic ministries excellent and moving to a more straightforward schedule. In Metro DC, where Columbians are busy and scattered, this means especially emphasizing excellence in our weekend offerings.

Beginning in September you will notice some changes. Whether they will “stick” or not, I cannot say, because that is up to you. But I am positive of one thing: “It’s the biscuits!”

On Fire for Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim" in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Jim