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COLUMBIA @ CROSSROADS: GOD AT WORK

By Greg Loewer, Host Pastor

At many moments so far in this process I have thought, “God, this is so exciting!” Yes, challenging, even daring! Columbia @ Crossroads is for Christ and His Kingdom, so that people might come to know the Savior who loves them eternally.

Truly, it’s a God thing. It reminds me of the ancient prophet’s exclamation at the rebuilding of the temple: “It’s not by human might or power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord. With the launch date of our newest multi-site just a little more than two months away—**Easter Sunday, April 16**—preparations for are in full swing. Daily I see the Lord at work—through intercessors in private and group prayer, laborers on church work days, publicity volunteers, and more.



(above) A sanctuary ‘in progress’ at Crossroads.

(right) Caleb Crosby and Clarence Dukes work to remove shrubbery from around the Crossroads building.

(far right) Lumberjacks Chris Wingfield and Leo Fetterolf fell a large tree on the Crossroads property.

(all photos by Jim Wingfield)



Maybe you’re already a part of it. Maybe you’re thinking about it. If you want to join something that’s exciting and unique, let me know. “Volunteer ministers” are still needed:

- Publicity workers—for door to door literature distribution
- Children’s workers—for infants through Grade 5
- Adult Small Groups
- Hospitality/Greeters
- Audio-Visual Team
- Connect Team—following up on visitors

Columbia’s worship services on **February 25-27** will include a formal **Dedication of the Crossroads Launch Team** and the start of **40 Days of Prayer for Columbia @ Crossroads**. This year’s Lenten season will take on special significance, as we humbly seek God’s guidance and provision.

Thanks for your prayerful support. And call or email me about being a part of what God is doing:
gloewer@columbiabaptist.org or 703-534-5740, x262

AVAILABLE IN THE COLUMBIA BOOKSTORE

Have You Been Challenged Lately? Why not?

Velvet Elvis, by Rob Bell, is a book that will challenge you to assess your view of Christianity. It is becoming a very popular book, mainly because it encourages looking at your faith in a different way. It is the voice of the age. It is aimed squarely at Generations X and Y. (If you don't know what those are, you probably won't like this book.)

"True life comes from Jesus and not from Christianity." This is the type of quote that you will encounter in **Velvet Elvis**, and depending on how you react to that quote will tell you how you will react to this book. Some of you may love this book, some of you may hate it—but at a minimum, if you read it, it will make you think. Bell challenges you to test what he says, which is always good advice. If you take up his challenge, you might find yourself re-assessing how you approach your faith.

Blue Like Jazz, by Donald Miller, is a reflection of today's society which is good and bad in itself. The good: it gives insight on how scattered and directionless the "post-modern" society is. The bad: it occasionally rambles in search of a conclusion. However, like **Velvet Elvis**, the author is someone who has insights into the faith of a young Christian that can't be simply ignored as irrelevant. The author is very open and honest about himself, and that may make some readers

uncomfortable. It also helps you to understand something more about where he is coming from. The author does not resolve all of his issues, and that is partially where his title comes from—jazz music does not resolve like traditional, classical music, and he sees parallels between that and God, who he says also does not resolve like traditional music. If you are outside of generation X or Y looking in, this is another excellent insight into issues facing them. You may not agree, or even like all that is here, but you'll come away with some food for thought.

So, who is your God? Managing Director of the Universe? Kindly gentleman in heaven who listens to prayer requests? Stern overseer who catalogs your every mistake? In our limited, mortal capacity, we can only see glimpses of God, and each of us develops a different view of God based on what we see. In **Your God is too Small**, J.B. Phillips explores some of the common views of God, and discusses expanding your vision to include more than what you expect. J.B. Phillips is a more traditional author than the other two authors mentioned above, but he will still challenge you just as much as they do to evaluate your faith.

Each of these challenging titles is available in the Bookstore.

RELIGIOUS HERALD forms for renewals and new subscribers are available in the Information Racks around the building. Please fill out and return forms with \$12.00 (special group rate) to the Information Center. Make checks payable to Columbia Baptist Church. The deadline for subscriptions will be February 15th.

If you have questions please call Beverlee Peck at 703-534-5700. *"The mission of the Religious Herald is to inform, interpret and inspire in the context of the witness and work of the Baptist General Association of Virginia."* **Sign-up today!**

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Mondays 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.—noon;
5 p.m.—8 p.m.

You may also place an order by emailing bookstore@columbiabaptist.org.

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER—SPOTLIGHT ON CHARLES TALBERT AND THE USHER TEAM

This month we spotlight Charles Talbert, a long time Columbia member and lay minister. Charles heads the Usher Team that supports the 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday worship services as well as numerous other special services, concerts, funerals and other events at the church.

Charles has supported this ministry for so many years that he can't even remember when exactly he started, but it was the early 1980's. He and Brenda, his wife, joined the church in 1978 when they moved to the area. Bob McIntire was the head usher at that time.

Charles' work is evident on Sunday morning as he and his team warmly welcomes worshippers to the Sanctuary and takes the offering during the services. The team enjoys a short time of sharing and connection every Sunday after the offering is collected. This team is very close to each other.

Charles is at the church very early on Sunday – making sure that everything is ready to go when the first worshipper arrives. In addition, during the week he spends time making phone calls and ensuring that there will be a full complement of ushers ready to serve. In addition, Charles encourages others to join the team and helps to train them when they come.

In addition to their Sunday morning service, this team connects at least two other times during the year - in the spring they enjoy a breakfast together at the church and in the fall they enjoy their annual Usher's Picnic. The Picnic is a highlight of the year and in recent years has been hosted by Stan and Lelia Monroe on their farm in Rixeyville, Virginia. Stan is also a long time member of the Usher Team.

When the Usher's team meets, they also include Greeters who welcome guests and members at our outside doors on Sunday mornings and the ushers and greeters from the 6:29 and 9:45 worship services. Together these ministry teams provide a critical and coordinated warm welcome to guests and members alike.



Charles is quick to point out what a great team of Usher's he has. Many have been long term servants and are very dependable and effective. There are also several new members to the usher team, which is exciting as well.

In addition to working with the Ushers, Charles is also a member of the Transportation Ministry team which is responsible for the upkeep of Columbia's large fleet of vehicles. They also conduct driver training classes for the vans and the bus. Charles has also helped with Park & Ride throughout the years, assisting as needed in advising and supporting the Sunday morning shuttle service.

Charles is married to Brenda Talbert, an anesthetist nurse. Brenda has been heavily involved in the youth group as a teacher and leader for many years, impacting many, many lives. In addition, she sings in the choir. Charles and Brenda have two grown children, Jeff and Kelly, and four grandchildren. When they can get away for a few days, they head down to Lake Gaston for a little relaxation! While there they enjoy the community of a local church.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Charles Talbert at 703-281-1692. If you'd like to serve at one of other worship services, please contact Knox Thames for 6:29 at 703-280-1596 and Debbie Jaeger for 9:45 at 703-378-3552. If you want to serve at Columbia, but are interested in other opportunities, please contact Jeanine Bush, Director of Lay Ministry, at jbush@columbiabaptist.org or 703-534-5740 x272.

COLUMBIA'S USHER TEAM

Sammie Barr	Frank Kirby	Scott Sadler
Kay Boyer	Marie Kirby	Ron Shipplett
Kenny Correll	Bruce Lehman	Charles Talbert
Fred Cox	Charles McLain	Charles Throneburg
Caleb Crosby	Stan Monroe	Steve Treadwell
Frank Cushing	Jim Morris	Ron White
Bill Fry	Jim Owendoff	Ben Wiles
Frank Halterman	Frank Palme	Randy Williams
Henry Hornbeck	Shirley Palme	Roy Winston
Steven King	Wayne Pritcher	



A HEARTWARMING CHRISTMAS MISSIONS PROJECT

By Betsy Pankey

Many Columbians participated in bringing a special Christmas blessing to children and families involved in the “859 House” ministry in Washington, D.C. Twenty-nine families - 34 parents and 108 children - were “adopted” by ColumbiaCares family groups, the CDC and the CIFA. Food vouchers were provided for each family, and gifts were purchased for everyone.

“I was really blessed in doing this project,” says deacon Becky Shafer. “Since we had just blended several ColumbiaCares families into one group, it gave me the chance to talk to new people, and it was wonderful the way everyone joined together to help with this project.”

After a Christmas party (including caroling) at the 859 House on December 21st, the gifts and food were given to the families. It was a joyful experience!

“The families had no idea that they would receive so many things! Seeing their eyes light up was so wonderful. Several families called friends to help them carry their gifts home,” says Nancy Walker, Pastor for Congregational Care. She emphasizes what a delight the 859 House children are. “They are such nice children, and a real joy to talk to. The ministry emphasizes good, old-fashioned manners, and the children say ‘yes sir’ and ‘yes ma’am’. I also noticed the older children watching out for and

taking care of the younger children, which is so good to see.”

“I had so much fun shopping!” says Kris Solberg. “I kept thinking about how excited the children and teens would be to open their gifts. I even stopped children in the store who were about the same age as the kids we adopted to ask what they would want for Christmas. It really made me feel a special joy of Christmas.”

Deacon Scott Nettlebush bravely set off to the store to purchase clothing for 2 girls. “I had their sizes, so I bought clothes in those sizes. What a shock when I got home and Noelle showed me that the jeans for the 16 year old were **significantly** smaller than those for the 10 year old. How was I supposed to know that there’s a difference between little girls and women’s sizes?!” (Scott returned the little girl clothes, and purchased some that would fit!)

Our long-term goal is to develop real relationships with the families in the ministry. We really want to become part of their lives, and share God’s love with them.

Special thanks to the Women’s Ministry Team, who took the lead in organizing the project; they made the coordination of this project a smooth one. Working with the deacons and ColumbiaCares families was a natural. With the support of the Missions Ministry Area it was a great partnership in ministry.

CHRISTMAS FOR ORPHANS

On December 14, 2005, hundreds of people came to Columbia to hear a benefit concert for the Ukrainian orphanages. Following that concert, a group of four men from Columbia’s Russian Congregation visited 10 orphanages in the Kiev and Kharkiv areas of the Ukraine.

The initial plan was to visit 900 children in six orphanages. Thanks to the generosity of many friends, these men were able to personally give Christmas gifts, clothes and other necessities to 1,500 children! In addition, they purchased a badly-needed carpet for the physical therapy gym in the TB Sanatorium, paid for the medicine for the eye surgery for a teenager, bought 50 lamps for one of the orphanages, bought 5,000 pairs of socks and 2,100 pairs of underwear for boys and girls, transferred

some funds for the fire damage repairs in one of the orphanages, organized trip to the circus for one of the orphanages, and ordered Christian audio libraries for six orphanages.

Most importantly, they were able to bring hope, faith, and love and share the joy of Christmas with so many children. This group of men took every opportunity to show pictures and video from the benefit concert at Columbia, telling the children and teachers about the people who love and care about them in the States. Their comments were: “We will never forget you”

THANK YOU AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Victor Visotsky, Pastor of the Russian Congregation

HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU?

The dictionary states that to be hungry means experiencing weakness, pain, or other discomfort from lack of food. Northern Virginia is considered one of the wealthiest areas in the country. As we go about our daily routine what evidence do we see of others being hungry? We see people we believe to be homeless at road intersections with signs asking for donations. We see them in D.C. and near Metro stations. However, is this accurate, all-encompassing depiction of hungry people in our neighborhood?

Did you know that one in six children is at risk of hunger in Northern Virginia? Northern Virginia's poverty rate is 5%. Based on the 2000 U.S. Census, that means more than 90,000 persons are living in poverty in Northern Virginia and 30% (or 18,000) of that number are children.

The Columbia Center for Missions at 301 N. Washington Street houses Columbia's food pantry and is open to clients on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Our clients come from 39 different countries, speak 9 different languages, and represent 20 different religions. In 2004, **559** clients visited our food pantry. In 2005, Columbia assisted **759** clients (**127** of which were new) and helped feed **3,005** persons in these families. We distributed **3,197** bags of food.

Columbia's Missions & Evangelism Ministry Area thanks you,

the Columbia community, for supporting this ministry. You support the food pantry in so many ways: with your prayers, donations of food through Shop-n-Share (the 1st Sunday of each month), and by transporting food to the pantry. You participate in ministry with us by stocking the shelves, shopping for food, keeping things in order, keeping the database, and ministering to the clients who come to us for help.

How hungry are you ...

to help feed others?

To go to hurting people?

To share God's love?

To give what you have?

The pantry always needs more food and Saturday morning lay ministers. Please continue to remember our friends and neighbors who find it difficult to place meals on their tables. As we live our core values of Genuine Witness, Authentic Community, and Intentional Caring, "Do good and share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16

For more information contact Anne Tomas, Director of Missions & Evangelism.

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLES

More and more single adults are making Columbia their church home. Join this flourishing group by participating in one or more of these upcoming opportunities. Now is the time to get involved and help make the ministry something you want to be a part of.

SINGLE ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

9:45 a.m. Room 230, Teacher: Sammie Barr

11:00 a.m. Room 229, Co-teachers: Peggy Carlson and Chuck Davis

SINGLES LUNCH: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26

Join us in Stephenson Hall at 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

Cost: \$5.00

Don't miss this chance to meet other single adults and brainstorm about new opportunities for the Singles Ministry at Columbia.

GIVING THE GIFT OF MUSIC AT SUNRISE

Are you interested in sharing some time with the residents at Sunrise, just across the street from Columbia @ Falls Church? We're getting a group together to sing to the Alzheimers residents at Sunrise. Contact Kristin Clifton for more information.

RELAX ... RETREAT: MARCH 3 -5, 2006

Get away with your friends and spend a relaxing weekend at Columbia's Retreat center in Winchester Virginia.

Arrive Friday evening March 3 and return by Sunday early afternoon.

Cost: \$55.00, includes 2 nights lodging, 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

For more information or to sign up contact Kristin Clifton.

COMING THIS SPRING: WEEKNIGHT BIBLE STUDY FOR SINGLE ADULTS

Watch for more details about a new weekly bible study for singles adults. This will be an opportunity for singles to fellowship and study together, building more authentic community.

How can you help with the Singles Ministry? First and foremost, pray for the singles at Columbia. Pray for lay ministers as they assume leadership responsibilities among singles as well as in other areas of ministry at Columbia. Whether you are single or not, introduce yourself to singles that are guests in our worship services, giving them a warm welcome. Thank you for helping to create a climate where Single Adults feel at home at Columbia.

COLUMBIA'S OWN RED DRESS EVENT: RAISING WOMEN'S AWARENESS ABOUT HEART DISEASE



What is the #1 cause of death for women over the age of 25? It may surprise you that the answer is heart disease. Your Parish Health Ministry and Women's Ministry Teams are hosting a Red Dress Event in observance of February as National Heart Month.

All ladies, please plan to attend for your health and invite your

neighbors, friends, and colleagues! On **Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m. in Stephenson Hall**, join us as we serve a heart healthy continental breakfast and have speakers from the Women Heart Coalition (www.womenheart.org) share their touching stories

about how they have been personally affected by heart disease. Find out more about what we should know to prevent and recognize heart disease whatever age we are. Each lady in attendance will receive breakfast, heart health information, and a Red Dress pin, the national symbol for women and heart disease.

Remember to wear your favorite red dress or outfit to show support and awareness of women and heart disease.

Call the main number at Columbia, 703-534-5700 to make your reservation, so we are prepared with enough food and giveaways. A suggested donation of \$5 (cash or check) will be accepted at the door the morning of the event.

YOU CAN STILL JOIN THE WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

6:00 – 7:30 pm - Room 229

Each week enjoy Columbia's wonderful Wednesday night supper with a amazing group of women as we listen to Beth Moore bring her dynamic teaching and passion for God's Word. This study of Acts and the epistles of Paul presents fascinating biblical truths to help members gain a new appreciation of servanthood and why Paul said "to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Join facilitators Carolyn Crossover, Ruth Claussen, Laurie Prather, Sandi Rogers and Debbie Jaeger for a great journey toward becoming Christ' servants.

PILLARS OF FAITH FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

March 11, 2006
8:00 am - room 229

The Women's Ministry Team invite the women of Columbia to a potluck breakfast to hear from one of our long time members and pillars of the faith, **Lois Cox** 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW:

Women's Ministry *Heart Spa Retreat...Where Women are refreshed in Jesus*

May 4-6, 2006

**Columbia's Retreat Center & Cacapon State Park
Cost \$90**

Pack your bags and prepare for a relaxing getaway. Where women will be pampered throughout this spa-themed retreat! Our prayer is that hearts will open up as women of all ages relax and connect with God and others through meaningful devotions, spa stations, and lots of rejuvenating fun! Watch the Ministry Wall at Columbia for more information.

WOMEN OF COLUMBIA ON THE MOVE

Getting and staying fit for women is an important and continuous challenge. Whether you walk or run, join with other committed Columbia women who have chosen to be proactive about being physically fit. This year women of Columbia will enter as a team to participate in The 17th Annual Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure®. We will begin the initial steps in mid-March and enjoy the fruits of our labor on race day, Saturday, June 3rd in our nation's capital city. Watch for further information as the date draws near. If you want to know more now, contact Carol Taylor at 703-237-1512.

ADD A LITTLE SPARK TO YOUR LIFE!

Join an Ignition Group!

If you are a part of our **6:29 Worship Service Ignition Groups** are the place for you to experience spiritual growth. **Ignitions Groups** bring together sermon teachings, individual reflection, group dynamics, and the synergy of the Spirit to foster spiritual growth and authentic community. In your worship bulletin you will receive a 'reflection guide' with the sermon notes for you to review before your groups meets. As you meet in an a relaxed environment with 10-12 people you have an opportunity to dig deeper in the scripture and learn to apply the teachings of the sermon in your life and build authentic community.

Sign up on Saturday nights on the **Ignition Group** white board or for more information during the week about how you can be a part of an **Ignition Group** community as a facilitator, host or member, contact Cheryl Lowrance: cheryl.lowrance@cox.net.

TAKE A TURN IN THE ROTATIONS CLASS

The Rotations Class is an intergenerational class meeting at 9:45 on Sundays in Room 108. We have a variety of ages, interests, and experience – all of which make our discussions lively. Throughout the month of February and March, we will be working from the book "Adventures in Missing the Point: How the Culture-Controlled church Neutered the Gospel" by Brian D. McLaren and Tony Campolo. Under the 3 broad subjects of God, the world, and the soul, we'll examine the following.

- God – Salvation, theology, kingdom of God, end times, the Bible
- World – Evangelism, social action, culture, women in ministry, leadership, seminary, environmentalism, homosexuality
- Soul – sin, worship, doubt, truth, being postmodern

We would love to have you join us!

MINISTRY SEMINAR 2006 -COMING SOON!

Plan now to join us for our first Ministry Seminar on Friday evening, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th.

This seminar will allow you to understand God's plan for ministry in the church and his unique ministry plan for YOU. The seminar will be based on the Network material and will cover Spiritual Gifts, Personal Style and Ministry Passion. This course will be similar to the Journey with Christ #3 - Discovering Ministry Course, but will be taught in a large group setting in a condensed weekend format.

Following the seminar you will be matched with a Lay Ministry Coach and will meet one-on-one with them to discuss your unique ministry profile. They will help you identify several ministries at Columbia that might be right for you and will assist you as you explore these options.

Put the date on your calendar and plan to join us for this exciting seminar. Watch your Hotsheet and the Flashpoint for registration information in the next few weeks.

TRADING PLACES: WHERE JESUS MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Summer 2006: Vacation Bible School July 17-21 9:00 am – 12:30 pm daily

Each child will "travel" with a tour team and tour guides each day. They will explore the lives of Ruth, David, Esther, Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Paul. Along the way they will have an opportunity to imagine what it would be like to trade places with children from Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya. Most of all they will discover that no matter who they are or where they live Jesus makes a world of difference!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! Planning for Vacation Bible School 2006 has already begun. We have a goal of 600 children enrolled, 150 adults and 50 youth being a part of our leadership team. We need teachers, arts & craft helpers, recreations leaders, and so much more. If you want to be a part of the VBS ministry team for 2006 NOW is the time to contact any of these folks: Sandy Perrin @ csperrin@cox.net, LuAnn Carrig, Minister to Children, lcarrig@columbiabaptist.org or Sandi Rogers, Pastor for Faith Formation, srogers@columbiabaptist.org and let them know you are interested.

COMPASSION: ANGER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

- Do you get enraged in traffic or while waiting in line?
- Do you yell at your spouse, children, co-workers, fellow church members?
- Do you hurt other people's feelings with words spoken in anger?
- Do you say things like "My wife/husband/boss makes me so mad?"
- Have you ever struck your spouse, child, or anyone else in anger?
- Has anyone ever told you that you have a problem with anger?

If you said "yes" to any of these questions then **anger is a problem in your life** that is hurting you and those close to you. The **good news** is that now you can get help in changing destructive patterns of anger into uplifting patterns of **compassion and caring**. As a result you can greatly improve your interpersonal relationships with your family and come to experience for yourself the fruits of the Spirit such as **peace, patience, gentleness and self-control**.

Columbia Baptist Church invites you to attend a twelve-week workshop on anger management for men, women and older teens called **COMPASSION**. In this course you will learn how to recognize and heal the core hurts which result in anger, how to apply compassion to yourself and others, how to develop inner power and self-control, and how to forgive. Anger, compassion, and forgiveness will each be studied in both a biblical and a clinical context.

The format of the course includes audiotape presentations, Bible lessons, homework assignments, and exercises to build new skills. A workbook will be provided.

Where: 301 N. Washington St., Room 206 (Corner of Washington St. and Great Falls)

When: Tuesdays, beginning March 7 through May 23, 7:00-9:15 PM

Cost: \$50/individual or \$80/couple for materials

Registration: Pre-registration is required; call Chris Butler at 301-402-3220 (Space is limited)

Sponsored by The Columbia Counseling Center through the Congregational Care Ministry Area.

ALPHA—BEGINS AGAIN



The Alpha course is the place where you can ask any and all of your questions about Christianity, church, and faith. Perfect for skeptics, new believers, or anyone who sometimes wonders why they 'believe'.

Join Eric Reiser on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in room 230.

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

EVERY WEEK AT COLUMBIA

Sundays

8:30am Contemplative Service
 9:45am Celebration Service & Sunday School Classes
 11am Classic Service & Sunday School Classes
 3:30 pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Rm 124
 4:45pm Adult Handbells, Rm 108
 6pm Journey with Christ (various Rms)
 Ignition Point (Gr 1-5)
 Unplugged (Gr 6-8) Rm 142
 Beyond the Edge (Gr 9-12) 301 N. Washington

Mondays

9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235
 10:30am Mother's Heart Bible Study, Rm 229
 7pm Columbia @ Greenspring Worship Service

Tuesdays

6:30am Men's Bible Study/
 Breakfast, Stephenson Hall
 7:30am Women's Bible Study Rm230
 9 am Little Lambs, Rm 235
 9:30am World Friends open registration
 10am Joy Singers Rehearsal, Rm 229
 7pm Compassion, 206 N. Washington St.

Wednesdays

9:30 World Friends ESL Classes
 5:15-6:50pm Wednesday Family Dinner, Stephenson Hall
 6pm STARS (ages 3 thru 6th grade)
 6pm Women's Bible Study, Rm 229
 6pm Alpha Course, Rm 230
 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
 8pm Celebration Worship Rehearsal, Stephenson Hall

Thursdays

7am Men's Bible Study, Rm 230
 9:30am World Friends ESL Classes
 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
 5pm Young Women's Bible Study, Rm 230
 6:29 Worship, Stephenson Hall

FEBRUARY 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Regular Wed. Evening Activities	2 Deacons Meeting, 7 pm, Rm 229	3 Faith Formation Leadership Retreat	4 Faith Formation Leadership Retreat
5 Super Bowl XL Party, 6:30pm, Stephenson Hall	6 Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC), 6:30pm, Rm 222	7 Coaching Team Training, 7pm, Rm 127	8 Regular Wed. Evening Activities	9	10	11 Women's Ministry/ Parish Health Ministry Joint Lecture, 10am, Stephenson Hall
12 Shields SS Department Leaders, 12:30pm, Rm 230 Welcome Lunch, 12:30pm, Ste-	13	14 Discipleship Ministry Team, 7 pm, Rm 201	15 Begaye Circle, 10am, Rm 222	16 Columbia Travelers Trip Flute Ensemble Rehearsal, 7pm, Rm 140	17 High School Escape Weekend, 4pm	18 High School Escape Weekend WMU Prayer Meeting for Columbia @ Crossroads, 11am, Crossroads
19 High School Escape Weekend Leland Center Promotion Day Finance Committee, 12:30pm, Rm 229	20 High School Escape Weekend Presidents Day-Gldg/offices closed	21 Lyons-Candler Mission Group, 12pm, Rm 230 Missions & Evangelism leadership team, 7 pm, Rm 201	22	23	24 Cosmic Bowling for Middle School, 7pm	25 Immigration Law Seminar, 9:30am, Rm 229 Crossroads Launch Team Dedication
26 Crossroads Launch Team Dedication Single Adult Lunch, 12:30 pm, Stephenson Hall	27	28 Compassion—Anger Management Class, 7pm, WshR206				

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

February 1

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

February 8

Crispy Chicken, Potato au Gratin, Seasoned Carrots, **Dessert:** Cinnamon Rolls

Kids Menu: Macaroni and Cheese, Steamed Carrots and Cinnamon Rolls

February 15

Tacos with the Fixins, Pico de Gallo, Guacamole, Cilantro-Cumin Rice, Roasted Corn and Black Bean Salad

Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

Kids Menu: Same

February 22

Honey BBQ Shredded Pork, Moms Potato Salad, Green Bean Casserole, Field Green Salad

Dessert: Coconut Cake

Kids Menu: Hot Dogs, Potato Chips, Green Bean Casserole and Cookies

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“KINDLING” SPIRITS

A Catalytic Word from Dr. Jim Baucom,
Senior Pastor

We are now entering the homestretch of the race toward the April 16, Easter Sunday launch of Columbia's first major "multisite," *Columbia @Crossroads*. Even this is only the first leg of an exciting journey. In years to come, I envision Columbia existing as one church in many locations throughout Metro DC and beyond.

Of course, Columbia has long been a "multivenue" church family worshipping in multiple styles and languages. Expanding this model geographically is really not a large stretch, intellectually at least. This is very much the model of the New Testament church as the Jerusalem Church "multisited" in other locations. This strategy allows us to reach many people for Jesus Christ by building small, close-knit faith communities that are extensions of a large, well-resourced congregation. Think of Columbia as "many congregations,

many locations, one church."

While easy to envision, the networked Columbia will not be easy to create. Accordingly, we are calling our church to an intensive period of prayer, culminating in the forty days leading up to the launch, March 8-April 16. Greg Loewer, our Multisite Host Pastor, has suggested that we begin now praying for *Columbia @Crossroads* at 4:16 each day.

In addition, teams of lay ministers in multiple areas (children's work, worship, audio/visual, etc.) will be needed to make this dream a reality. Greg Loewer, Bill Watkins, and their team are recruiting committed volunteers right now. Could you be one of them?

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