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COLUMBIA CATALYST

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FIVE STARS FOR "FOUR TICKETS TO CHRISTMAS"



Amid the music, laughter and hand-clapping at performances by the Worship, Music and Arts Ministry of Columbia on December 9, 10 and 11, an air of Christian fellowship permeated, not only among the performers, but throughout the halls of our church. The joyful, sometimes poignant, and yes, even comical rendition of "Four Tickets to Christmas" was presented to a comfortable crowd on Friday, in spite of the weather. Saturday, a full house enjoyed the drama musical, with some unexpected "bloopers" (the lighting took on a life of its own; the Christmas tree fell as it was being placed on stage, with comical results as the lights went up, making for a relaxed atmosphere for everyone concerned. A stand-



ing-room-only crowd, including many visitors, enjoyed the final performance on December 11th.



If you missed this Broadway style musical, you missed a treat! The plot revolved around the Richmond Family Singers, who, through circumstances beyond their control, were forced to spend Christmas with the Richmond elders on the family farm....a far cry from their original plans to perform in a Philadelphia during the holidays. Family misunderstandings, spanning three generations were played out, and the comical interference of "Herr Victor Schwab" and his troop of singers, Eudora, a "diva," the Lamplighters Quartet,

and the Ensemble of beautiful ladies and handsome gentlemen completed the group. Victor's obsession with the composer Richard Wagner made for many laugh provoking moments, notably the Wagnerian Opera "Viking" horns that suddenly appeared during the traditional message in song by the Heavenly Host singing "Fear Not."

The most noteworthy message of the musical was made clear by some remarks of attendees...."How very moving!" "I saw myself in this, I want to call my Dad when I get home and tell him that I love him" I was expecting to see the usual church pageant, with the shepherds in their bathrobe-ed costumes walking down the aisle to worship the baby Jesus, but this was written in a way that everybody could relate to" and, "It made me look at the Christmas message in a new way; God sent his son for all of us Wow! "



(upper left) Pierce Wright, David Rogers, Jeanne Koch, Amy Hammer, Terry Havens, Ken Vaughn, Libby Dasbach, and Keli Rhodes

(Above) Pierce Wright and Grant Mulkey

(Left) Donna Pastore, Terry Havens, and Jim Baucom

(Lower left) Keli Rhodes, Bill Fox, Grant Mulkey, and Shirley Calloway

**COMEDY NIGHT
AT COLUMBIA**
with **DANA DANIELS &
MICHAEL JOINER**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
7:00 & 9:00 PM
Tix: \$10 each / 4+ \$8 each

AVAILABLE IN THE COLUMBIA BOOKSTORE

Let's Synchronize Our Schedules

January is a new start, and we all would like to try to get organized. One great way would be by getting the Columbia calendar. Proudly displaying it in your home or office just might create some great witnessing opportunities! Also, be sure to check out our Family Planners to help keep your whole family organized.

The other thing we would like to do is introduce a personal through-the-bible reading schedule. **The One Year Bible** is specifically designed to facilitate your reading — it is the entire bible arranged in 365 daily readings. Another option is the **Chronological Bible**, which is arranged in the chronological order in which scripture was written, not in the familiar layout of book, chapter and verse with which we are all familiar. You will find this to be a fascinating view of the bible! Another choice would be **The Daily Bible**, which is also in

chronological order, which also contains daily devotional insights.

The beginning of the year is also a great time to start reading **The Christian Almanac**, which is a day-by-day recounting of the significant moments of Christian and Western history. It is a daily almanac, as well as a vast collection of fascinating information. You will enjoy browsing through this book!

And of course, we all decide at this time how we are going to improve ourselves in the coming year. May your Bookstore suggest less TV and more reading? We can help!

BOOKSTORE HOURS



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

Sundays 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
Mondays 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.—noon;
5 p.m.—8 p.m.

RELIGIOUS HERALD forms for renewals and new subscribers will be available **mid-January 2006** 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!**

VEHICLE DRIVER'S TRAINING MEETING

Wednesday, January 25: 6:30—7:30 p.m., Room 201

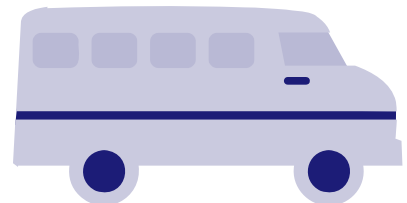
Sunday, January 29: 5—6 pm, Room 201

For new drivers and annual recertification (required for current Columbia drivers).

Come learn, serve, fellowship, and sightsee.

Sponsored by the Transportation Ministry Team

See you there!



EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER—SPOTLIGHT ON THE WORSHIP BULLETIN STUFFING MINISTRY TEAM

Do you ever stop to wonder how all those pieces of paper get stuffed into your worship bulletin? Well, it doesn't happen by magic, or machine.... It happens by a very dedicated team of Lay Ministers who come to church every Saturday morning to stuff worship bulletins for all four Columbia services!

Who, you might ask, would perform such a critical behind-the-scenes ministry? This month we highlight this team. Team members include Helen and Charles Mock, Curtis Mock and Tava Tate.

Helen and Charles, long time Columbia members, were attendees of the 8:00 am service in the Chapel. It seemed that every Sunday morning there was a crisis, with bulletins being stuffed just before they were placed into worshipers hands! The Mock's began to come earlier and earlier to help assemble the bulletins - and they were almost always needed.

The need for a weekend bulletin stuffing team was finally recognized and advertised in one of the first "Ministry Opportunities" publications. Tava saw the "ad" and offered to help on Saturdays, quickly recruiting Helen, a friend and neighbor, to help as well. From that beginning has grown a ministry that is extremely critical to Columbia. Having the "work" of the bulletin stuffing completed on Saturday allowed everyone to focus on people on Sundays instead of paper! This is so critical to our warm welcome.

This team has also allowed their ministry to grow. Since they began stuffing the bulletins, we have added a bulletin for the Celebration service and a completely new bulletin for the new Saturday night service. Now they are handling four unique bulletins.

Every week they are stuffing Sermon Notes, Welcome Cards and Hot Sheets into the bulletins. Occasionally they help with additional items as well. All of this information is vital to our communication with church members and guests alike.



Helen and Charles have been members of Columbia since January 1962. This month marks their 44th year as members here. In their time here they have served in many ways. Helen's primary ministry was as a teacher in the Children's Sunday School. She also served as department director for the 6th grade Sunday School. Charles' primary ministry was being in charge of the parking lot. Together they also served in the nursery for many years. Helen points out that right now is the first time they have been in a Sunday School class together because they were always serving on Sunday mornings! What an inspiration to others and a blessing to the church.

Curtis, Helen's and Charles' son, usually joins the team on Saturday mornings also. He is also a long time Columbia member. During the week he works for the Federal Government. His willing hands are definitely needed on Saturday mornings!

Tava has also supported Columbia in many ways over the years. She served with Children's Sunday School and World Friends. Tava also taught in the Columbia preschool. She is currently singing with the Joy Singers during the week and attends Westover on Sunday mornings.

Many thanks to these hard working hands that allow us to worship on Saturday evening and Sunday mornings!

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Helen Mock at 703-533-9032. 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.



(pictured above right) Tava Tate

(pictured left) Helen, Curtis, and Charles Mock

Resolve to make the *Journey* in 2006!

Journey with Christ (JWC) new sessions will begin on **Sunday, January 8, at 6 p.m.** All four of the main eight-week courses will be available, as well as a few special 'flights'.

101: Becoming Intentional – Dr. Baucom leads the group in a review of Christian and Baptist beliefs, the history of Columbia Baptist Church, and an introduction to spiritual disciplines.

210: Practicing the Disciplines – Small groups of 12-14 people explore and live out the spiritual disciplines of journaling, Bible study and meditation, prayer, silence & solitude, worship, and more.

301: Discovering Ministry – Small groups of six to eight people study and determine their spiritual gifts, passions and personality type, and how to use those in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

401: Igniting Passion – Again, small groups meet to discover their individual missions and ministries and they put them into action by "igniting passion for Jesus Christ from Metro Washington to the world!"

Flight # 114: DivorceCare (see article below)

Flight # 214: Prayer & Listening! Through personal study and small group interaction, facilitators Debbie Dailey & Sandi Rogers will cover the discipline of prayer and of practicing God's presence. To join this flight you must have a stamped passport from *Practicing the Disciplines*. Cost: \$5 for participant's guide

Flight # 215: Worship & Celebration Engaging in worship and celebration is a way to respond to God's love. This flight, facilitated by Holly Baynham, will help you discover how disciplines can help us long for God and celebrate the life of God. To join this flight you must have a stamped passport from *Practicing the Disciplines*. Cost: \$5 for participant's guide

Flight # 411: Apologetics Answering Tough Questions About Christianity. Have you ever been asked questions about your faith that you weren't sure how to answer? Have you wondered about some of the claims in *The Da Vinci Code*? Join Bob Kuffel as he leads this Journey with Christ flight in exploring those difficult questions and addressing why we as Christians believe what we do. To join this flight you must have a stamped passport from *Becoming a Disciplemaker*.

Sign up NOW for the winter session. Let's journey together to become more like Jesus! Look for winter session 06 Registration forms on the Ministry Wall.

DivorceCare Schedules Journey With Christ Flight

Beginning January 8, DivorceCare will be offered here at Columbia. DivorceCare is a 13-week DVD-based workshop designed to help people recover from separation and divorce. Each session consists of a DVD presentation, a discussion, Bible study and mutual support. The DVDs feature some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. Topics include reconciliation, remarriage, forgiveness and the effect of divorce on children and families. The workbook used by each participant features a section for taking notes on each video,

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY AREA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Come Explore **creativity** and **imagination**... **February 3-4** at the Faith Formation Ministry Area (FFMA) Leadership Retreat

"creativity is about choices, training, experimentations, inspiration, history, commitment, and fun. Every occupation – from artist to business person, teachers to chef – requires us to imagine, create and execute ideas." Creating and developing ministry opportunities to nurture and grow the body of Christ is no exception. This year we will be looking at creativity and imagination... through eyes, words, thoughts, and lesson from the Disney Imaginers.

If you are not currently on a FFMA ministry team but are interested in what you have heard about it and would like to know more, or would like to sign up please contact Dick Cornelius, Lay Leader for Faith Formation, Richard.Cornelius@hotmail.com or Sandi Rogers, Pastor for Faith Formation, srogers@columbiabaptist.org

If you are on a ministry team within the Faith Formation Ministry Area (Discipleship, Grade School Discipleship, Adult Sunday School, Grade School's Sundays School, Preschool Sunday School, Leadership Development, Prayer Experience, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Ignition Groups), or if you have a passion or interest in joining us as we discover our **creativity** and **imagination** to lead Columbia in Spiritual Formation, plan to join us for this retreat. This is an event that will open your mind... don't miss out.

The retreat cost of \$25 includes two books we will work with during our time: *The Imagineering Way* and *The Imagineering Workout*. We encourage you to read ahead of time *The Imagineering Way*, which you will receive when you sign up with Sandi.

a daily "On My Own" Bible study, and other resources. Cynde Rogers will facilitate the group and they will meet on Sunday evenings, from 6:00-7:30 PM. The total cost to participate in DivorceCare is \$12 to cover the cost of the workbook. Participants do not need to be Columbia members. Anyone who feels they would benefit from DivorceCare is welcome. To learn more about DivorceCare, go to www.divorcecare.com.

For more information or to sign up in advance, contact Nancy Walker, Pastor for Congregational Care.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 230

Jesus 101: Truthful Revealer, Authentic Leader, Compassionate Healer, Extreme Forgiver, Provocative Teacher, Relentless Lover, Sacred Friend, and Supreme Conqueror

The Jesus 101 Bible Study Series offers a fresh perspective on who Jesus is, how he related to the people around him, and how he interacts with us today. We'll discover how Jesus fulfills our deepest needs and desires. And you'll fall in love with him – for the first time or all over again.

Each session includes quotes and questions to get you thinking, an inductive Bible study, an opportunity to connect your story with Jesus' story, and ideas for taking the "next step" in your journey with Jesus.

This almost-year-long series, divided into six-week studies, will engage your mind and your heart. Feel free to join at any time.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January 18th

6 – 7:30 p.m. - Room 229

To Live is Christ

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. We will be starting an 11 – week group study of Acts and the epistles of Paul, books filled with fascinating Bible 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 Crownover, Ruth Claussen, Laurie Prather, Sandi Rogers, and Debbie Jaeger for a great journey toward becoming Christ's servants.

6:29 SPECIAL!

JOIN AN IGNITION GROUP AND BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH A SPARK

Ignitions Groups bring together sermon teachings, individual reflection, group dynamics, and synergy of Spirit to bring about spiritual growth and authentic community.

If you are a part of our **6:29 Worship Service Ignition Groups** are the place for you to experience spiritual growth. Each week along with your sermon notes you receive a "reflection guide" for you to work with 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, all while building authentic community.

For more information about how you can be a part of an **Ignition Group** community as a facilitator or member, contact Cheryl Lowrance at cheryl.lowrance@cox.net.

REPORT ON THE FLUVANA PRISON PROJECT

On November 18, 2005, Frank Halterman, Alicia Anderson, and Ruth Barber took a Columbia van to Fluvanna Women's Correctional Center, a maximum-security prison near Troy, VA. The van was loaded with donations from NorthStar Network (Association) Churches. Columbia's donations included forty-six toiletry kits which Chaplain Lynn Litchfield will give to the inmates as Christmas gifts. The women especially appreciate postage stamps since prison wages are 23 cents an hour.

Chaplain Litchfield asks for prayer for the inmates and for herself. More than thirty women have taken training and are spiritually prepared for baptism this December. Mrs. Litchfield holds worship services, does intensive counseling, and leads discipleship classes—one used Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*.

The volunteers we met pointed out that if the Lord calls you to a prison ministry, there are many different opportunities to serve. Pray, and ask yourself: How does God want me to show justice, mercy, and compassion to prisoners in our society today?



Frank Halterman and Alicia Anderson with a van of donated goods.

REFLECTIONS ON AN ADVENT LABYRINTH

Labyrinth, a significant advent experience
 A wesome journey toward God's assurance
 B lessed assurance, we would say
 Y earning for God's peace each and every day
 R everence felt as we walked the maze
 I nstinctively praying and offering praise
 N umerous opportunities to remember others needs
 T hankful hearts on bended knee
 H eavenly Father, how grateful we are

Like shepherds of old, who followed the Star
 To the manger where the baby lay
 Renewed in spirit, we humbly pray
 For God's light to shine in our lives as well
 As we go forth His story to tell

A rhyme expressing the thoughts of Betty Farr and Kay Boyer after walking the Advent Labyrinth December 2005.

NEWS FROM COLUMBIA @ CROSSROADS

Columbia Baptist Church is starting a new worship location at Bailey's Crossroads. This newest multi-site will launch on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006. However, in order for this new venture for Christ and his kingdom to be a success, prayer, strategizing, and work will be essential elements of preparation.

Preparation Thus Far

In the fall, a prayer walk was held on location, at 3245 Glen Carlyn Road (about 3 miles from Columbia's Falls Church Campus). With guided prayer suggestions in hand and in several small groups, about 20 Columbians walked through the building, on the grounds, and in the community of Columbia@Crossroads. As they interceded in prayer for the new ministry, for its various teams, and for the community of persons who need to know Christ, the fellowship was sweet and the prayer walkers could sense the excitement of the Spirit at work. (Future prayer walks and emphases are also being planned, such as **Crossroads Day of Prayer on the weekend of February 25-27.**) On Missions Ignition Day, November 5, another group of 20 volunteers worked (really hard) at the Crossroads site to start renovations in the worship space. By the end of the day, pews had been donated to two other Baptist churches, old carpet had been removed, and the stage/platform area had been cleared.

Also in the fall, Crossroads Host Pastor, Greg Loewer, and project manager, Bill Watkins, hosted a planning and prayer retreat for Launch Leaders. At Columbia's Retreat Center, a dozen church staff and volunteers heard a visionary challenge from Pastor Jim Baucom, and Greg and Bill led the group in a discussion of the steps necessary to establish [Columbia @ Crossroads](mailto:Columbia@Crossroads). The retreat produced a project calendar with dates for completing the various stages and facets of preparation, such as worship space renovation, publicity and promotion, and the re-

cruitment and training of volunteers (greeters, children's workers, adult small group leaders, audio-visual tech team, and more).

Looking Forward

Soon electrical work for the lighting and sound system will begin, followed by painting and furnishings. Other renovations will focus on the preschool and children's ministry areas, along with updating interior and exterior signage.

Scores of Columbians (and others) are praying for Crossroads — its ministry teams, community, and future. Several individuals have already volunteered to help and be a part of this venture. Maybe you will, too. Many lives will be touched by the love of Christ and impacted for eternity. For more information contact Greg at gloewer@columbiabaptist.org or 703-534-5740, ext 262.

This banner, currently up at Crossroads, keeps passer-bys reminded that Columbia is coming soon!



NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD AND RAINBOW DESK

Happy 2006! I pray that each of you, and your family, enjoyed the Christmas season and are excited about beginning a new year.

How many of you made New Year's resolutions? How many of you have already broken a resolution? I must admit that several years ago I stopped making resolutions because I experienced such disappointment in myself when I did not follow through. Oh, I had such good intentions, how about you? In James 2:17 it reads, "So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn't show itself by good works is no faith at all – it is dead and useless."

As I read this scripture recently it reminded me of New Year's. As Christians we have a lot of good intentions, but if we don't follow through on those intentions we are not following the commandments of our Heavenly Father. The message to the world then becomes that our faith is just not important. As you walk with Jesus this year, what ministry within Columbia will you do "good works" in? If you have children you need to **resolve** to make the commitment to work with the children of Columbia. There are many opportunities and age groups (preschool, grade school, middle school and high school). With the New Year upon us, we are raising the bar of expectation in Children's Min-

istry – **working once a month is simply not enough.** It is vital in this ministry area for the lay ministers to be the same each week. Our children desire, and **deserve**, to be greeted, loved, nurtured, taught and cared for by the same faces each week.

There are many ministry needs within Children's Ministry, specifically preschool teachers in our 11:00 Sunday school hour. This month we are also starting our discipleship program again and we need teachers in this area too (Sunday evenings 6:00 – 7:30).

I would love the opportunity to talk with you about our children's program and how you might serve and meet Columbia's needs in this very important area of ministry.

God's Instrument,
LuAnn Carrig
Int. Children's Ministry Director



Sunday School Opportunities

9:45 AM and 11:00 AM Preschool – check in at the Rainbow Desk
Grade School – check in at the Orchard gate

Sunday Evenings – Discipleship and Missions
Preschool Mission Friends
Grade School in the Orchard

Wednesday Evenings – STARS program 6:00 – 7:30

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON

The Child Development Center's Annual Parent/Child Christmas Program and Luncheon was held on Friday, December 16th. This Christmas Program held for the children who attend the Center's Full Day program is an annual event which demonstrates Columbia's Core Values of Warm Welcome and Genuine Witness. Many of our Center's families do not attend church on a regular basis. This is always a great opportunity to reach out to the families to

invite them to worship with us during the Holiday season. Many Staff, Church Members and Deacons hosted tables to tell the families about the church and to warmly welcome and invite them to attend worship with us.

The Christmas Program began in the Sanctuary with the children singing Christmas carols and Dr. Baucom telling the Christmas Story. We then moved to Stephenson Hall where all the tables were decorated with center pieces made

in the children's classrooms. Mrs. Goff and her staff did a wonderful job of cooking a great lunch for everyone to enjoy. It was a special time for parents to be with their children for lunch and the special Christmas program!



The children enjoyed performing, especially when they got to shake the jingle bells.

PLAN FOR SOME EXTRA LARGE FUN

Super Bowl XL is scheduled for Sunday, **February 5** at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan. I don't know about you, but I don't want to go to Michigan in February! Instead, plan to join your fellow Columbia football fans for an "**XL (Extra Large)**" experience in the warmth of Stephenson Hall.

Here are some "**XL**" components you can look forward to:

- **XL** TV screen for nearly life size action
- **XL** chili cook-off contest
- **XL** group of friends to party with
- **XL** alternative activities for non-football fans
- **XL** child care for preschoolers through Kindergarten age

Columbia members and friends of all ages are invited to prepare and bring their favorite chili recipe for the annual chili cook-off. Prizes will be awarded. Side dishes, beverages and desserts will be provided.

We need decorators, set up and clean up helpers, and halftime program planners just to name a few. If you would like to be involved in planning this party, contact Nancy Walker. Don't miss this fun and free **XL** Party!!

A RED DRESS EVENT

A Focus on Women's Heart Health--Columbia's Own Red Dress Event

Co-Sponsored by Your Parish Health and Women's Ministry Teams

Saturday, February 11, 2006

10 a.m. - noon

Stephenson Hall

Did you know that heart disease is the #1 killer of women? What you don't know can hurt you and February is the perfect time to become more aware of this important health issue. Come to a breakfast in Stephenson Hall and learn more about women and heart disease.

Just as the pink ribbon has become a universal sign for breast cancer awareness, the red dress is the symbol for awareness of the seriousness of women's heart disease.

We never outgrow dress-up, so all ladies and their friends are encouraged to wear their favorite red dresses or outfits to the event. Stay tuned for more details via the weekly Hot Sheet and the weekly e-mail blast, Flashpoint.

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 Encontrode 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
 4pm 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

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

Tuesdays

6:30am Men's Bible Study / Breakfast, Stephenson Hall
 7:30am Women's Bible Study Rm230
 9am Little Lambs, Rm 235
 9:30am World Friends open registration, Rm 100
 10am Joy Singers Rehearsal, Rm 229
 7pm Compassion, 206 N. Washington Street

Wednesdays

9:30am 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
 6:30pm MidWeek Manna, Sanctuary
 6:30pm Soul Café, Stephenson Hall
 6:30pm Orchestra Rehearsal, Rm108
 6:45pm Men's Bible Study, Rm 145
 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir, Rm124

Thursdays

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Church Offices Closed	3	4 Regular Wed. Evening Activities	5 Deacons Meeting, 7:00 pm, Rm 229	6 High school seniors retreat, starts at 6 pm	7 High school seniors retreat
8 Women's Ministry Team Mtg. 12:30 p.m. Rm 201 Churchwide /all congregations business meeting, 4 pm, Sanctuary, Reception to follow Journey With Christ and other Sunday Night Activities begin High school seniors retreat	9 Little Lambs, resumes 9 am, Rm 235 Mother's Heart Bible Study resumes, 10:30 am, Rm 229	10 IronMan Mornings Resumes, 6:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall Parish Health Ministry Team Meeting, 7 pm, Rm 127 Discipleship Ministry Team, 7 pm, Rm 201	11 Regular Wed. Evening Activities	12	13	14 Wilson Class retreat Grade School SS Leadership Mtg 8:45 a.m. Rm 127
15 Wilson Class retreat Business Meeting and Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Stephenson Hall	16 Church Offices Closed Wilson Class retreat Middle School snow tubing trip, 8 am	17 Lyons-Candler Mission Group, 12pm, Rm 230 Missions & evangelism leadership team, 7 pm, Rm 201	18 Regular Wed. Evening Activities Women's Evening Bible Study Begins	19 Columbia Travelers Trip	20	21 Preschool SS Leadership Mtg 8:45 a.m. Rm 127
22	23	24	25 Driver Training meeting, 5 pm, Rm 201	26	27 Student Ministry Staff Retreat Columbia's 2nd Annual Comedy Night, 7 & 9 pm, Sanctuary	28 Student Ministry Staff Retreat
29	30	31				

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

January 4

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

January 11

Herb Marinated Roast Beef, Cheesy, Bacony Red Bliss Potatoes, Green Beans with Bacon and Onions, Dinner Rolls

Dessert: Strawberry Jello with Whip Cream

Kids Menu: Roast Beef with Gravy, Cheesy, Bacony Potatoes, Steamed Green Beans, Strawberry Jello

January 18

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Mushroom Gravy, Herbed Mash Potatoes, Green Bean Sauté, Garden Salad

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse with Strawberries

Kids Menu: Fish Sticks, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Chocolate Ice Cream

January 25

Chef's Soup and Salad, Assorted Desserts

Kids Menu: Turkey Burger with fixings, French Fries, Assorted Desserts

COLUMBIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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IGNITING PASSION FOR JESUS CHRIST
FROM METRO WASHINGTON TO THE WORLD

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<i>Interim Director of Children's Ministry</i>	
Larry Claussen	ext. 257
<i>Columbia Institute of Fine Arts Director</i>	
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"KINDLING" SPIRITS

A Catalytic Word from Dr. Jim Baucom,
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In case you have not yet heard, 2006 is the 150th anniversary year of Columbia's founding. Our church has enjoyed a long and auspicious history, and although our statement of our mission is much newer, Columbia has been "Igniting Passion for Jesus Christ from Metro Washington to the World" for a century-and-a-half. Amazing!

A small team from within our congregation has been planning to celebrate our anniversary year for many months. We will not spend the entire year looking backward, but we will remember from whence we have come. As my good friend and ministry colleague Greg Loewer put it so well, we will "gaze forward" purposefully while "glancing back" gratefully. This is akin to driving, I suppose: moving forward with an awareness of what is behind.

There are several dates you will want to

put on your calendar as we begin this year. The first is Sunday, January 15, when we will use our weekend worship services and quarterly luncheon/business session to kick-off our anniversary year. In addition, "save the date" of September 10, the day of our 150th homecoming birthday celebration.

While it is a good thing to live reflectively, it is even more important to live expectantly when it comes to the Kingdom of God. As significant as our anniversary is, this celebration pales by comparison to the amazing things that God is doing among us now in preparation for an incredible future. In many ways, it is God's faithfulness in our past that propels us into His future as we "gaze forward while glancing back."

On Fire for Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim".

Dr. Jim