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Columbia's Core Values

- Genuine Witness** • Acts 2:39-41, 43, 47
We are the presence of Christ in our time, relevant to a pluralistic society and on mission to reach the world with the love of Jesus.
- Warm Welcome** • Acts 2:41, 47
We invite others to become part of our church family, and enthusiastically accept them as they come.
- Biblical Foundation** • Acts 2:42
We teach and learn God's Word in order to grow as followers of Christ.
- Christ-Exalting Worship** • Acts 2:42, 46-47
We are believers whose purpose is to glorify our Creator, gathering regularly to praise God and celebrate Christ's life, death, and resurrection.
- Constant Prayer** • Acts 2:42, 46
We are a people in continual communication with God in the name of Jesus and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
- Gifted Servanthood** • Acts 2:42-43
We are a congregation of people who serve God by exercising equally the gifts given us by the Holy Spirit: "every member a minister."
- Authentic Community** • Acts 2:42, 44, 46
We are unified in vision and purpose even as we affirm our diversity; trusting, forgiving, and encouraging one another for the common good.
- Joyful Giving** • Acts 2:44-45
We offer all that we have to God selflessly, taking great pleasure in being used of God.
- Intentional Caring** • Acts 2:44-46
We embody Christ's compassion and concern for all people, so we care for one another in organized and purposeful ways.
- Demonstrated Integrity** • Acts 2:47
We are an association of persons known by believers and unbelievers alike for its honor and accountability.

Wednesday Evening Activities @ Falls Church Campus

- 5:15pm – 6:50pm Family Dinner – Menu available on-line www.columbiabaptist.org
- 5:45pm – 7:45pm Child Care: Birth through Kindergarten, Rooms 231/232
- 6:15pm – 7:15pm Preschoolers in Action – Room 158 – Preschool Missions (4's, 5's, and K)
- 6:00pm – 6:45pm Children in Action – Rooms 326, 328 – Grade School Missions (Grades 1-5)
- 6:00pm – 7:30pm Women Walking Wednesdays, Library; Women's Bible Study, Rm 229
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm Inklings – Study w/ Dr. Mark Olson, Stephenson Hall; Stait Bible Study, Rm 323
- 6:30pm – 7:00pm Musikgarten: 3's Only Music Program (Teachers pick-up & return children from Child Care)
- 6:45pm – 7:45pm The Way of the Child – Room 338–Discipleship program for Children (Grades 1-5)
- 7:45pm – 9:00pm Single Adult Ignition Group, Room 229

Welcome to Columbia

@ Falls Church! We are honored you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to visit our Welcome Center to receive a small gift and a packet of information about Columbia.

Church-Wide Business

Meeting and Luncheon

Heritage Club Recognition and Deacon Ordination

May 18, 12:30pm, Stephenson Hall. Lunch is complimentary for Heritage Club members.

Falls Church Memorial Day

Festival - Columbia is again participating in the Memorial Day Festival on **Monday, May 26, 9am–5pm**. This event, located just three blocks from Columbia, has always been a great opportunity to let the community know about Columbia. Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down the tent, greet people, and hand out bottled water or balloons. Look for the volunteer sign-up poster near the Information Desk. For more information, see the ministry wall or contact Michelle Tennison (jmtennison@verizon.net) or Scott Sweatman (scottswatman@gmail.com)

Wednesday Night Dinner

First Timers' Table - Anyone new to Wednesday Night Dinner or activities is welcome to join us at the table for fellowship and information 5:15-6:15pm. Look for the table

decorated with a table cloth and balloons.

Wednesday Connection -

(Single Adults) **Wednesday, 7:45pm, Room 229.** Interactive study of Christian approaches to life's issues will allow us to establish connections with one another and grow in our faith. Contact Joe or Ruth Tillerson at 703-413-1230.

Compassion Weekend

Results - A heart-felt *THANK YOU* to all those who responded to God's prompting to sponsor a child through Compassion International and made Compassion Weekend 2008 the most successful ever! We are happy to report that **33 children** were sponsored by Columbia members, and as a result will receive monthly support for nutritious food, school fees, health care, and spiritual development. If you would like more information on how you can become a child sponsor, contact Dick Cornelius (richard_cornelius@hotmail.com) or Anne Tomas (atomas@columbiabaptist.org).

Attention Graduates - You will

be recognized during the worship service on **June 1**. **HS Seniors:** get your picture to Chris McPeek **as soon as possible**, and let us know your school and any future plans you want to share. **Other graduates:** please email info on your school, degree, and any future plans you want to share to spankey@columbiabaptist.org.

Living and Leading from Your Holy Discontent: Faith Formation Ministry Area Leadership Retreat, May 30-31, Retreat Center; \$25. We will build community, explore how we live and lead from our Holy Discontent (get your copy of the book from Sandi or Betsy), review the results of REVEAL survey, listen to what God is doing among us, and develop strategies to live out our dream for spiritual transformation in community. Contact: Sandi Evans Rogers, Pastor for Faith Formation, rogers@columbiabaptist.org. Register [online](#) – look under “other events and activities.”

Columbia Travelers
Upcoming Trips May 15 – Culpeper Cultural and Culinary Tour. June 12 – Newseum, \$20; registration deadline May 14. Fliers are on the ministry wall across from Stephenson Hall; make your reservation and pay at the Information Desk.

S.A.L.T. (Seeking After Liberating Truth)
 SALT is a 20-lesson, support program for *all men* who are struggling with the overt sensuality and sexual assault we experience in our every day life. It offers help to find freedom from these struggles and any associated behaviors. The program begins at the end of May. Please contact Regeneration of Northern Virginia at 703-591-4673 for an application.

Change for Life - Your loose nickels and dimes can make an unbelievable difference for women and families who face an unplanned pregnancy. Be a part of Birthmothers' Ministry *Change for Life* campaign when you fill one of our special baby bottles with change. Get your family, friends, Bible study group or Ignition Group to participate. Pick up your BABY BOTTLE on **Sunday, May 18 or Wednesday, May 21**. Return to Janine Cook, Columbia's Birthmothers Team Coordinator, by Father's Day, June 15.

Women's Book Discussion & Dessert, May 20, Parlor (Room 222). We will discuss Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Relin. Contact Debbie McNair at TenKmDeb@aol.com for more information.

We Need Bags Columbia's food pantry needs plastic bags for packing groceries for our neighbors in need. Please place bags in the Shop-n-Share bins. Thank you for your contributions of both food and bags. They are a tremendous help.

Men's Summer Golf Retreat June 27-29, Retreat Center. Plus, a **special co-ed twist:** A gents AND ladies golf outing on the morning of June 27. Mark your calendars – more info coming soon.

Pillars of Faith Breakfast for Women, June 14, 8:30am, Room 229. Ardell Fleeson speaker.

Arts Camp Mission Trip in New Orleans, LA - NorthStar Church Network's Mission Team is sponsoring a mission trip to New Orleans **July 14-19** to conduct an Arts Camp for Gentilly Baptist Church. If you have art and/or drama skills or hearts and hands willing to help those who do, contact Kathleen Armstrong at Katandcats@msn.com or 703-731-3629. Cost of the trip is approximately \$700.

Vacation Bible School – Beach Party, Surfin' through the Scriptures, July 14-18. For children age 4 by July 1 through children completing 5th grade. Register online; paper forms are also available.

Women Walking Wednesdays
 Shrink Physically and Grow Spiritually. **Room 209.** Rain or shine this 2-part group will walk from **6:00-6:25pm**, and have a weight loss bible study from **6:30-7:30pm**. Participate in either or both parts of the group. Contact Robyn Vai, 703-532-6113, rvai@bklawva.com

Want to go to Summer Camp? Centri Kid camp for children completing grades 3-6, at Eagle Eyrie, VA **July 28 to August 1**. Cost: \$275. Male and female chaperones also needed. For more information or to sign up contact Cheryl Lowrance, cheryl.lowrance@cox.net or 703-815-9401.

Homestretch, a Falls Church organization who helps empower homeless families, currently is seeking donations for the following items; Mattresses (twin and full), vacuums, phones, furniture, linens, kitchen items, and used cars. Please also consider donating time. Please contact Princess Mirabal at 703-237-2035 or via email pmirabal@homestretch-inc.org for more information. www.homestretch-inc.org.

Tithes and Offerings	
For May 4, 2008:	
Budgeted Amount	\$68,595.00
Received	\$65,915.85
Over/(Under)	(\$2,679.15)
For January 1- May 4, 2008:	
Budgeted Amount	\$978,115.00
Received	\$908,414.30
Over/(Under)	(\$69,700.67)