

# The GUIDE

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Dinner on the Grounds Sunday, April 28



The GUIDE  
to the ministry of Columbus'  
First Baptist Church Family

## PINEWOOD DERBY IN THE YAB FOR GAS, RAS, AND MISSION FRIENDS



### MENU

**MAY 8**  
Salsa Steak  
Creamed Potatoes  
Steamed Cabbage  
Salad / Rolls / Cornbread  
Dessert

Call 706.322.4468  
for reservations by noon  
Tuesday, May 7.

**May 5, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### MESSAGE

*The Call and the Future*  
John 15:9-17  
Dr. Jimmy Elder

**BAPTISM MAY 5**  
**9:30 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL**  
Carley Mayhew and Maggie Slade

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS MAY 5**  
The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
**Bob and Grace Olive**  
by their family.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS MAY 12**  
The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of  
**Judge and Mrs. J. Robert Elliott**  
by Susan Elliott Rich and J. Robert Elliott, Jr.

**FOYER FLOWERS MAY 12**  
The beautiful flowers in the foyer are given  
to the glory of God and in honor of  
**Mrs. Elizabeth Denham**  
by Allen and Gretchen Denham,  
Steve and Lori Denham,  
and Miriam and Bob Anderson.

View the 11:00 A.M. service live on WTVM News  
Leader 9 or on the Internet by clicking the "Watch  
Live Streaming" link on the church website  
([www.firstbaptistcolumbusga.com](http://www.firstbaptistcolumbusga.com)).



## MAY EVENTS

- 2** National Day of Prayer  
Chapel Open from 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
- 5** Youth Sunday in 8:30 and 11 A.M. Services  
Women's Ministry Taco Bar and Cookie Decorating  
Fellowship Hall at 12:15 P.M.  
Youth Evening Fellowship at 5 P.M.  
River City Players in Concert  
Sanctuary at 6 P.M.
- 6** Mission Action Lunch and Meeting  
Fellowship Hall at 11:30 A.M.
- 8** GA, RA and Children's Choir Recognition  
Fellowship Hall at 6 P.M.
- 9** Young in Heart Lunch and Meeting  
Fellowship Hall at 12 P.M.  
Blood Drive in the YAB 1-5 P.M.
- 12** Mother's Day  
Graduate Recognition Breakfast and Service
- 16** Young in Heart Trip to Gibbs Gardens  
Departure at 8 A.M.
- 19** Paddles and Scoops in the YAB at 4 P.M.
- 27** Memorial Day  
First Baptist Facilities Will Be Closed



# Renderings

Jimmy Elder, Pastor  
(jelder@firstbaptistcolumbusga.com)



We have been together long enough for you to know how much I enjoy having worship services with a bit of a twist. In the past, we have had composers' weekends, which gave me the opportunity to share the pulpit with renowned lyricists and musicians. We would hear their music and discuss the background of the compositions and the faith testimonies of the composers.

I also welcomed a Mercer student, Chris Scrivner, who had been in the Mercer on Mission program, to share the pulpit and offer a personal testimony and perspective on call and purpose as he went to Vietnam and put prosthetic legs on those who needed them. Later, Neil Richardson shared the pulpit and talked with me about his call and the work done at Safehouse Ministries. These speakers were always effective as they gave messages and insights into the way the Lord is working in their lives.

This coming Sunday, May 5, in the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services, I have invited Dr. Hannah Cabe, a third-year Mercer Medical student, to share the pulpit with me and offer you her testimony concerning her life journey of faith and call to pursue medicine as her career. A native of the Sandersville area of Georgia, Hannah has spoken at two events I have attended—the Mercer Trustees meeting and the Nathan Deal Scholars luncheon. Both times, she absolutely inspired my heart as I heard her passion and desire to become a physician and to bless and care for others. Her personal testimony is powerful, and I want the young people and adults of our church to hear it as we kick off Youth Week at First Baptist. Hannah's visit will begin a week which will culminate with Graduate Recognition on May 12, a day on which we will also honor and celebrate our mothers.

I will have much more to share about Hannah Sunday morning, and I hope you will not miss her testimony. Please encourage any young adults, high school and college students in your sphere of influence to come. I promise these services, focusing on call and the future, will be a blessing. I believe God calls us to contribute to the world using the talents of our lives that best match the area of service. One of the main questions I receive from young people concerns how to know the will of God and how to decide what to do with their lives. Hannah's experience will offer definition and guidance as well as inspiration for individuals considering where their lives would best be used in service.

This Sunday evening, at 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary, the River City Chamber Players (our group under the direction of Ruslan and Ina) will present the Slavic Trios, featuring music by Dvorak, Rachmaninoff, and Smetana. These composers have a Slavic connection with some of the spiritual music based on Psalms 144 and 145. A part of our Concert Series, these evenings are always wonderful; and we are privileged to host the entire community at these events. I hope you will come and be part of this special musical evening, which will also be live-streamed.

I always love to see you at our services. It is so sweet when the Church Family gathers for worship and fellowship.

Your Pastor,  
Jimmy

## FAMILY MATTERS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**BY LETTER:**  
Carley Mayhew  
April 21, 2024



**BY LETTER:**  
Dianne Preston  
April 21, 2024



**BY STATEMENT:**  
Williams and Amelia  
Crawford  
April 28, 2024



**BY STATEMENT:**  
Lance and AK  
Maguire  
April 28, 2024

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

Kyle Bair, Lissa Mummert, and Carl Hett and families in the death of Kyle and Lissa's mother and Carl's sister, Mrs. Patsy Avery.

Ryan Chitwood and family in the death of his grandfather, Mr. Worley Chitwood.

Doug Ciuba and family in the death of his father, Mr. Frank Ciuba.

### IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Susan Buck

- Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Elliott, Jr.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Griffin
- Mr. and Mrs. Madden Hatcher
- Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Howard
- Mr. and Mrs. Brock Jones
- Ms. Ann Norris
- Mrs. Kathy J. Riley
- Dr. and Mrs. Jack Sherrer
- Sprig and Dig Club
- Mr. and Mrs. Blake Voltz
- Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Walden
- Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wynn

Dr. Tom Ellison

- Columbus Adult Soccer Association
- First Baptist TV and Sound Ministry
- Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lawrimore
- Mrs. Jean Mann
- Mr. and Mrs. Ron Murray
- Mrs. and Mrs. William Standard
- Ms. Martha Tubb
- Young in Heart

## CONGRATULATIONS, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

 Henry Beauchamp Columbus	 MJ Berry Columbus	 Logan Cardin Northside	 Gage Hardy Harris County
 Walker Hilton Pacelli	 Lily Norris Pacelli	 Maggie Slade Columbus	 Chloe Smith Columbus

# May 5th at 6pm

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COLUMBUS GA

## SLAVIC TRIOS

Suk Piano Trio Op. 2      Smetana Piano Trio Op. 15

### THE RIVER CITY CHAMBER PLAYERS

RUSLAN APOSTOLOV • INA APOSTOLOVA • KSENIA KURENYSHEVA • ANDREW HARRY

## Weeks at a Glance

May 5-10, 2024

- YOUTH SUNDAY**
- 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
  - 9:15 AM Victory Mission Sunday School
  - 9:30 AM Baptism (Chapel)
  - 9:45 AM Bible Study
  - 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
  - 12:15 PM Women's Ministry Taco Bar and Cookie Decorating (FH)
  - 6:00 PM River City Players Concert (Sanctuary)
- MONDAY**
- 9:30 AM Food Closet
  - 11:00 AM Mission Action Lunch/Meeting (FH)
  - 4:00 PM Properties Committee (122)
  - 4:30 PM Missions Committee (122)
- TUESDAY**
- 10:00 AM In His Presence Prayer Group (111)
  - 12:00 PM Pickleball (YAB)
  - 5:00 PM Victory Mission
- WEDNESDAY**
- 7:00 AM Dan Ross Study Group (Panera BP)
  - 5:15 PM Fellowship Supper (FH)
  - 6:00 PM RA, GA, and Children's Choir Recognition Service (FH)
  - 6:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study (113)
  - 6:00 PM Men's Study of the Gospel According to Ted Lasso (253)
  - 6:30 PM Youth Wednesday Night Live! (YAB)
  - 6:30 PM Adult Choir (Music Suite)
- THURSDAY**
- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SafeHouse)
  - 7:00 AM Middle School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A Midland)
  - 7:45 AM High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A Midland)
  - 9:30 AM Food Closet
  - 12:00 PM Young in Heart (FH)
  - 5:30 PM KinderWinds (106/209)
- FRIDAY**
- 7:00 AM Middle School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A Manchester Expressway)
  - 7:45 AM High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A Manchester Expressway)
- May 12, 2024**
- MOTHER'S DAY AND GRADUATE REGOCNITION SUNDAY**
- 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
  - 9:00 AM Breakfast for Graduates and Families (FH)
  - 9:15 AM Victory Mission Sunday School
  - 9:45 AM Bible Study
  - 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

**Donate in the YAB**  
Thursday, May 9,  
from 1-5 P.M.

Give online.