

WORSHIP AT FIRST  
LORD'S DAY  
JULY 16, 2017  
MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

"My Only Comfort"  
Job 38:1-11  
Dr. William Edgar

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EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 p.m.  
"The Power of Promises"  
Ruth 1  
Rev. Brandon Barrett

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

## Thornwell Lecture

Sunday, July 16 10:00 a.m.  
In the Family Life Center

*"The Reformation and Cultural  
Engagement"*  
Dr. William Edgar

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## Wednesdays@First

Wednesday, July 19

BASICS FOR LIFE  
"Emptiness"

Rev. Josh Squires

*Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.  
Program begins at 12:15 p.m.  
Jackson Hall*

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## Centerpoint

Wednesday, July 19

PSALMS OF ASCENTS  
Psalm 128

Rev. David Lauten

*Supper begins at 5:00 p.m.  
Program begins at 6:15 p.m.  
Jackson Hall*



# FIRST THINGS

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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[info@firstprescolumbia.org](mailto:info@firstprescolumbia.org)  
Worship Service - Broadcast WISW 1320 AM at 11:00 a.m.

## Summer Temperatures

There have been a few days recently when I understood the Psalmist's metaphor: "my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer" (Psa. 32:4). It is hot in Columbia. And steamy. And my strength is dried up.

They warned me about it before I came. And who are "they," you ask? My original Search Committee (for I have had two). "Columbia's motto is 'Famously Hot,'" they informed me. A truer word has rarely been spoken. For these last few weeks have been, well, blistering. And for the faithful Sunday evening congregation who, last Sunday, endured a service without air conditioning, I have nothing but admiration. The magnificent sermon from Dr. Todd made the humid conditions merely a trifling disturbance for we were in the presence of a feast of good things.

Summer is upon us, and we promised, in January or so, that the glass façade that is to adorn *The Bridge* would be in place. It is not. And the reason is a technical hitch that requires the approval of our fair city. Hopefully, by the time you read this, that approval will be given and work on erecting this façade can begin. I can hardly wait to see the finished product. Our Chief Administrator asked that I gently remind you about pledges for the Bridge as a few substantial items will need to be paid before the summer is over. And, our tireless chairman of the Capital Campaign, Mr. Jimmy Herlong, will no doubt be back shortly with an update on how things stand. I am expecting him to urge that we fully meet the target for the capital campaign as quickly as possible.

What an addition to church life the Bridge has been! Since school is out, the college students are now absent, and we miss them. There is something thrilling about walking through the coffee shop, seeing dozens of people—some having excited conversations, others studying with earphones keeping ambient noise to a minimum. Not a day goes by that I am not immensely thankful for the Lord's provision of this multi-functional space.

We are halfway through the Thornwell lectures already, and this Sunday we have a very special returning guest who will both deliver the Thornwell Lecture and preach at both morning services. Dr. William "Bill" Edgar is the Professor of Apologetics at Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia. He is a dear friend. Among other things, he is the director of a jazz band called Renewal. He has a well-deserved worldwide recognition as an expert on cultural issues of our time. I know you will be enormously blessed with his ministry to us. Please give him a very special First Presbyterian Church, Columbia welcome.

Rosemary and I are visiting family over the next few weeks, among them my 89-year-old mother whom I have not seen in almost eighteen months. Mothers are special, and mine is particularly so. Why it takes us half a century to appreciate this fact eludes me. King Lemuel once wrote of his own mother: "Her children rise up and call her blessed" (Prov. 31:28). We will also pay a visit to the college mission team in Wales and make a quick visit to Spain to see the Brickeys. Spain is roughly in the same direction, we thought.

Summer is here! Have you read any good books this summer? Do visit our book-table and read something that will help you grow and flourish.

*Derek W.H. Thomas*  
Senior Minister

## People for Prayer

Mr. Glenn Addison	Mrs. Chris Kneisley
Mrs. Susi Bagrow	Ms. Francee Levin
Mrs. Vera Bajenski	Mr. Luke Stephen Liming
Mrs. Emma Boyd	Mrs. Debbie Maner
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Brown	Mrs. Molly Mathews
Master Andrew Taylor Bryan	Mr. Micah McCoy
Miss Reese Burdette	Mrs. Ann McDowell
Mr. Michael Cassells	Mr. Britt McDowell
*Mrs. Lauren Choate	Mr. Jack McDowell
Mrs. Lucy Claiborne	Miss Laura Michelle Merwin
Mr. John Collins	Miss Debbie Mielke
Mr. Michael Connelly	Mr. Bryan Miller
Mrs. Michale Connelly	Master A.J. Monte
Mr. John Milton Cooper III	Dr. Michael Montgomery
Mr. Frank Cureton	Mrs. Lydia Newell
Mrs. Jeanie Dynarski	Mr. Allen Pettigrew
Mrs. Gelene Ellsworth	Mrs. Betty Petty
Mr. Jon Evans	Miss Anna Holden Price
Master Gabriel Fleming	Mrs. Ruthie Fowles Rush
Mr. Elmer Frick	Mrs. Mary Russell
Mrs. Mary Frick	Mrs. Ursula Slimp
Ms. Natalie Gibson	Mrs. Rachel Thomas
Mrs. Carol Glass	Mr. John Thompson
Ms. Mary Green	Mr. & Mrs. David Tidwell
Mrs. Helen Groetzinger	Mrs. Nell West
Mr. Jack Haynes	Mr. & Mrs. Richard West
Mrs. Holly Herro	Mrs. Sharon Wickstrom
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Hewitt	Mrs. Rachel P. Wiggins
Mrs. Shannon Hopper	Mr. Burns Windley
Ms. Louisa Huebel	
Mrs. Zina Kaplan	<i>Italics = Non-member</i>
Mr. Doug King	<i>* New addition</i>

If you have put someone on this list and their need has passed, or for any additions, please contact Lisa Eargle at 799-9062, Ext. 244, or leargle@firstprescolumbia.org.

## Youth Summer Activities



High School Sunday Hangout:  
Follows the Sunday evening service

Middle School Swim & Study:  
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

High School Random Thursday:  
Locations will change each week.

Check the parent email or our website for info about where we will be each week.

[firstprescolumbia.org/youthregistration](http://firstprescolumbia.org/youthregistration)

## Rising 6th Grade Lunch

The Youth Ministry will be having lunch at Mellow Mushroom (1009 Gervais Street, Columbia) on **Wednesday, July 26** at noon for all rising 6th grade students. Please RSVP for the lunch to Rebecca Milford at 799-9062, Ext. 232, or [rmilford@firstprescolumbia.org](mailto:rmilford@firstprescolumbia.org).

## 2017 THORNWELL LECTURES STILL REFORMING THE REFORMATION AT 500

### Dr. William Edgar

Dr. William Edgar is the Thornwell Lecture speaker for July 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Dr. Edgar (Honors Music B.A., Harvard University; MDiv, Westminster Theological Seminary; DTheol, Universite de Geneve; D.D. Faculte Jean Calvin) is Professor of Apologetics at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, where he has taught since 1989. You may purchase his following books from the Book Service located in the Atrium with payment envelopes: *Schaeffer on the Christian Life*, *Does Christianity Really Work?*, and *Created and Creating: A Biblical Theology of Culture*.



- Jul 16 William Edgar - *The Reformation and Cultural Engagement*
- Jul 23 Jonny Gibson - *Reformation Worship: Why We Do What We Do in Church*
- Jul 30 Michael A.G. Haykin - *Women of the Reformation*
- Aug 6 Brian Habig - *The Failure of the Reformation*
- Aug 13 Timothy George - *The Future of the Reformation*

## July Missionary Visits

Missionaries Paul and Missy Robelot, as well as Jeff and Suzanne Allers, will be making visits to our church in July. **Sunday evening, July 16**, following evening worship, the Robelots will give an update on their ministry in the Frank C. Hill Center for World Missions on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Palmer Ministry Building. On **Sunday, July 30**, the Allers will give an update on their ministry after the evening service. This, also, will take place in the Center for World Missions.



## Join the Choir for All Ages

We invite you to join the Choir for All Ages. Rehearsals are every **Sunday at 4:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room (Palmer 110). We will sing in the evening services through August 20. This is a great opportunity for families and for those who may not have the time to participate in Chancel Choir during the regular year. Please contact Rebekah Schlottman at 799-9062, Ext. 349, or [rschlottman@firstprescolumbia.org](mailto:rschlottman@firstprescolumbia.org) if you are interested in participating so that we can have a music folder ready for you.

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## Red Cross Blood Drive Make a Difference



Wednesday, August 16,  
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
in the Family Life Center

Donated blood saves lives!

To make an appointment, contact  
Barbara Shealy at 799-9062, Ext. 261, or  
bshealy@firstprescolumbia.org.

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## Spanish Conversation Group

A Spanish Conversation Group is meeting in  
The Bridge Coffee Shop on Tuesdays at 4:30  
p.m. to practice Spanish – perhaps to help  
on a mission trip or around town. Please  
contact Mason Drummond with any  
questions at  
Mdrummond114@andersonuniversity.edu.  
*Gracias.*

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## Stump Kingdom

*Stump Kingdom, Isaiah 6-12*, written by  
Dale Ralph Davis and published by  
Christian Focus, is available for sale with a  
payment envelope for \$10.00. Pick up the  
book in the Book Service of The Bridge at  
1400 Lady Street or the Atrium at 1324  
Marion Street.

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## Church Family

### Congratulations to:

Jessica and Andy Hansen on the birth of  
their daughter, Moriah Aimee Hansen, on  
Friday, June 30. Proud grandmother is  
Linda Hansen.

### Items for Church Family?

Contact Lisa Eargle at 799-9062, Ext. 244,  
or leargle@firstprescolumbia.org.

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## Summer Bible Study for Women

**None Like Him: 10 Ways God is  
Different From Us**

*(and why that's a good thing)*  
by Jen Wilkin

Join us on Thursday evenings from 7:00 -  
8:30 p.m. through Thursday, July 27, in  
BR201.

Don't worry about missing a week if you're  
out of town. Questions? Contact Emily  
Woodard at 799-9062, Ext 242, or  
ewoodard@firstprescolumbia.org.

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SAVE LIVES AND HELP END ABORTION

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



Join us on **Saturday, July 29**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Bridge 201 to learn to become a sidewalk counselor or onsite prayer volunteer. Gain confidence as we share information, resources, scenarios, and tips that will help you offer gospel-rooted hope and life-saving alternatives to abortion-minded women and families. After the training, attendees will be equipped to serve as volunteers in front of the abortion clinic. The cost is only \$8.00 and includes lunch and materials. To register call Mark Baumgartner at 348-1984 or sign up online at [www.amoh.org/help](http://www.amoh.org/help).

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## Have You Ever Considered Being a Sunday School Teacher?

We are looking for substitute Sunday school teachers in our children's ministry for 2 years-old to K5 classes. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Hannah Lampman at [hlampman@firstprescolumbia.org](mailto:hlampman@firstprescolumbia.org) or 799-9062, Ext. 237.

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## Register Now: Summer Basketball Camp

Sign up online at [firstprescolumbia.org/rm-basketball](http://firstprescolumbia.org/rm-basketball)

**Camp dates: Monday, July 31, to Thursday, August 3.**

Session I - Girls: Rising 1st - Rising 8th grade from 9:00 a.m. - noon

Session II - Boys: Rising 1st - Rising 8th grade from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Jimmy Easterby at [jeasterby@firstprescolumbia.org](mailto:jeasterby@firstprescolumbia.org)  
or call 799-9062, Ext. 255.

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## Wales Mission Trip July 20-31, 2017

We will be taking eleven students with us to Wales this summer (July 20-31). While there we will be serving two churches: Barry Presbyterian Church, by running a VBS for outreach to their community, and Bethel Presbyterian in Cardiff, by running soccer and dance camps in the afternoon. The goal of our visit is to join them in worshipping God and to encourage and strengthen them in reaching out to their local communities. Please pray for our team: Liz Cooper, Abby Mellott, Alana Tyler, Matthew Willis, Kathleen Sowder, Ben Dietrich, Caroline Ambrose, Jordan Justus, Trey Weaver, Jillian Burchette, Billy Pierce, David Henderson (leader), and Hannah Stevenson (leader).

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## Music Mission Team Report

Join us **Wednesday, July 19**, at 7:00 p.m., following Centerpoint, in the Wardlaw auditorium. All are invited to come; the presentation, which will last about 30 minutes, will include a slide show, reports from several team members, and will conclude with coffee and dessert.

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### Sunday, July 16

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service\* - Sanctuary**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth\* - Church Campus  
10:00 a.m. Thornwell Lecture Series - Family Life Center  
10:50 a.m. Fellowship - Jackson Hall  
11:15 a.m. **Worship Service\* - Sanctuary**  
4:00 p.m. **Laurel Crest Service - Laurel Crest**  
4:30 p.m. Choir For All Ages Rehearsal - P110  
5:00 p.m. Church-Wide Prayer\* - T301  
6:00 p.m. **Evening Service\* - Sanctuary**  
**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
7:15 p.m. Sunday Supper- Jackson Hall  
7:15 p.m. Missionary Presentation - Frank C. Hill Center for World Missions  
7:30 p.m. High School Hangout - Off-site

### Monday, July 17

- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - FLC  
12:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal - P107  
5:30 p.m. College Bible Study - Off-site

### Tuesday, July 18

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer - P402A  
8:30 a.m. Staff Prayer - BR201  
9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - BR201  
1:00 p.m. Middle School Swim & Study - Off-site  
5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (Ages 40 & up) - Family Life Center

### Wednesday, July 19

- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - FLC  
11:30 a.m. Wednesdays@First - Jackson Hall  
2:00 p.m. Wales Mission Team Meeting - BR125  
5:00 p.m. Centerpoint Dinner - Jackson Hall  
6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Nursery (Birth-3 years) - T106/T112B/T112E  
6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Kids - Thornwell  
6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Bible Study - Jackson Hall  
6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Small Groups - Thornwell, 3rd floor  
6:50 p.m. Centerpoint Prayer - Jackson Hall  
7:00 p.m. Music Ministry Mission Trip Presentation - Wardlaw Auditorium

### Thursday, July 20

- Wales College Mission Trip  
High School Random Thursday - Off-site  
7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship Bible Study - Blue Marlin - Vista Room  
12:00 p.m. Associate Minister for Discipleship Search Committee - BR327  
5:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Committee - BR125  
5:30 p.m. Young Men's Basketball (Ages 18 & up) - Family Life Center  
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Training & Fellowship - BR001  
7:00 p.m. Women's Summer Bible Study - BR201

### Friday, July 21

- Wales College Mission Trip  
7:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Committee - P402A  
9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - FLC

### Saturday, July 22

- Wales College Mission Trip

*\*Childcare is available from birth to four years.*

**If, at any time, you have an emergency, please call 513-7931 to contact a pastor.**