

WORSHIP AT FIRST
LORD'S DAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

INSIDE OUT
"East of Eden"
Ecclesiastes 2:12-26
Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)



EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 p.m.

"Dealing With Shame"
James 2:1-7
Dr. Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST
Wednesday, February 14

Great Escapes

"In a Boat (Noah)"

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

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



CENTERPOINT
Wednesday, February 14

ALWAYS PREPARED: Answering
Objections to Christianity
"Who is God?"
Dr. Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

Jackson Hall

*Supper begins at 5:00 p.m.
Teaching begins at 6:00 p.m.*



FIRST THINGS

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Worship Service - Broadcast WISW 1320 AM at 11:00 a.m.

Golf, Apologetics, and College Ministry

I have always been touched by a brief comment Matthew makes about Jesus in Matthew 9:36, "When he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." This simple verse implies at least two things. First, Jesus sees the lost. He was not an ivory tower theologian. Jesus neither separated from nor assimilated into culture; rather, he was able to engage the crowd because he was in the crowd, proclaiming the kingdom and healing the hurting as Matthew 9:35 notes.

Secondly, Jesus has compassion. He was not detached, nor was he a cold observer towards the hurting. The Greek here pictures one moved by the condition of the people. Jesus is one who cares about the plight of the lost and hurting, so much so that he is moved to action.

In the verses that follow this one, Jesus not only sees and cares, he also sends. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest." Fittingly, Matthew follows this call with Jesus' sending of the twelve disciples to proclaim and heal. Jesus sees, cares, and sends.

As his disciples, we are called in the same manner. In the college ministry, we pray all of our many activities are geared around this idea in some form or fashion – noticing the lost, caring for the hurting, and sending laborers to the harvest fields to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This spring we have four events that are geared toward this vision. The first is the FPC College Missions Golf Tournament on Monday, March 5, at Cobblestone Park. This July we will send our team of fourteen, consisting of students, staff, volunteers, and an elder, to Wales for a second time to help four churches, including one ARP missionary family, build the church and reach the city. This golf tournament will be an opportunity for the church to support this and other college mission trips, but primarily it will be a chance to partner in the vision and experience the passion of college students taking the Great Commission seriously. We hope you will consider sponsoring a team and praying for the trip, but more importantly, please come hear what God is doing in the hearts of students in our city to reach the nations with the gospel. More information can be found at firstprescolumbia.org/collegegolf.

Secondly, three Wednesday nights this semester we will host what we call Coffee and Questions. Students, like the rest of us, have lots of questions. Coffee and Questions is a casual environment where students can seek answers to those questions in an intelligent, Christ-focused, and gracious way. Our desire at these gatherings is to encourage believing students in their doubts but, more importantly, we want to seek to influence our nonbelieving friends with the Gospel. This spring Dr. Michael Kruger, Dr. Stephen Nichols, and Dr. Derek Thomas will address questions pertaining to "History: Can Christianity Really Be Trusted?" Please pray for these men as they teach and field questions. Also for students to attend and have their hearts and minds pricked with the Gospel. More information at firstprescolumbia.org/coffeeandquestions.

May Jesus seek and save lost college students in our midst and use college students to seek and save the lost around the world this spring and summer.

David Henderson
Director of College Ministry

February Circle Meeting Times

Questions? Laurie Cannon: lscannon3@gmail.com or 770-630-7904.

No.	Date	Time	Location
1	Tues/13	10-11:30 am	Laffitte Parlor Jackson Hall
2	Mon/12	10-11:00 am	Victoria Andes 295 Marabou Cir., 29169
3	Mon/12	10-11:30 am	Laffitte Parlor Jackson Hall
4	Tues/13	7-8:30 pm	Young Women The Bridge Rm 201
5	Mon/12	5:30-7:00 pm	The Bridge Rm 201
6	Tues/13	10-11:30 am	Janet Reese 5021 Wittering Dr., 29206
7	Wed/14	10-11:30 am	Young Mothers 3rd floor Thornwell - Parlor behind Wardlaw Auditorium
<i>Childcare by reservation only. Contact Beth Grider: bgrider@firstprescolumbia.org</i>			
8	Wed/14	10:15-11:30 am	Laffitte Parlor Jackson Hall
9	Tues/13	10-11:30 am	Toby's Place 5938 Two Notch Rd., 29223
10	Tues/13	10-11:30 am	Heart & Hand The Bridge 201
11	Tues/13	12-1:00 pm <i>Lunch provided, \$7.00</i>	Lunch Fellowship Jackson Hall, Small Dining Room
12	Tues/13	6:30-8:00 pm <i>Dinner</i>	Evening Fellowship Susan Gibson 1158 Eastminster Dr., 29204
13	Tues/13	10-11:30 am <i>Lunch</i>	Dixie Robnett 268 Shuler Rd., 29212
14	Mon/12	7:00-8:15 pm	Allaire Posey 33 Olde Spring Ct., 29223
15	Mon/12	10-11:30 am	Laurel Crest Living Room
16	Tues/13	9:30-11:30 am	Lexington Peggy Stands 913 John Fox Ct., 29072

Ecclesiastes

Our pastor, Dr. Derek Thomas, suggested that *Why Everything Matters: The Gospel in Ecclesiastes* written by Dr. Philip G. Ryken, President of Wheaton College, Chicago, will add to our sermon study of Ecclesiastes on Sunday mornings. You may purchase the book for \$10.00 with a payment envelope from the Book Service located in The Bridge of 1400 Lady Street as well as the Thornwell Atrium.

Basketball Banquet 2018

Please join us for our annual Basketball Banquet for participants in the CYBL, on **Tuesday, February 13**, where we will enjoy a meal together, hear a word from Dr. Gabe Fluhrer, and watch recap videos from the season.



Please RSVP to Jimmy Easterby at jeasterby@firstprescolumbia.org by Tuesday, February 6, so that we can prepare for the meal. All family members are invited, and there is no cost for the meal.

2018 Women's Conference
with Jen Wilkin
March 2-3, 2018
register through the website & app

Jen Wilkin, internationally known speaker and author of *Women of the Word* and *None Like Him*, will be the speaker this year for our annual Women's Conference. You do not want to miss this event! Invite your friends and make plans now to attend.

Friday, March 2

6:00 p.m. Appetizer and Dessert Reception
7:00 p.m. Session 1

Saturday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Session 2
10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. Session 3

Register at firstprescolumbia.org/womensconference.



World Missions Sunday School Class Visits

Mark your calendars for our upcoming guests in the World Missions Sunday School class (Palmer 100) at 10:00 a.m.:

February 11 - Steve Auld - International Christian Schools
February 18 - Bruce Williams - Haiti Under God
February 25 - Barton Swaim - Missionary Biography

The Lord's Supper

Sunday, February 11, during our evening worship services, we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The time ahead of us, therefore, is one in which we prepare for a joyful gathering at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.



College Lunch

A lunch for College students will be held on **Sunday, February 18**, in the Family Life Center following the 11:15 a.m. service. You do not need to bring anything but yourself! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rebecca Milford at rmilford@firstprescolumbia.org or 799-9062, Ext. 232.



Blood Drive Sign up Today!

Our first 2018 blood drive will take place on **Wednesday, March 7**, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We really need your help! To make a reservation, please contact Barbara Shealy at 799-9062, Ext. 261 or bshealy@firstprescolumbia.org.

No Middle or High School Youth Group this Sunday, February 11.



Knitting Group

Do you sew, knit, crochet, etc? Would you like to use your talents to serve others? For more information or to express your interest, contact Jessica Wenger at dakotajb80@aol.com.

Church Family

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

William Fultz and family in the death of his grandfather, Charles Fultz, on January 31.

Earle Tyler and family on the death of his sister-in-law, Elise Lawrence Tyler, on February 3.

Joe E. Taylor, Jr. and family in the death of his mother, Franke Schofield Taylor, on February 5.

Items for Church Family?

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



“Joy, that Near to Me Remains”

Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m., Jackson Hall

An evening of vocal music featuring Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes* as well as a variety of operatic and sacred works on the themes of love, joy, and wonder. Soloists are Kristine Biller, Holly Cole, Daniel Cole, and Gary Seydell. Accompanists are Luke Fang, Lenora Jeffcoat, and Thomas Russell. Instrumentalists are Julie Anne Russell, violin; Jenni Arthur, cello; Jason Ortiz, trumpet.

Encouragers Valentine's Dinner

Friday, February 16, at 5:30 p.m.

Jackson Hall

Cost is \$8.00

RSVP deadline is Monday, Feb. 12 with

leargle@firstprescolumbia.org

or call 799-9062, Ext. 455.



A Ministry for
Singles 50 and over



Monthly Evangelism Training & Fellowship

Come join our monthly evangelism ministry, Ambassadors of the King, every third Thursday of the month, in the Frank C. Hill World Missions Center (Palmer 100). All are welcome, no matter your evangelism experience. For more information, contact David Lauten at 799-9062, Ext. 225, or dlauten@firstprescolumbia.org.



FPC COLLEGE MISSIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, March 5
Cobblestone Park Golf Club
Blythewood

FPC College Missions Golf Tournament

- Monday, March 5
- Lunch at 11:00 a.m.
- Shotgun start at 12:00 p.m.
- Cobblestone Park Golf Club, Blythewood

This golf tournament serves as a means to raise financial support for college world missions. This year, the College Ministry is sending 14 people to Wales to serve the local church, encourage Welsh believers, and build partnerships that we hope will last for years to come. We can't do this alone, so we are asking our church body to stand with us prayerfully and financially.

Join us for a round of golf in support of our 2018 College Missions Trip to Wales. Please register at firstprescolumbia.org/collegegolf.

You can show your support by sponsoring a hole, a driving range, or in registering your foursome. Hats will be given to all participants.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, February 11

High School Mystery Trip

8:30 a.m. Worship Service* - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages* - Church Campus

10:00 a.m. Inquirers Class - Small Dining Room

10:50 a.m. Fellowship - Jackson Hall

11:15 a.m. Worship Service* - Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. Cate Memorial Handbell Choir Rehearsal - P107

5:00 p.m. Church-Wide Prayer * - Laffitte Parlor

6:00 p.m. Evening Service* - Sanctuary

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

6:00 p.m. Friendship Club - T201/T202

6:15 p.m. Cherub Choir - T103/T107

6:15 p.m. Club (1st - 5th Grades) - T213

7:15 p.m. Sunday Supper - Jackson Hall

4:00 p.m. Junior & Primary Children's Choir Rehearsal
- T201/T203/T207/T210

5:00 p.m. Centerpoint Dinner - Jackson Hall

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint: Always Prepared - Jackson Hall

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Nursery - T106/T109/T112

6:00 p.m. College Small Groups - The Bridge

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - P110

6:00 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal - P200

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Youth
- T206/T209/The Bridge Basement

6:00 p.m. Next Step Class - T303

6:00 p.m. Next Step Parents - Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Catechism - T102/T103/T107

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Mission Club - T203

Monday, February 12

9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center

12:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal - P107

5:30 p.m. Administration Committee - P402

6:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls Leaders Team Meeting - BR001

Tuesday, February 13

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer - P402A

7:30 a.m. College Prayer - BR125

8:30 a.m. Staff Prayer - BR201

9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - BR201

5:30 p.m. Nominating Committee - BR327

6:00 p.m. Sports Banquet - Family Life Center

Wednesday, February 14

9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center

11:30 a.m. Wednesdays@First - Jackson Hall

1:15 p.m. Encouragers' Steering Committee - BR327

Thursday, February 15

6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Men's Bible Fellowship - Happy Café

7:15 a.m. Men's Discipleship Bible Study - Blue Marlin, Vista Room

6:00 p.m. Evangelism Training & Fellowship - World Missions Center

6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study - BR201

7:00 p.m. "Joy, That Near To Me Remains" Concert - Jackson Hall

Friday, February 16

Marriage Retreat - Bonclarken

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 2920 Gervais St

9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center

5:30 p.m. Encouragers' Valentine's Dinner - Jackson Hall

Saturday, February 17

Marriage Retreat - Bonclarken

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

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