From the pastor:

At The Table of the Lord

So... how do we deal with disruptive persons who enter our space during church events?

The first instinct is one of safety: contact security, remove from our premises asap, and encourage “the disrupter” to move on down the road.

I believe we’ve found a better path:

♦ Christ In Action team is composed of Third Members, with professional and practical expertise in dealing with mental and physical disabilities.
♦ Names will be listed in Sunday’s worship guide.
♦ Cell phone numbers of following members will be included in worship guide: Tommy Simons, Deborah Watson, Richard Stevenson, Travis Adams and Maria Stinnett.
♦ You are encouraged to text above names—if encountering someone who requires attention or counseling—during Third events on campus.
♦ The above names will contact representatives of our Christ In Action Team —to connect gracefully with person in need.

Why implement Christ In Action?

♦ Third is determined to remain connected to our local community.
♦ The residents (Grand Center Arts District) compose a wide variety of economic and social strata.
♦ Therefore, there are many who are in need of mental counseling and psychological assistance.
♦ And we do not want our primary response to those who are “disturbed” to be one of banishment from our space. Third is determined, through gifts of our membership, to provide resources and connection to hurting people.
♦ Finally, this is who we are. We are on the front lines of ministry and we’ll continue— with stubborn determination—to treat all with dignity and grace.

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The first Sunday of each month we invite all to The Table of the Lord. Third will continue to translate *all as all*—and not a metaphor for openness—it will continue to be treated as reality.

Grace and Peace,
Tommy

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**We welcome new members**

Ronald & Anna Littlejohn

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**Wednesday Night Discipleship for Adults**

*The Reformation* journey will continue *Wednesday Nights at 6:00 PM* (Johnson Hall). During the month of September, John Calvin and Reformation in England will be reviewed. Each person will receive notes and outline upon attendance. Thanks for your good attendance and continued participation. If schedule allows, take a mid-week break and join your church family.

Dinner is served at 5:00 PM.
Worship in September:

Reformation at 500:
Liberty, Imagination and Restoration

September 10: The Serpent and the Lamb

September 17: Martin and Melancholy

September 24: A Mighty Fortress

October 1: Ulrich Zwingli: Lessons for Patriots

October 8: John Calvin: Whose in Charge Here?

October 15: The Tragedy of Echo Chambers
Missionary of the Month:

Tim and Kathy Rice

Tim and Kathy Rice are St Louis local medical professionals appointed by both International Ministries and New City Fellowship in St. Louis to serve as medical missionaries at the Vanga Evangelical Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Rices’ vision is to train the next generation of Congolese doctors and nurses in Christ-centered, whole-person care, empowering them to use the limited resources available to restore life and health across the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). This month we share two letters from the Rice family... one of praise and one of concern:

Dear Third Baptist, (Aug 6, 2017)

We are so pleased that Aaron and Kevin Jones arrived safely today in Vanga. Well, actually, they have been here 24 hours, but our internet went out so we are just now sending this prayer letter. For those who don’t know them, they are two young men that we have known since they moved into the same inner city neighborhood and were our neighbors for 16 years. On our last trip to St. Louis, I was extending invitations #AlwaysRecruitingForVanga... and now they are here.

Thank God for our friends the Blums from Switzerland who are here for a month. Dr. Blum and his family lived in Vanga for 4 years, and in 1990, he was the medical director of the hospital. It has been great to hear Dr Blum's impressions of the changes over the years. It is good to hear his observation that by God's grace things are now much more peaceful here in Vanga. Also pray for us as we try to change our internet service provider. We are currently planning to switch providers, but our current internet service is so bad that we are having trouble communicating with the new provider to come to an agreement on what service we need and what equipment we need to buy.


Just a heads up that we just received by email: the U.S. Embassy has received reports of gunfire in several areas in the capital Kinshasa. We will be monitoring the situation closely and will let you know if things change. We have an exit plan in place, and if things really heat up in Kinshasa, the most likely first decision is that we would shelter in place here in Vanga, which is much safer than Kinshasa. We are at peace but appreciate your continued prayers for this troubled country.

Working here in Vanga on banks of the Kwilu River
Tim and Kathy Rice
Christ Followers in Vanga DRC

We at Third pray fervently for the challenges faced by the Rice Family.
If you would like to learn more of their courageous work and how to support them, visit https://internationalministries.org/teams/639-rice.
Great Rivers Region Area V

East Fall Rally

Saturday, September 16
9:30 AM

Dayspring Baptist Church
1001 Municipal Center Drive
Town and Country, MO 63131

Featured Speaker from Magdalene St. Louis
Christmas Basket Ministry 2017

We will gather to serve our community through our Christmas Basket ministry in December. More to come on volunteer and hygiene donation opportunities.

Community and church members can apply during our Saturday Food Pantries on August 19th and September 16th or during normal church business hours starting August 19th. All verifications must be completed by October 31, 2017.

Qualifying Christmas baskets recipients will be notified by US postal service of their appointment times for pick up on Saturday, December 16, 2017.
Hello friends!

This summer has been amazing. Our time at Youthfront was a massive blessing as our kids encountered both the love of Christ and amazing stories of faith. As our kids continue to process and apply what it means to be loved and pursued by Christ, I want to say thank you again for all the time and support you pour into our kids in order to make them welcomed and open to the Gospel of Christ. We could have never done this without you!

But we don’t sit still very long here at TBC Youth. As many of you know, every Third Saturday of the month, our youth group volunteers at the food pantry, then ventures off to a group activity later in the afternoon via our Social Saturday program. This serves as the primary means of social activity not only for our teenagers, but also for adults who get to tag along with us! This year, we are excited to announce the full schedule of all the Saturday Socials we have planned:

**Sep 16:** Games and Food at Pastor Tommy Simons’ House

**Oct 21:** Corn Maze and More @ Brookdale Farms - [www.brookdalefarmsinc.com](http://www.brookdalefarmsinc.com)

**Nov 18:** Team Puzzle Solving @Escape the Room St Louis - [http://stlouis.escapetheroom.com](http://stlouis.escapetheroom.com)

Thanks again for all of your awesome support!!! If you or a loved one are interested in participating in these events either as a student or as a chaperone, please let me know!

`tadams@third-baptist.org`

Blessings,

Travis Adams
Associate Pastor of Students and Missions
Global Missions
Fall Fundraiser
Bake Sale and Silent Auction
October 8, 2017

Want to eat good things and help a good cause? You are in luck! Following the morning service on Oct. 8, we shall be selling a variety of individually wrapped baked goods! Cakes, brownies and cookies! Oh my! For those lacking a sweet tooth, we shall also be conducting a silent auction with a variety of different items to win! Proceeds from the auctions and chocolate concoctions shall be combined with the efforts of other American Baptist Churches in the Great Rivers Region to help support the Murrow Indian Children’s Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

If you are interested in donating to our cause, contact Travis Adams: tadams@third-baptist.org.
To learn more about the incredible work of Murrow Indian Children's Home, check out murrowindianchildrenshome.org
Children’s Ministry Fall Outing

Saturday, September 30
Eckert’s Farm in Millstadt, IL
We will meet at the farm at 1:00 PM.
Cost is $13.00 per person

Vacation Bible School 2017
In Concert

Adam Kosberg
(of Third’s Sanctuary Choir)
and brass band:
nightmusic

Saturday, October 7
6:30 PM
Strauss Park

♦ All are invited to Strauss Park (across from the church)
♦ Mix and mingle with patrons entering Fox and Powell theaters
♦ An opportunity for faith conversations and invitation to our church community

Birthdays

1  Demetria Bryant, Pam Dzunu
2  Alan Jay
3  Lela Jones
8  Danny Lawrence
9  Saivon Jackson
11 Andre McDaniel
12 Juan Moore
14 Lera Bryant
17 Willard Swyers
22 Demetrius Bryant
24 Judy Vansickle
28 Frank Watson
29 Dave Walser
30 Mary Wainwright
September Events

3  Regular Sunday Schedule

5  Staff Meeting

6  Regular Wednesday Schedule

10 Regular Sunday Schedule

12 Staff Meeting

13 Regular Wednesday Schedule

16 Food Pantry

17 Regular Sunday Schedule

19 Staff Meeting

20 Regular Wednesday Schedule

24 Regular Sunday Schedule

26 Staff Meeting

27 Regular Wednesday Schedule

30 Children’s Ministry Outing to Echkert Farm

Sunday Schedule
9:30 AM  Doughnut & Coffee Fellowship
9:45 AM  Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary
Noon    Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

Wednesday Schedule
5:00 PM  Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM  Adult Bible Study, Children’s Activities, Youth Activities
7:00 PM  Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Staff

Dr. Tommy Simons
PASTOR

Rev. Travis Adams
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
STUDENTS & MISSIONS

Rev. Maria Stinnett
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
CHILDREN &
COMMUNICATIONS

Philip Barnes
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Ella Banks
RECEPTIONIST/ASSISTANT

Byron Greer
BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Timothy Harrison
CUSTODIAN

Karen Stewart &
Linda Freiburghaus
CHURCH HISTORIANS

Brent Johnson
ORGANIST

Tom Kurtz
BUSINESS MANAGER

Lansin Lim Kimler
PIANIST

Christine McCarthy
FINANCE

Raymond Murphy
CUSTODIAN

Sally Stevenson
PARISH NURSE