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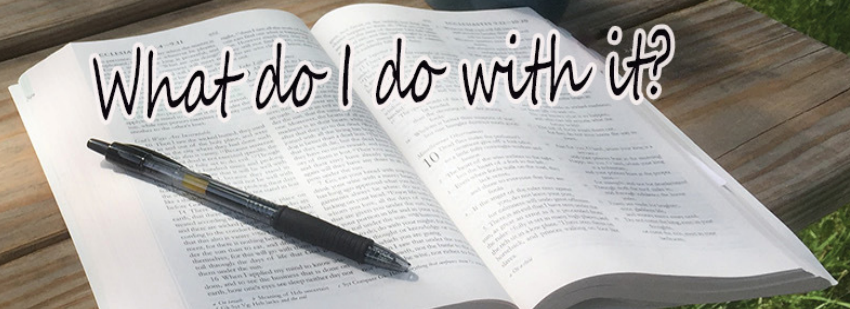
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What is the BIBLE ?

Sermon Series
Sept 8 ~ Oct 13

What do I do with it?



SEPTEMBER 22

The Bible is diverse

SEPTEMBER 29

What do we mean when we say the Bible is inspired?

OCTOBER 6

The Bible is sometimes disturbing

OCTOBER 13

How do we read the Bible, then?

Upcoming Events

September 22

10:15 am What is the Bible? Small Group

September 28

Festival of Sharing (College & Youth)

September 29

4:00 pm First Kids' Choir Begins

October 19-20

Sheppard Lecture Series: Jared Byas



Service for Honoring Transitions

Sunday, September 29

2:00-3:30 pm

August 25 was our annual Fall Kick-Off and typically, it is one of my favorite events of the year at First Baptist. I love having CDC families in worship, the picnic, the games, the kids running around the lawn, the food and the conversation.

However, this year when I got home from the Fall Kick-off I was in a terrible mood, just grumpy, but I didn't know why. Eventually, Michael got tired of me moping around and asked me what was wrong. At first, I told him that I didn't know but then, as I began

to think out loud about my grumpiness, I realized that I missed Ed Rollins' presence at the Kick-Off. Ed always played a big role in setting up for the Kick-Off and frankly, it just seemed weird without him.

Transitions are hard and Ed's departure is a big change for First Baptist. We are three months into this transition, and I think we are doing well, the choir is still singing, we still have lovely worship services, and the building is still being taken care of, but I admit that I am still grieving a bit. My guess is some of you are too. With this in mind, I wanted to offer you an opportunity to gather with others in the church who are still processing this change.

John Hall, a First Baptist member who is a psychiatrist, Coletta Eichenberger a local Disciples of Christ Minister trained in transitional ministry and I have put together a service for honoring transitions. The service will take place on Sunday, September 29 from 2:00-3:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will spend a few minutes in silence and take some time to reflect as a group on the transition. Then, you will have the chance to break up into stations and do your own personal reflection.

Transitions are difficult, but the love of God and our community of faith will carry us through.

Carl McEntyre



A Few Important Changes to Trunk or Treat This Year!

For years the Bay families and the Kieffer family have hosted our First Baptist Afternoon at the Farm and Trunk or Treat event at Park Bay's farm. Their generosity and work made this event a church family favorite and not just for the amazing meat that they prepare. We knew last October that it would probably be our final year to host the event at the farm, and it was an amazing end of an era. We would like to thank all the Bays and Kieffers for helping create so many great memories. Thank you to Park for his work and willingness to host for so many years. First Baptist is grateful to you all.



As we look to this Fall, we have decided to carry on with the spirit of this great tradition by having a...

Fall Fun Fest

October 27

To host the event, we are coordinating with the newly refurbished Midway Golf and Games located at 5500 W Van Horn Tavern Rd, Columbia, MO 65203. We will gather at their beautiful pavilion for our traditional potluck dinner and the facility will have a dedicated parking area for our Trunk or Treat festivities! The church will provide the drinks and paper goods, but we need some good eats and treats to bring it all together. There will be plenty of free yard games to play and our church will be offered a group rate for all other activities (including putt-putt, foot golf, go-karts, batting cages, and the driving range). We will also have a couple of church sponsored activities as well to spice things up (maybe archery tag and a mini Par 3 Golf Tournament, more information to come).

While we will never replace the memories of Afternoon at the Farm, we hope this event will offer a fun night of fellowship for our church family and plenty of candy for the kids!





Baptism of
Kim Purcell &
Eric Alexander

September 8, 2019

Kim Purcell was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. She is the mother of 4 sons with the first grandson on the way. She has worked for 40 years in the healthcare industry as a CNA, EMT and an RN. She loves music, singing, cooking, outdoors and children.

Eric Alexander is 36 years old. He lives with mom. and attends Palmers day program where he enjoys many activities with friends. He loves music, Disney movies, food, his family, God and his church family.

Habitat For Humanity Jefferson City Tornado Damage

Who says Miracles Don't Happen Today? At our summer picnic this June, First Baptist Missions raised over \$1000 from our bake sale to help with the relief efforts from the tornado that hit Jefferson City the previous month. We sent the money to First Baptist Church in Jefferson City, as they were, and still are, diligently working on relief efforts. First Baptist Jefferson City is planning to use this money next summer in partnership with Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild a home for a family affected by the tornado. As this plan develops in 2020, it is our hope that First Baptist, Columbia will be able to send volunteers to assist with the construction process. More information will be given as it is made available. It is amazing to think that God could feed 5,000+ people with a few loaves of bread and some fish. It is also pretty amazing that God could turn some tasty treats at a church picnic



into a house for someone who lost theirs to a tornado. Some might even call it a miracle!

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that works around the world, seeking to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. You can support the work of Habitat by giving your time, your money, or by donating to or shopping at their newly reopened Habitat Store, located at 1305 Business Loop.

First Baptist Work Day

October 6

We are looking for help with some yardwork and clean up around the church following the services on Sunday, October 6. We need help clearing the fence row and trimming the growth in the back parking lot to help with safety and security. We also need assistance in weeding and mulching the island in this space, as well as a few additional projects around the church, depending on the number of people who are able to help. Work will begin after the small group hour for those who normally attend the first service. A picnic lunch will be provided following the second service. Volunteers may want to bring work gloves, old clothes (preferably pants and long sleeve shirt), and a water bottle. We are planning to be done by 2:00pm. We hope you will consider joining.





Crafty Critters

Crafty Critters (CC), now numbering 17 regular attendees, create shawls and handmade accessories to donate and share with couples and individuals, both young and old. The "Critters" formed in 2017 with three knitters who began a ministry making prayer shawls for distribution to church members challenged with health issues or grieving the loss of a loved one. Since that time, the ministry has expanded to present individuals with hand-crafted items in recognition of their long-time service to the congregation, to individuals with special needs, to a newly-ordained minister, to newborn infants, and for extra warmth to attendees during the Awakening and Traditional Services.

Other projects have concentrated on helping others in the community, with handmade items such as hats, mittens, scarves, twiddle muffs, baptismal blankets, and headbands provided to True North (a women's shelter), the Voluntary Action Center, the American Heart Association, and Special Olympics. Within the past six weeks CCs have made scarves for the local Assistance League, which then will re-distribute the items as part of its goal of giving new school clothes to children in need each Fall. So far over 30 scarves have been made.

Fellowship and camaraderie are hallmarks of the Crafty Critters. The group extends its welcome to those who do not knit or crochet (we give lessons to beginners), to practitioners of other handcrafts, and non-church members. We meet Tuesdays from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm in the church conference room on the second floor.



Child Development Center at First Baptist Church Est. 1969

Thank you First Baptist!

Thank you for your continued support of the Child Development Center during our back-to-school supply drive. We are very blessed by your kindness and generosity. And, the children are really enjoying the new art supplies!



First Kids' Choir Begins September 29

First Kids Choir will begin on Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 pm in the Chancel Choir Room. Children 4 years old to 5th grade are invited to participate in the fun. In order to more fully engage singers of different age groups and abilities, we are going to try something new. All kids will meet at the same time, but will be divided by age groups and meet in separate spaces - preschool age (ages 4 and 5) in one group and Kindergarten-5th grade in the other. Reinforcement activities will be provided for each group while the other is rehearsing. Adults are invited to stay for the first 15 minutes, if able, so Interim Children's Music Director Julie Walker can share some information and offer a short Q and A. Family members are welcome to stay and watch/participate in rehearsals any time. If you have any questions, you can email Julie at jbethwalker58@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you 9/29!

Wednesdays 6-7:15pm

the calling

Students 6th- 12th Grade

The Calling

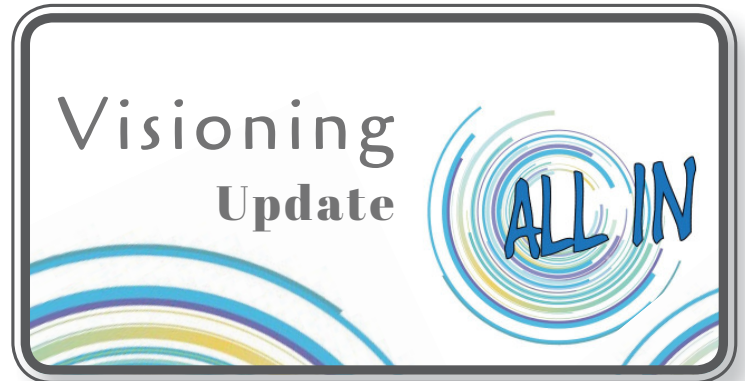
The Calling, our mid-week gathering for Middle and High School students, takes place each Wednesday from 6 -7:15 pm in the Youth Suite. Students and leaders gather together to build relationships, explore their faith, and discuss how the Bible helps shape and guide their lives. Community and connection are central to our time together and, of course, plenty of snacks. The Calling is a great place to invite friends to join us, get to know each other, and have a place where students are heard and encouraged each week.

September offers two special events for our students. The first is a scavenger hunt at Shyrock Corn Maze on Wednesday, September 25. Students will work together to decipher the clues and make their way through the maze and back before time runs out. The second is a day of service with the Festival of Sharing on Saturday morning, September 28. Students will meet at the church and travel to Tipton MO to help organize and pack needed supplies for many of our Mid-Missouri ministries and support agencies. As always, friends are welcome to attend.



Children's Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

During our Church-Wide Visioning process, our church family overwhelmingly emphasized our passion for Children's Ministry. Because of this, one of our six focus statements is "enrich ministry to children and their families." We are excited about the growth we have seen in the past few years, and the commitment the congregation has placed on our Children's Ministry.



In order to continue to see our ministry to children and their families flourish, we have some additional volunteer opportunities during extended care, Sunday school, and First Kid's Music. Extended Session is for children ages 3 through Kindergarten during the church services, and needs volunteers to oversee children in the gym and children's room. Our 9:15 Extended session needs four volunteers who can serve once a month, and two volunteers who can be substitutes during this time. Additionally, our 10:15 Sunday School needs two additional adults to assist our teachers each week. Julie Walker, Interim Director of Children's Music is also looking for adults interested in helping with reinforcement activities during choir practice at 4:00 pm on Sundays. If you are interesting in serving with our children's ministry, please contact Interim Assistant Pastor Brittany McDonald

Worship Team Open House LIVE

Our dedicated Worship Team is seeking new talents for our two services. We are in need of people to run our graphics (Awakening Service only), sound and webcasting for both services. Over the past year our webcasting videos have been viewed 2,293 times. The new visitors make up 90% of the total webcast viewers, so we are reaching new people regularly. We love having people attend our services in person each week and it takes dedicated people each Sunday to make them happen. Our webcasting service is a great way to expand our impact to the community and beyond, and possibly bring in new members in the future. Please join us Sunday during service for a brief overview of what our members do for each service provided.

- **Awakening Hour**

graphics-w/Lillian Hoell @ 7:30am in the media booth

sound-w/Jason Tratchel @ 7:30am in the media booth

webcasting-w/Sheila Kausler @ 8:30am in the webcasting room to the right of the stage

- **Traditional Hour**

sound-w/Gary Ostercamp @ 10:15am at sound booth in the balcony

webcasting-w/Ken Hammann @ 10:15am in the webcasting area to the left of the balcony

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October 19 10:00am - 12:00pm | **October 20** 9:15am and 10:30am - 12:00pm

Sheppard Lecture Series - Jared Byas

October 19-20

Join us on October 19 & 20 for our annual Sheppard Lecture Series with Jared Byas, co-host of the popular podcast, *The Bible for Normal People*.

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