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## Sheppard Lecture Series

Sometimes the Bible is presented as a guidebook for life, complete with a fully formed, totally consistent and obvious world view providing clear and universal answers to all of life's questions, including how old the earth is and why God allows suffering in the world. But this view of the Bible doesn't hold up under scrutiny because the Bible is diverse in its view of the world, at times ambiguous, and more concerned with questions of faith than science. So, what is the Bible and why should we pay attention to this book written more than 1900 years ago?

If you are like many, you may have more questions than answers about the Bible, the prophets, the teachings and the Word in general. No matter if your faith is strong or weak, you should enjoy First Baptist Church's must-see speaker, Jared Byas, as part of the church's annual Sheppard Lecture Series on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20.

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SHEPPARD LECTURE  
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**October 19 | 10:00 am**  
Fellowship Hall

*Let There Be Something! An Introduction to that Ancient, Diverse, & Ambiguous Book*

**October 20 | 9:15 am**  
Sanctuary - Combined Worship

*You Have Heard it Said, But I Say to You.  
Why We Must Change the Meaning of the Bible*

**October 20 | 10:30 am**  
Fellowship Hall

*You Will Know By Their Fruits.  
Where the Bible Belongs in the Life of Faith*



# Administration Update



Since stepping into the Interim Administrative role in July, I have been amazed at the dedication and work of all of our Administrative teams. These teams include: Trustees, Finance, Personnel, and Endowment. The chairs and members of these teams have been incredible in helping me understand the detailed work that goes on behind the scenes to keep our facilities working properly and our ministries running smoothly. As such, I wanted to take the opportunity to shine a light on some of these projects for the broader congregation to see.

One of the recurring compliments I get from people who visit our church is how beautiful and well maintained it is inside and out. Several volunteers give countless hours of their time to help with this effort. I am grateful for them and for our Project Coordinator, Brenda Rice, and custodian Mike Ide, who work daily to create an atmosphere of welcome and cheer. Our Trustees often tackle the larger tasks involved with this area. This year alone they have been responsible for overseeing the update of our gutters and downspouts, the renovations of the bathrooms at the back of the sanctuary, replacing the front steps of the church, working on repairs to the front doors of the sanctuary, and maintaining the various trees on the property, along with many other routine tasks.



Yet, even with all of their planning and work, in a facility of this size and age, there are always some unexpected curveballs that come along. As many of you know, in March of this year we discovered a significant problem with the main sanitary line that runs under the Fellowship Hall, 14 feet 5 inches under the Fellowship Hall to be exact. The line, installed in 1927, has failed. We cannot simply dig up the line and repair it because of its depth and proximity to the main support pillars inside the church. The Trustees have worked hard in the past several months with Coil Construction and QuesTec Mechanical to find the best solution to this very difficult problem. The scope and complexity of the project resulted in an initial proposal that exceeded \$145,000 in unbudgeted expenses. Through several meetings and much deliberation, we have been able to determine what parts of the project must be completed immediately and what parts can be phased in over the next few years. The work on this project will begin soon with more details to come.

In addition to this work, First Baptist had to replace one of our boilers in September. The last of the three old boilers for the Sanctuary finally expired. We would not be able to adequately heat the facility this winter without a replacement. The good folks at Air Systems were able to remove the old boilers and install a new, high efficiency boiler to take their place. This system should ensure we stay warm this winter. While we knew this expense was coming, we had not yet set aside enough money to cover this entire cost. The Trustees and the Finance Committee have worked diligently to find the best way forward with our current resources. This has included allocating what budget money is available, requesting funds from some of our appropriate endowments, postponing other pressing projects (such as the resurfacing of the parking lot), and exploring possible solutions for the near future.



I say all of this not to highlight the difficulties and struggles we face, but to celebrate the dedicated people who rise to each of these demands, and applaud the hard work they continue to offer to our church family. Each of us have a part in the work and ministry that happens in this place. Together, and with God's guidance, we can meet any challenge that comes our way. I look forward to serving alongside our Administrative Team as we move forward, and I hope you will help as we work to continue the good work that God is doing in this place.

Sincerely,  
Michael McEntyre,  
Associate Pastor, Youth, Missions, and Interim Administration



## Fall Fun Fest

October 27

Our Fall Fun Fest and Trunk-or-Treat will take place from 3:00-7:30pm on Sunday, Oct 27 at 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 and the facility will have a dedicated parking area for those participating in our Trunk-or-Treat festivities. You are encouraged to decorate your vehicle and give out candy to our little ones as they come by.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

3:00 pm	Fall Fun Fest Kick-Off
3:30 pm	Kid's Putt Putt Play-Off
3:33 pm	Par 3 Golf Tournament (\$20 per team)
5:00 pm	Trunk-or-Treat
5:30 pm	Potluck Dinner
6:30 pm	Archery Tag
7:30 pm	Wrap up

There will be a Par 3 Tournament for bragging rights for adults, and a kid's putt putt play-off as well. To enter the Par 3 tournament, simply sign up your team on the church website or on the bulletin board. There are lots of free yard games to enjoy like corn hole, Bocce Ball, and ring toss, as well as giant sized Battle Ship, Checkers, and Connect 4, and our church will be offered a group rate of \$6 each for all other activities including putt-putt, foot golf, go-karts, batting cages, and the driving range.

Every family is asked to bring enough food to share for dinner. Just like at the farm, you will want to bring something to keep your items warm or cool until time to eat. 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. We hope to see you there!





## Child Development Center

### Announcements & Volunteer Opportunities

If you have a special talent you would like to share with the children at Child Development Center or would like to simply read a book to them, contact the CDC office!

CDC has immediate openings for children ages 2-6. We are also looking for substitute teachers and part-time aides. Please contact the CDC Office at 573-443-7677 or email [ccddirector@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:ccddirector@fbc-columbia.org) for more information regarding employment, enrollment or volunteering.



## Child Development Center

at First Baptist Church Est. 1969



*Pictured left:*

*First Baptist Member, Cheryl Brewer, recently volunteered to share her French horn skills with the Bees & Trains Classes.*

## Parents' Night Out

October 11

On October 11 from 6:00-8:00 pm parents and caregivers are invited to drop their kids off and have an evening to themselves.

Children 3 and under can be dropped off at the church nursery at 5:45 pm. For kiddos old enough to eat, pizza will be provided and they will do a craft together.

Children 4 years old to 13 years of age can be dropped off at Bonkers at 6:00 pm. The cost of admission is \$5.00 and includes a meal. We need at least 10 kids to secure this reduced rate price so please sign up early by contacting Bethany James, Nursery Coordinator at [baj427@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:baj427@mail.missouri.edu).



# Festival of Sharing



## Festival of Sharing

Thanks to all our youth, college students, and adults who participated in serving at the Festival of Sharing on September 28. Our group helped sort seeds to be distributed to community gardens, label and load paper products to be distributed to partner agencies, and pack food boxes and emergency meals for disaster relief. It was a productive way to spend a Saturday morning.



*Pictured left:  
Rachel Jeffries, Brittany  
McDonald Null, and Lexie  
Kieffer, sorting seeds for a  
community garden.*

*Pictured right:  
Lexie Stone, Jack Stubbs,  
and Olivia Chang loading  
paper goods on to a trailer  
to be distributed to partner  
agencies.*



*Pictured left:  
Our team joining partners  
from around Mid-Missouri  
to fill rice bags and assemble  
food boxes.*



SAVE THE  
DATE!

FALL  
MISSIONS  
TOUR

Sunday,  
November 3



## Fall Missions Tour Sunday, November 3

SAVE THE DATE!

Have you ever wondered what our local missions partners are doing throughout Columbia?

Well, you're in luck!

Save the date for November 3 as we travel to our local missions partners including Love Inc., Voluntary Action Center, and the Food Bank. We will load the church bus and hear about what our partners are doing in the community and how we can join in. More details coming soon!

## 9:15 am Combined Worship Sunday, October 20



### Combined Worship

Sunday, October 20, 9:15 am in the Sanctuary

As a reminder, on Sunday, October 20, in conjunction with our Sheppard Lecture Series, Jared Byas will be leading us in combined worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. During the Small Group Hour, he will be giving a lecture in the Fellowship Hall.



## Prayers & Concerns

### *-Prayer Requests-*

- Barry Kausler, who continues to receive treatment for cancer.
- Kee Groshong, who is receiving treatment for cancer.
- Bill Crabb, who is in the hospital recovering from respiratory illness.
- Jason Tratchel, whose friend Mark Yount passed away unexpectedly, requests prayers for Mark's family.

### *-Community Needs-*

- Kim Purcell's son and daughter-in-law are expecting a baby and are in need of some help stocking the nursery. If you have gently used baby items that you would be willing to pass on, they could use a crib, changing table, baby boy clothes, bottles, swing, high chair, walker, blankets, swaddlers, dresser, and receiving blankets. You can email Kim at [kimpiehl61@gmail.com](mailto:kimpiehl61@gmail.com). Thank you so much for your help!

## ***What is the Bible?***

### Fall Sermon Series

We have two more Sundays in the *What is the Bible?* Sermon Series before our Sheppard Lecture Series on October 19-20.

#### **OCTOBER 6**

The Bible is sometimes disturbing

#### **OCTOBER 13**

How do we read the Bible, then?



## **Online Giving**

Many members have been utilizing the online giving portal. Have you tried it yet?

To give online, go to the church website:  
**[www.fbc-columbia.org](http://www.fbc-columbia.org)**

There you can create your secure account and make a single payment or set up a recurring payment with NO credit card fees.

Please call the office if you need assistance:  
**573-442-1149**

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“Return Service Requested”



**First Baptist Work Day**

October 6, 11:15-2:00 pm

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.

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