



WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

And what do I do with it...

Our Worship of God

September 8, 2019

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Opening Prayer (responsive)

O Still Speaking God,
throughout history and the wide world
you have gathered people around your Word
to instruct and inspire.

**We give thanks for all
who have received your vision
and shaped diverse and faithful communities
to follow in your way.**

Continue to open that vision to us,
that we may become transformed
by the renewing of your Word in our hearts.

Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other.

Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds;
Let us join with you in your suffering and your triumph.

**We desire to be your children and
we claim these blessings in your name. Amen.**

†Opening Song

No One Like Our God

†Passing the Peace of Christ

New-to-the-Pew Blessing (responsive)

God, our teacher and friend,

hear our prayers for our children.

May each student be treated with dignity and respect

remembering that every child has a story to tell.

Give us wisdom to be role models,

**remembering that children learn more from who we are
than what we say.**

Grant us with insight to learn from our children,

remembering we are all on this journey together.

As a community we lift up our newest members in the pews

remembering that each one of us is an image of your love.

Song of Faith

Jesus Love Me

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O God, may your Spirit awaken our imagination and devotion,

so that as we read the words of Scripture

the people, events, and teachings may spring to life

and allow us to meet you face to face.

Genesis 32:1, 22-30

Jacob went on his way and the angels of God met him; The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

Holy Spirit, as we reflect on these words, give us the ability to translate them into today's world and the courage to live them out in the circumstances of our own lives.

Song of Praise

Word of God Speak

†Offertory Prayer

Offering

You Satisfy My Soul

Message

What is the Bible?

Carol McEntyre

†Song of Response

God of Miracles

†Benediction

Worship Notes

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 8

Invite-a-Friend Sunday

New Sermon Series Begins: *What is the Bible?*

10:15 am Summer Book Club Discussion: *Inspired*

Parlor

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Kick-Off

Midway Golf & Games

Monday, September 9

9-10:30 Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, September 10

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6-7:15pm The Calling

Youth Suite

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Announcements

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out an information card during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.

What is the Bible? Sermon Series - Sept. 8 - Oct. 13

During this sermon series, we are going to take a deep theological dive into the Bible. We will talk about what it is, how this ancient book speaks today, the parts of the Bible that trouble us, and what we do with it.

Summer Book Club Discussion Groups

If you have been reading our summer book club selections about the Bible, we wanted to let you know when the discussions will take place. The groups will meet during the Small Group Hour at 10:15 am in the Parlor on the second floor. We look forward to the conversation!

Inspired by Rachel Held Evans
September 8 & 15
10:15 am, Parlor
led by Kim Siegenthaler

The Bible Tells Me So by Peter Enns
October 6 & 13
10:15 am, Parlor
led by Brian Ford

What is the Bible? by Rob Bell
September 22 & 29
10:15 am, Parlor
led by Noah Hartsfield

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Our Children's Ministry needs volunteers to help with extended session during the 9:15 am worship service. You can sign-up to volunteer following the service or by contacting Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org

The Calling – September Updates

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.

College Ministry Meal Volunteers Needed

Sunday, September 15, at 5:30 pm, marks the return of the College and Young Adult Small Group. The small group will be discussing central elements to Christianity including the Bible, church, God, and the cross. One way we seek to connect our congregation to our Young Adults is by providing meals for the students each week. At the beginning of Small Group, the individuals or families hosting the meal are invited to eat with the students and share about their story and what brought them to First Baptist. Our hope is to unite our College and Young Adults through the common bonding of food and story. If you are interested in hosting a meal, contact Brittany McDonald Null at bnull@fbc-columbia.org.

College & Young Adult Kick-Off - Today

Attention all College and Young Adults! Tonight, from 6-8 pm, the College and Young Adult Ministry will be kicking off the fall semester with a trip to Midway Golf and Games. Meet us out at Midway (5500 W Van Horn Tavern Rd, Columbia, MO 65203) for an epic game of archery tag, fun lawn games, and great conversation. Our regular small group resumes the following Sunday, September 15 and meets from 5:30-7:00 pm on the third floor of the church in the student suite. If you have any questions or need a ride to Midway, contact Interim Assistant Pastor, Brittany McDonald Null at bnull@fbc-columbia.org. We hope to see you there!

Sheppard Lecture Series – October 19 & 20

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

Child Development Center Supply Drive

One way to show your love for the CDC this fall is to participate in our classroom supply drive. On Sunday morning you can stop by the bulletin board in the hallway by the Sanctuary to see a list of classroom supplies our teachers are requesting for the school year. Each supply will be on a slip of paper, simply take a slip of paper or two, purchase those supplies, and drop the supplies and the slip of paper off on the 2nd floor of the Church next to the CDC office.



For Children During Worship:

Birth-Kindergarteners can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 Childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, which is located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 years old through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups are located on the second floor:

- Discussion Class (in the Parlor) likes to take a deep dive into scripture.
- Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.
- Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

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