



WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

And what do I do with it...

Our Worship of God

October 20, 2019

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

- Sheppard Lecture -

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Burkhardt

†Prayer of Invocation (responsive)

God of holy wisdom,
we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision.
Our lives are full of information and opinions,
but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom –

Your wisdom, God –

cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.

God, we have come here this morning
to learn wisdom from your Word,
from your Holy Spirit,
and from one another.

**We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness
and into the light. We have come to have the deeper, richer,
wisdom-filled life that you have promised to each of us.**

O God, make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning.

Call us to hear your wisdom

and grant us the courage to respond.

†Opening Song

Awakening Praise Band

You Are My Vision

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer of Approach for Scripture

Brian Ford
Khaki Westerfield

Thank you, God, for placing us in the flow of humanity,
intended for community but also created as individuals.
Thank you, God, for grace and guidance
as we make decisions that affect not only our own lives,
but also the lives around us.

Thank you for inspiring the many books
that have become the book we call the Bible,
just one of the ways you lead us to Truth.

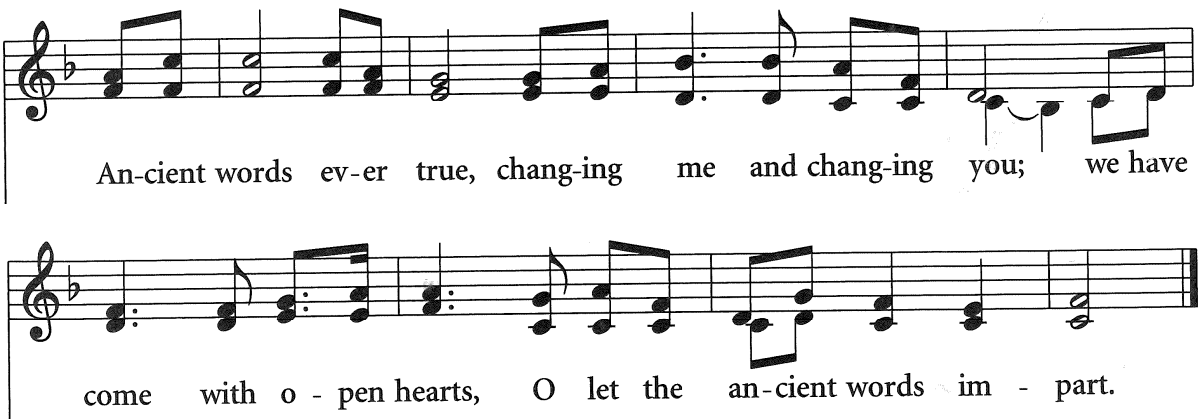
O God, we have both used and abused the Bible.
It has been a source of beauty and an excuse for war.
When we read it, we sometimes feel well-loved
and other times, shut out and misunderstood.
We see its contradictions and feel confused.
God, we need your urging, your continued call.
Please be with us as we spend time with the Word,
directing our reading and opening our hearts to your intention.

Please, God, help us find clarity and avoid rigidity.
Help us see this book as a door to open, not a wall to divide.
A bridge to connect, not a chasm to swallow what—or who—
is different from us. Please, God, help us approach the Word
with humility. There are many interpretations of the text.
Please help us welcome discussion of these different points of view.
If we hear someone use verses to cause damage or hurt,
lead us to speak Truth with kindness and respect for all.

**God, we acknowledge your gift, the Bible.
We pray that we will seek your Presence in its pages
just as we reach for you in worship and prayer.
We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.**

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.**

Ancient Words Refrain

An-cient words ev-er true, chang-ing me and chang-ing you; we have
come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

Matthew 5:17-22

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire.

**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.**

1. Ho - ly words long pre-served for our walk in this
 life, words of hope give us strength, help us
 2. Ho - ly words of our faith hand-ed down to this
 words long pre-served for our walk in this

world, they re - sound with God's own heart; O let the
 cope; in this world wher - e'er we roam God's an-cient
 age, came to us through sac - ri - fice; O heed the
 world, they re - sound with God's own heart; O let the

an - cient words im - part. Words of home.
 words will guide us Ho - ly part.
 faith - ful words of Christ.
 an - cient words im -

An-cient words ev-er true, chang-ing me and chang-ing you; we have

come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

†Hymn of Commitment

Speak O Lord

Unison

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your

Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the
 plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will

fash - ion us in Your like - ness; that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di-ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni-ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-
 eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can
 prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your

fill in us all Your pur - pos-es for Your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail; let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be-lief.
 church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

Offertory Prayer

Offering

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

Chancel Choir, Awakening Praise Band, First Kids Choir

*As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way!*

*O sinners let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners let's go down
Down in the river to pray.*

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Prayer of Approach for Scripture, by church member, Lynne Lampe.

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Down to the River to Pray, Sheldon Curry

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 20

10:30 am Sheppard Lecture Series: Jared Byas

Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Small Group

Off-site

Monday, October 21

9-10:30 Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, October 22

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, October 23

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6-7:15pm The Calling

Student Suite

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Sunday, October 27

3:00 pm Fall Fun Fest

Midway Golf & Games

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.

Fall Fun Fest – Sunday, October 27

Our Fall Fun Fest and Trunk-or-Treat will take place **from 3:00-7:30 pm on Sunday, October 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. 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.**

All Saints' Day – Sunday, November 3

On Sunday, **November 3** we will have a moment of remembrance during worship. All Saints' is a time to remember the lives of saints - any Christian who has 'gone before us.' We will ring a bell in honor of those in our church family who have died in this past year and you will be given a chance to ring a bell in honor of your friends or family members, outside the church, who have died in the past year.

Fall Missions Tour – Sunday, November 3

On **November 3**, the Serving Team is hosting a Missions Tour of our local partners in Columbia. We will gather for a quick lunch in the fellowship hall following the 11:15 am service, then load the church bus to hear about how God is working through our mission partners. Stops will include the Voluntary Action Center, Love Inc., the Food Bank and the Central Pantry. The tour will last around 2 hours. To reserve your spot, and ensure we have the appropriate amount of food for lunch, email Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org or call the church office.

November Missions Offering

Give to American Baptist Churches- USA Mission Offering this November to help with the ongoing disaster relief efforts in the Bahamas. Our annual missions offering this year will support the much-needed disaster recovery efforts funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry.

Advent Jesse Tree Workshop – Sunday, November 17

Join us for an intergenerational Advent event on **Sunday, November 17 at 10:15 am** during the Small Group Hour. We will have all the supplies for you to make your own Jesse Tree that you can use in your home this Advent season. Jesse Trees are a tradition used to help tell the story from creation to the birth of Jesus. Along with all of the supplies to make your own Jesse tree, you will receive a simple guide for placing the ornaments each day. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per Jesse Tree. Please RSVP to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org and let us know if you plan to make a tree. The Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry will be participating in the workshop. They will be making fun paper trees and other advent activities.

Tailgate Party for MO vs. TN – Saturday, November 23

Our pre-game party will start two hours before kickoff in the Grasslands (about two blocks from the Stadium) at the home of Lili Vianello and John Shrum, 1005 Wayne Rd. Lili and John will provide the main course and tailgate attendees are encouraged to bring sides and favorite beverages.

Jared Byas is known as a serial question-asker and idea explorer. He is passionate about exploring new ways of being Christian and helping people translate all of life's big questions into a life full of meaning and connection. Jared has been a pastor, and was a professor of Philosophy & Ethics at Grand Canyon University. He spent some time in higher education, launching a Experience Institute, an experience-based graduate program in Chicago. After that Jared owned a communications company where he facilitated company and non-profit leadership teams in strategic planning, communication systems, and organizational clarity. He is also co-author of the book *Genesis for Normal People* and has an upcoming book on the nature of truth. Jared co-hosts the popular podcast *The Bible for Normal People*. Most importantly Jared is married to Sarah and they have 4.5 children at home, Augustine, Tov, Elletheia, & Exodus and their dog Lula Rose.



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.

10:30 am

Sheppard Lecture Series with Jared Byas, in the Fellowship Hall

Children, birth-3 years old (not potty-trained) can be dropped off in the nursery next to the Sanctuary.

Children, 3 years old (potty trained) - 5th grade, can be dropped off in the Children's Ministry Suite at 10:30 am. Kids will begin by singing together, divide into their smaller groups for age-specific Bible lessons, and then return to the Children's Ministry Suite for crafts. Kids can be picked up in the Children's Ministry Suite following Jared Byas' discussion.

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

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

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

Brittany McDonald Null, Interim Assistant Pastor

Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director, Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist

Marques J. Ruff, Interim Music Director-Traditional Worship

Susan Goudie, Administrative Assistant, Bethany James, Nursery Director

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