



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

Author and Radio Co-Host Jared Byas to Speak at First Baptist Church

Hmmmmmmmm. Ever wonder *What is the Bible? And What exactly do I do with it?*

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, weak or nonexistent, 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.

Byas, co-host of the popular podcast *The Bible for Normal People* and co-author of the book *Genesis for Normal People* will be speaking live at First Baptist Church with a Q&A on Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. On Sunday, October 20, there will be worship at 9:15 a.m. with Byas preaching in the Sanctuary, and at 10:30 a.m. there will be a second lecture and Q&A session in Fellowship Hall. All events are free and open to the public.

Free childcare provided with advance registration. To register [email us at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org)

Byas is a former teaching pastor and professor of Philosophy & Biblical Studies. He speaks regularly on the Bible, truth, creativity, wisdom and the Christian faith. He and his wife, Sarah, live outside Philadelphia, PA, with their four children Augustine, Tov, Elletheia and Exodus.

The Sheppard Lecture Series was set up in honor of First Baptist's beloved pastor Lee C. Sheppard, who served the church in the 1950s.

First Baptist Church is a vibrant community of Christ-followers that has served Columbia for the past 195 years. As a congregation, the members of First Baptist Church strive to live in a manner worthy of the gospel they teach.

The church is led by Senior Pastor Carol McEntyre and is located at 1112 E Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201.