



# WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

*And what do I do with it...*

# *Our Worship of God*

*September 8, 2019*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Greeting**

Brittany McDonald Null

**Prelude**

All Creatures of Our God and King  
*Chancel Bells*

**†Prayer of Invocation (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.**

**†Processional Hymn 758**

Baptized in the Water

## **The Baptisms of Kim Purcell and Eric Alexander**

### **Response of the Congregation (unison)**

**We rejoice with you. We will pray for you.  
And we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.**

### **Baptismal Prayer**

**Pastor Carol McEntyre**

### **†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.**

### **†Hymn 470**

**Jesus Loves Me, This I Know**

### **Theme Interpretation**

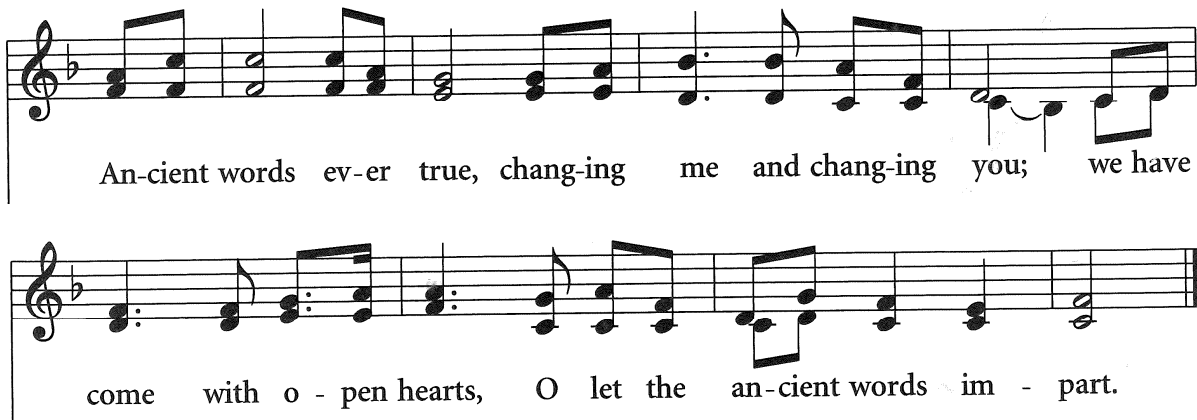
**Carol McEntyre**

### **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.**

**†Hymn**

Ancient Words



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.

**†Scripture Reading**

Angel Kenison-Scott

**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.**

**Anthem**

The Word Was God

Powell

*In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
The same was in the beginning with God.*

**Message**

*What is the Bible?*

Carol McEntyre

**†Hymn of Reflection**

(see next page)

Ancient Words

**†Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**


Let All Things Now Living

Arr. Freudenburg


**†Benediction**

†Hymn of Reflection

Ancient Words




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



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## Worship Notes

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∞ *The sanctuary flowers are given in honor of* ∞  
*Jim & Judy Elliott's 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

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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.

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# Week at a Glance

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## 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*



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# Announcements

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Church Staff

*Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor*

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

*Brittany McDonald Null, Interim Assistant Pastor*

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