

April 17, 2019

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First Baptist Church
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Good Friday

April 19 - 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Friday: the day the world turned dark and all hope was lost - the day of death.

On Good Friday, we will gather at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to join the lament of those who follow Christ. It is a final moment of preparation prior to the joy of Easter.



Upcoming Events

April 19

6:00 pm Good Friday Worship

April 20

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

April 21

Easter Sunday

No College/Young Adult Group

April 27

ForColumbia Day of Service

April 28

10:15 am ALL IN Visioning Team Presentation

May 3

7:00 pm Odyssey Spring Night Concert

May 5

5:00 pm Diaconate New Member Gathering

May 12

Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 27

Memorial Day- Church Offices Closed

June 2

3:00 pm Odyssey Season Finale: Vox Nova

June 9

Pentecost-Combined Worship and Church Picnic



Annual Sheppard Lecture October 19-20

This fall, for our annual Sheppard Lecture, First Baptist will welcome Jared Byas.

Along with Pete Enns, Jared is the co-host of the popular podcast, *The Bible for Normal People* and co-author of *Genesis for Normal People: A Guide to the Most Controversial, Misunderstood, and Abused Book of the Bible*. Jared has been a teaching pastor and professor. He has taught courses and developed curricula in philosophy, ethics, & biblical studies.

Jared will be speaking about the Bible- what it is and what we do with it. Because let's be honest, as Baptists, we love the Bible, but the Bible is sometimes hard to understand and even disturbing in places. Still, we believe in the importance of the Bible and its life-changing power. So, with Jared's help, we are going to seek to understand it more fully.

October 19-20,
First Baptist welcomes
special guest

JARED BYAS

THE BIBLE
for Normal People

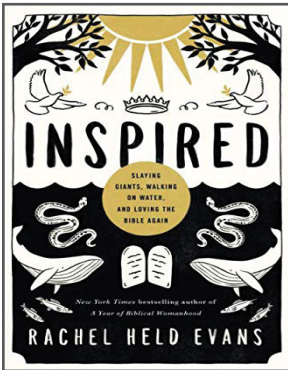


To jump start the conversation, everyone is invited to join our summer book club! Purchase one of these books about the Bible and read it over the summer. In the fall, we will have small groups devoted to discussing each of them. Books are \$15 each and can be purchased on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week.

Carl McIntyre



Summer Book Club

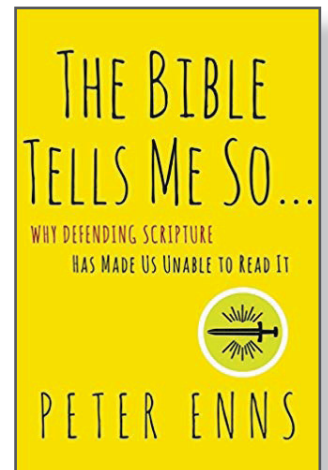


Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her—and it will change you too.

The Bible Tells Me So...Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable To Read It

Trained as an evangelical Bible scholar, Peter Enns loved the Scriptures and shared his devotion. But the further he studied the Bible, the more he found himself confronted by questions that could not be answered within the rigid framework of his religious instruction. *The Bible Tells Me So* chronicles Enns' spiritual odyssey, how he came to see beyond restrictive doctrine and learned to embrace God's Word as it is actually written, "inspiring and uplifting . . . but just as often a challenging book that leaves you with more questions than answers." As he explores questions progressive evangelical readers of Scripture commonly face yet fear voicing, Enns reveals that they are the very questions that God wants us to consider—the essence of our spiritual study.



What Is the Bible: How An Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything.

Bell wants you to read the Bible in a whole new way. To get to the heart of the Bible's meaning, we should be asking: "What's the story that's unfolding here and why did people find it important to tell it? What was it that moved them to record these words? What was happening in the world at that time? What does this passage tell us about how people understood who they were and who God was at that time?" In asking these questions, Rob goes beyond the one-dimensional question of "is it true?" to reveal the Bible's authentic transformative power.

New York Times Bestseller

What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything

Rob Bell

New York Times Bestselling Author of *Love Wins*



*2018 First Baptist Volunteers
working at Russell Chapel*

ForColumbia Day of Service Saturday, April 27

We have around 50 volunteers from First Baptist signed up to serve with ForColumbia this year. In the week ahead, volunteers should be contacted by their site leaders with information about their location and projects for the day. You can also find information about what to bring and needs for your site at www.forcolumbia.com/serving-sites/.

If you did not sign up but still wish to serve, please email Michael McEntyre as soon as possible at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Volunteers will meet at their locations on Saturday. Morning shifts start at 9:00 am with lunch at Noon. Afternoon shifts start at 12:00 pm and are scheduled to end around 4:00 pm.

Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet in our community.

*-Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth,
College, Young Adults, & Missions*

Celebrating the Baptism of Reid Wilson

April 14, 2019

Reid Wilson is originally from Huntsville, Missouri. They moved to Columbia in September of 2014 to work for the American Red Cross. Reid now works for The Missouri Theatre and Keystone Staffing. They currently go to Moberly Area Community College and will be transferring to Westminster College in the fall. Reid attends Awakening Worship on Sunday mornings.



Reid Wilson
Baptism
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Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 12

Attention all Graduates, High School, College, and Beyond!

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 12. Graduates will be recognized in both of our worship services and there will be a light brunch between the service in the Children's Building Hallway. We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church no later than Sunday, April 28 so it may be featured in the Spire. (For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school graduating from, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments so please help us honor all the graduates within our congregation by sending in this important information soon!



Dear Church Family,

I want to let you know that after a lot of consideration, I am resigning from my position as Director of Children's Ministry. My last Sunday will be May 26.

I have enjoyed my time at First Baptist and have loved working with the children, families, and volunteers. However, I have taken on more responsibilities at Adventure Club, such as trainings for the COE Adventure Club Program, as well as at conferences both at state and national conferences. I have also reinstated my own personal business and have landed solid contracts with CPS, Boone County Family Resources, as well as with Behavioral Innovations in Kansas City. I have also been able to get back on track with my graduate work and will be graduating with my Masters of Education in Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology in December of 2020.

Again, thank you for the opportunities you have provided for me at First Baptist. I have grown professionally as well as personally. My family plans to remain part of the First Baptist Family. We will see you in worship.

-Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Next Steps:

First Baptist cannot express its appreciation enough to Yvette for the care, love, and attention that she has given to the children in our First Baptist family. Her gentle spirit and fun-loving attitude have been infectious among our preschool and elementary school kids. As the Personnel Committee works to formulate a proposal for the next Director of Children's Ministry, our Children's ministry volunteers will follow the plan Yvette has prepared for this time of transition. We are grateful that Yvette and her family will still be a part of our First Baptist community and look forward to continuing to worship and grow together. Many blessings during this time of transition.



UNIDIVERSITY Youth Camp

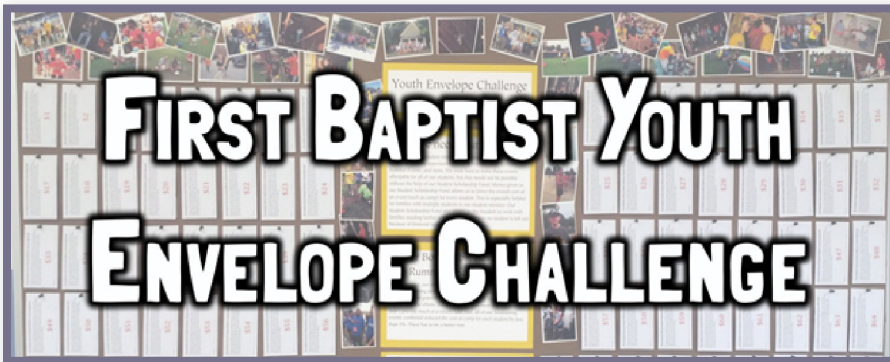


Unidiversity Youth Camp

July 20-27

\$50 Deposits Due April 28

Our youth are heading back to Unidiversity Camp this summer (July 20-27)! Like many of the camps we have been to, Unidiversity offers the opportunity for our students to meet, worship, and grow with other students from churches around the country. Unidiversity offers a good mix of fun, worship, and community that our students look forward to. The cost for camp will be \$250 per camper, with a \$30 discount for additional siblings. As always, further financial assistance is available if needed. Please contact Michael at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. \$50 deposits for camp are due by April 28. Two \$100 payments will be due May 26 and June 23. As always, friends are welcome and encouraged to go.



Join in the Youth Envelope Challenge During the Month of April!

April 2019

The Envelope Challenge is a way to help make sure that every student who wants

to go to events like youth camp, mission experiences, fall and spring events, and other ministry outings has the resources available to them to participate. Envelopes ranging from \$1 to \$100 are placed on the bulletin board in the Children's Building hallway. Church members are encouraged to use these envelopes to give. All the money raised by this challenge will go directly to the Youth Scholarship Fund, allowing us the freedom to work with families needing further assistance to make sure no student is left out because of financial restraints. Just choose an envelope (or several) from the board, place the amount of money printed on the outside in the envelope, and drop it in the offering. Your gifts go a long way in making our ministry possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Blessings,

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions



“Lettuce Taco ‘bout First Baptist”

New Member Fellowship

May 5 - 5:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

The Diaconate will be hosting a time of fellowship for new(ish) members to First Baptist. To keep with the Cinco de Mayo theme, there will be a taco bar. Please RSVP to the church office by May 1.

Phone: 573-442-1149

Email: churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org

Dinner & Conversation with Paul Baxley

Friday, May 3 - 6:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Our mission and ministry partner, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, has a new Executive Coordinator, Paul Baxley! On Friday, May 3 at 6:00 pm, CBF Heartland is hosting a casual dinner at First Baptist for area churches to meet Paul. He will share about his background, his commitment to the church and his vision for CBF. A question-and-answer period will follow, as time allows. You are invited to join us for dinner. Please RSVP by contacting the church office.

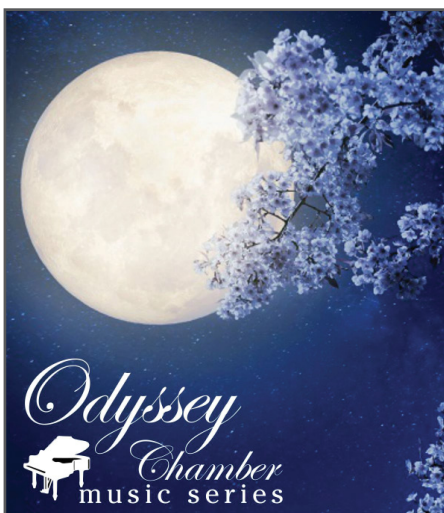
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About Paul Baxley

Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley is the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a Christian network comprised of people and churches that partner in renewing God's world. In January 2019, he was unanimously elected as the fourth Executive Coordinator in the history of the 27-year-old Fellowship, after serving since 2010 as senior minister of First Baptist Church, Athens, Ga. A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., Baxley has held pastorates and ministry positions in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia, and is a former member of the CBF Governing Board.



Spring Night

May 3

7pm

The title is taken from Robert Schumann's breathtakingly beautiful "Frühlingsnacht" from Liederkreis, Op. 39. This

ultimate German romantic work is programmed with equally gorgeous Gian Carlo Menotti's "Cantilene & Scherzo" for harp, violin and string quartet and Debussy's dynamic String Quartet, featuring the Esterhazy String Quartet and harpist Maria Duhova Trevor. There will be a pre-concert performance at 6:45 pm.

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Easter Sunday

April 21

Easter morning begins with a celebration of the Resurrection at the 9:15 am Awakening Contemporary Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy pastries and beverages from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. Traditional Worship will celebrate the Risen Christ at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.

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