

July 24, 2019

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Inclusion Training

August 2019

One focus area that came out of our All In Visioning Process was “work toward increased accessibility and inclusivity in First Baptist ministries and facilities.” To do this, we have committed to expanding opportunities for inclusion education and experiences. We have identified two areas of inclusion that we want to work on this summer.

The first area of focus is the inclusion of all genders including people who are transgender and non-binary. This two-part session will be held on August 4 and 11 at 10:15 am in the parlor, Dr. Christy Hutton and Dr. Loren Bauerband from the University of Missouri will be leading this training.

The second area is the inclusion of people with disabilities, especially children. On August 18 at 10:15 am in the parlor, Christy Edwards a minister and mother of a special needs child, will be talking about how faith communities can companion this population.

Upcoming Events

July 28

Enneagram & Relationships Small Group
Youth Ministry Workshop

July 29-Aug 2

First Kids Camp

August 4

11:15 am Combined Worship in the
Sanctuary & Business Meeting

August 4, 11, 18

10:15 am Inclusion Training

August 25

Fall Kick-Off

INCLUSION TRAINING

-Sundays at 10:15 am in the Parlor-

August 4 & 11

Inclusion of all genders, including people who are transgender and non-binary

August 18

Inclusion of people with disabilities



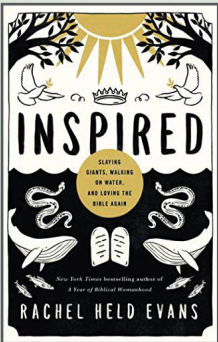
What is the BIBLE ?

Sermon Series
Sept 8 ~ Oct 13

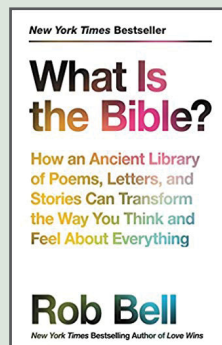
What do I do with it?

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.

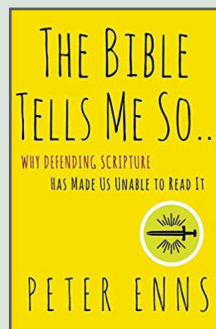
If you have been reading our summer book club selections about the bible, we wanted to let you know when the discussions will take place. The groups will meet during the Small Group Hour at 10:15 am in the Conference Room on the Second floor.



Inspired
September 8 & 15
10:15 am, Conference Room
led by Kim Siegenthaler



What is the Bible?
September 22 & 29
10:15 am, Conference Room
led by Noah Hartsfield



The Bible Tells Me So
October 6 & 13
10:15 am, Conference Room
led by Brian Ford

All of this is building to our annual Sheppard Lecture, which will be October 19-20 with guest speaker Jared Byas.

Looking forward to the conversation!

Carla McEntyre



First Kids Camp Week

July 29-August 2

Next week we will be hosting First Kids Camp throughout the church buildings. For increased security and the safety of our children, the building doors will be less accessible during open office hours. If you need access to the building, please call the church office at 573-442-1149.



Fall Kick-Off

August 25

As we look toward the end of summer, we are preparing for our annual Fall Kick-Off after Traditional worship on August 25. We will have a throwback to the 80's theme this year! The church will provide the chicken, as well as beverages and tableware. We know you will please the crowd with your delicious side dishes and desserts! Get out your scrunchies, headbands, and parachute pants as we kick off the new season in style.

Prayers & Concerns

-Prayer Requests-

- The family and friends of Gisela Groiss, who passed away on July 10. She was a beloved member of First Baptist. Her memorial service will be held in New Jersey in the coming weeks.
- The family of Pastor Carol McEntyre, whose paternal grandfather passed away on July 18.
- Jess Wolfe, who is recovering from a medical procedure.

-Celebrations-

- In celebration of Barbara Wyatt's 90th birthday, the family is inviting the congregation to join them at a reception in her honor. It will be held immediately following the Combined Service and Business Meeting on Sunday, August 4. No gifts please, but a card would be enjoyed by Barbara.

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11:15 am Combined Worship Sunday, Aug. 4



Combined Worship & Business Meeting

August 4

11:15 am, Sanctuary

First Baptist will have Combined Worship on August 4 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, there will be a brief business meeting.

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