

September 4, 2019

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First Baptist Church
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INVITE A FRIEND

Sunday, September 8



Invite-a-Friend Sunday

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As a community of faith, we look forward to Sunday morning when we come to church, see our friends, attend small group and worship together. We love our church and believe other people would too if they came to visit. You can invite a co-worker, a neighbor, a family member, or a friend. Sunday, September 8 is the start of a new sermon series about the Bible- what it is and how it speaks today.

It is going to be a great time of learning, so why not invite others to join us?

New to the Pew Blessing For 1st Graders

September 8

With the beginning of the new school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews. On Sunday morning, September 8, in conjunction with our Sermon Series, *What is the Bible?*, we will be presenting Bibles to our first graders and offering a blessing over them and their families. As a church family, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to walking alongside them on their journey.

Upcoming Events

September 8

Invite-a-Friend Sunday

New Sermon Series: *What is the Bible?*

10:15 am Inspired Small Group

6-8:00 pm College & Young Adult Kick-Off at Midway Golf & Games

September 15

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Bible Study Resumes

September 28

Festival of Sharing (College & Youth)

October 19-20

Sheppard Lecture Series: Jared Byas

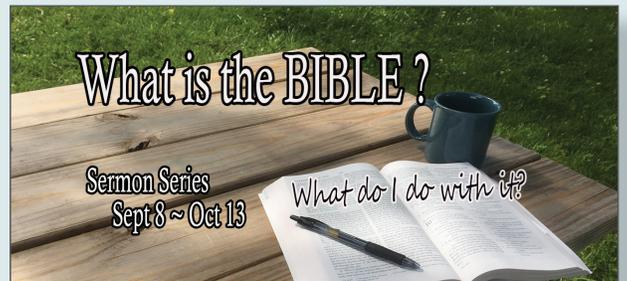


Fall Sermon Series

September 8

Progressive Christians are really good at deconstructing the Bible, which means we know what we don't believe. We don't believe the Bible is a rule book, instruction manual or a science book. We don't use words like inerrant or infallible to describe the Bible. We know what we don't believe. At the same time, Progressive Christians are not as good at articulating what we believe about the Bible. Particularly, as Baptists, the Bible is important to us; we are people of the book! But if the Bible isn't a rule book or a science book, what is it? In addition, we know the Bible didn't just drop from the sky fully formed, but what do we mean when we say the Bible is inspired? And

let's be honest, parts of the Bible are deeply disturbing. How do we handle passages like Joshua 6:21, which says the Israelite conquered Jericho and "They devoted the city to the Lord and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys"? Murdering "every living thing" as devotion to God- that is downright scary!



Our fall sermon series and summer book club discussions, which begin this Sunday, September 8, and our annual Sheppard Lecture on October 19 and 20 are devoted to answering these questions and more. I hope you will join us for a deep theological dive into the Bible. We are going to wrestle with the text and these questions, debate the mystery of scripture and hopefully, come out on the other side with a deeper understanding and love for the Bible. I hope you will join us for this important series.

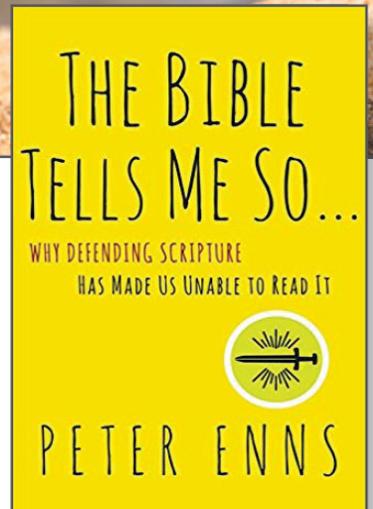
Carl McIntyre

What is the Bible? Sermon Series Topics

Sunday, September 8	<i>What is the Bible?</i>
Sunday, September 15	<i>The Bible isn't as clear as we'd like it to be</i>
Sunday, September 22	<i>The Bible is diverse</i>
Sunday, September 29	<i>What do we mean when we say the Bible is inspired?</i>
Sunday, October 6	<i>The Bible is sometimes disturbing</i>
Sunday, October 13	<i>How do we read the Bible, then?</i>



Summer Book Club



Book Review - *The Bible Tells Me So* by Jim Rhodes

We Christians call our Bible the "Word of God." We know it is a bunch of stories written by often unknown men over a span of a millennium or more. Some of us may suppose that they were dictated, somehow, by God. More of us may reject dictation, but say inspired by God. Some of us may struggle with the concept of Jesus being both divine and human. Perhaps it is like the Bible being authored by both God and man. We laypeople realize that scholars and denominational leaders sometimes differ in their questions and answers.

Peter Enns has spent decades studying and teaching the Bible. Many people respect his scholarship and his ability to write for us lay folks, but some not-so-much. This quotation from his summary, p.231, reveals his views: "The Bible is an ancient book and we shouldn't be surprised to see it act like one. So seeing God portrayed as a violent, tribal warrior is not how God is but how he was understood to be by the ancient Israelites communing with God in their time and place."

October 19-20,
First Baptist welcomes
special guest

JARED BYAS

THE BIBLE
for Normal People





Fall Kick-Off 2019





College & Young Adult Kick-Off

Sunday, September 8

6-8:00 pm

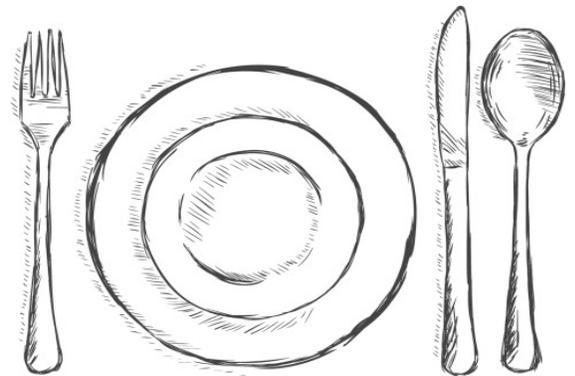


Attention all College and Young Adults! On Sunday, September 8, the College and Young Adult Ministry will be kicking off the fall semester with a trip to Midway Golf and Games. Meet us out at Midway (5500 W Van Horn Tavern Rd, Columbia, MO 65203) for an epic game of archery tag, fun lawn games, and great 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. We hope to see you there!



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.



CDC Classroom Fall 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.



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This Sunday!

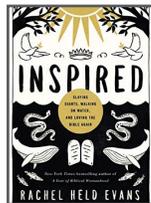
Summer Book Club Discussion Groups

10:15 am September 8-October 13

Summer Book Club discussion groups will meet during the Small Group Hour at 10:15 am in the Parlor on the Second floor. Even if you haven't read the books, you are invited to join us!

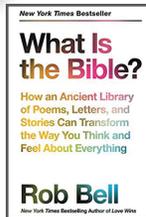
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by Rachel Held Evans
 September 8 & 15
 10:15 am, Parlor
 led by Kim Siegenthaler



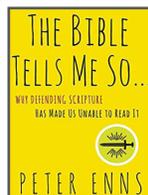
What is the Bible?

by Rob Bell
 September 22 & 29
 10:15 am, Parlor
 led by Noah Hartsfield



The Bible Tells Me So

by Peter Enns
 October 6 & 13
 10:15 am, Parlor
 led by Brian Ford



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