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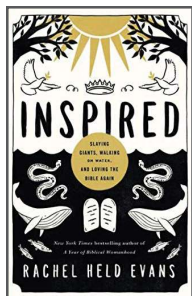
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Summer Book Club Discussion Groups

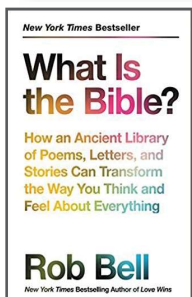
10:15 am September 8-October 13

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. Looking forward to the conversation!



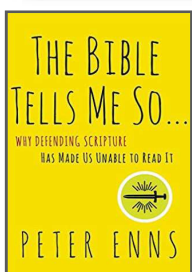
Inspired

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

Upcoming Events

August 23

7pm Odyssey Series - Jacques Thibaud Trio

August 25

12:30 pm Fall Kick-Off

August 28

The Calling Kick-Off

September 8

Invite-a-Friend Sunday

New Sermon Series: *What is the Bible?*

10:15 am Inspired Small Group

5:30 pm College Kick-Off at Midway Golf

October 19-20,
First Baptist welcomes
special guest

**JARED
BYAS**

THE BIBLE
for Normal People



Sheppard Lecture Series

October 19-20

Save the date for our Sheppard Lecture Series, with special guest speaker Jared Byas!



Brittany McDonald Null

Interim Assistant Pastor

Brittany McDonald Null, our former Pastoral Resident, will now hold the role of Interim Assistant Pastor. Brittany will be overseeing Children, Traditional Worship, and College ministry, as well as assisting with missions and pastoral care. In her oversight with the Children's Ministry, Brittany will coordinate Sunday morning Sunday School and extended sessions, serve as the staff liaison to the Children's Ministry Action Group, coordinate with the Director of the

Nursery and communicate with families about children's ministry activities. Brittany is excited to lean into the visioning provided during the Church Wide Visioning and work with parents, volunteers, and families, as we learn how to best journey alongside our young people.

Brittany's oversight in Traditional worship includes assisting the Pastor each week to plan the services, coordinating with the Interim Music Director - Traditional Worship to select music that aligns with the week's theme, overseeing the Scholarship Singers, preparing bulletins for both services, and serving as the staff liaison to the Worship Team.

Her final area of focus will be the collegiate ministry. Brittany will plan and implement college ministry activities, including Sunday Night Gatherings, fellowship events, and the annual Christmas Party. Additionally, Brittany will be assisting Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre and the Missions Team with benevolence requests and planning a Missions Partner Tour this fall. She will also provide pastoral care in the absence of the Senior Pastor.



Michael McEntyre

Minister of Youth, Missions and Interim Administration

The interim time will also add some new responsibilities for our Associate Pastor, Michael McEntyre. In addition to working with our students and being the liaison for our Serving Team, Michael will oversee the administrative tasks for the church. He will be working closely with the Trustees, Finance, Personnel, and Endowment teams to help with the day to day operations of the church, the long-range facility goals and current repair projects, care of buildings

and ground, the budgeting process and financial accountability, and office needs. Michael will also work with our support staff to help them as they provide the foundational work that all First Baptist ministries build from to be successful.

While these responsibilities will provide new challenges and demands, Michael is confident that, together with First Baptist teams and leadership, this will be a time of growth and opportunity. Michael also looks forward to continuing the good work started this summer in the small group workshop on rethinking our approach to Children's and Student Ministry. He is equally excited about a new semester of growing in faith with First Baptist students, finding new ways to engage the congregation in missions and serving opportunities, and having a front row seat to what God is doing in the lives of college students and young adults here at First Baptist.



Marques J. Ruff

Interim Music Director - Traditional Worship

Marques J. Ruff will be serving as our Interim Music Director for Traditional Worship. Marques will provide music leadership for the Traditional Service, direct the Chancel Choir, coordinate special music, and assist with music planning. He is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University. As a former member of the Grammy award-winning ensemble, Chanticleer, Marques has traveled to more than 25 countries, performing well over 500 concerts, and numerous master classes. Marques graduated with a Master of Music in Choral Conducting in 2019 and is currently working on a Master of Music in Vocal Performance. For the last two years, he served as the Interim Music Director for the Unitarian Universalist Church in Columbia.



Noah Hartsfield

Interim Handbell Director

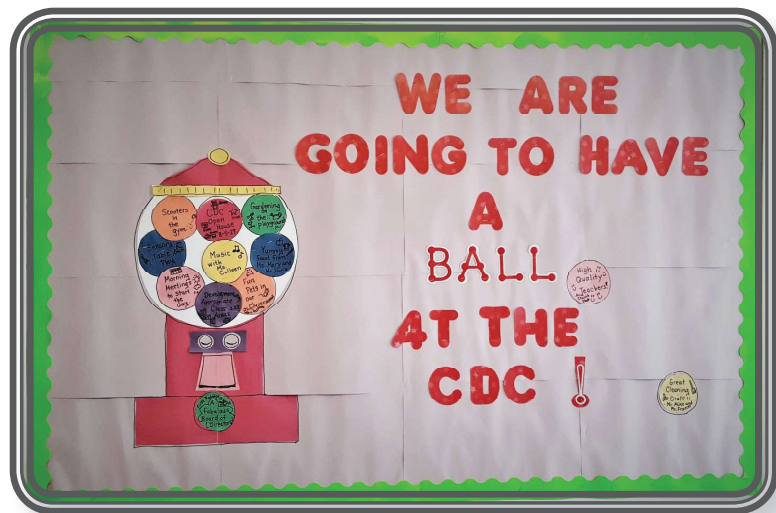
Noah has been a member of FBC for over 10 years and originally came to FBC via the handbell choir! He grew up in Kirksville, MO where he began ringing handbells as a 2nd grader in his church's Children's Handbell Choir. He quickly fell in love with ringing and rang in the youth and adult handbell choirs at his home church as well. After a couple years at the end of high school attending an International Boarding School in New Mexico (where he still rang handbells); he came to Columbia to attend MU and just decided to stay. In his almost 15 years in Columbia, he has rung in a couple of church handbell choirs, as well as the Columbia Handbell Ensemble. All in all, Noah has been ringing handbells for around 27 years! Noah and his wife Abby have a little boy named Gideon who is 2 1/2. When he's not around the church, Noah enjoys playing strategy board games with friends and family. He is excited for the opportunity to bring meaningful handbell music to worship.



Julie Walker

Interim Children's Director

Julie Walker will be serving as our Interim Children's Music Director. Julie and her husband Dave have been members at First Baptist for two years. On Sunday mornings, Julie can be found attending Awakening Worship, playing in the Praise Band, or helping out with the Connections Small Group. For over 30 years, Julie has served in church music programs. She has lead adult chancel choirs, praise bands, handbell choirs and directed children's choirs.



New CDC School Year

Update from
CDC Board Chair,
Noah Hartsfield

The Child Development Center is off to an exciting start this school year! There have been many recent changes, but thanks to the love and support of our First Baptist family and the dedication of our wonderful staff, the CDC is moving forward.

Ms. Marilyn Canole, a 13 year veteran teacher of the CDC, is currently serving as interim director while the CDC Board takes some time to assess the position of the center director and make plans for the future.

First Baptist gives a ton of love and support to the CDC, in many ways that are both seen and unseen. From church members serving on the board of directors to individuals like Ms. Colleen teaching music to our young children, or people like Mike Brewer and Ed Felts dedicating time and back-power to building and preparing gardens for the kids; the CDC enjoys and thanks First Baptist for all your love.

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.

On behalf of the children, families, staff, and Board of Directors; I thank First Baptist for all the support the CDC has received in it's 50 year of existence. With such love providing a firm foundation, we look onward to the next 50 years!

Thank you,

Noah Hartsfield
Chair - CDC Board



Child Development Center

at First Baptist Church Est. 1969



INVITE A FRIEND

Sunday, September 8



Invite-a-Friend Sunday

September 8

We are declaring Sunday, September 8, Invite-a-Friend Sunday! 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. So, the Telling Team came up with the idea of Invite-a-Friend Sunday. We thought if we agreed together to invite a friend, it would encourage us to issue the invitation. 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.





the calling

The Calling Kick-Off

Wednesday, August 28

6:00 pm at Midway Golf & Games

All students in 6-12th grade are invited to join us on August 28 at MIDWAY GOLF AND GAMES! We will (weather permitting) eat some pizza, play some putt-putt, race some go karts, and have a blast. Our festivities will begin at 6:00 pm and finish by 7:30 pm. The Calling is our Wednesday night gathering for Middle and High School students that takes place each week from 6- 7:15 pm. This is a fun time for students to gather together to build relationships, explore faith, and learn how the Bible helps shape and guide our lives. On Wednesday nights, just take the elevator or stairs up to the 3rd floor and follow the loud music :) Our mid-week gathering is a lot of fun and we hope to see all our students there.



University Camp 2019

Thanks to all those who supported our students with your presence, your finances, and your prayers for University Camp 2019. We had an unfathomably great week together learning how each of us are fearfully and wonderfully made and how God knits us together. Be sure to ask our students and leaders about their trip.



As a new school year begins, there are some very practical ways we, as a church, can better connect to students who visit our congregation. We published this last year and many of you said you thought it was helpful so here it is again:



- Don't ask students if this is their first Sunday, instead say something like, "I don't believe we've met, I'm _____, are you a student?"
- When you meet a student for the first time, make a note of their name (write it in your bulletin or text it to yourself). Make a point to pray for that student all during the next week. You will bless them and when you see them the next week, it will be easier to remember their name.
- Try not to redirect students by saying something like, "You need to meet Michael/ Brittany/ our College Minister", start with getting to know them yourself. Ask what they are studying. Find out where they are from. Look for ways to connect. Then introduce them to the appropriate staff (or better yet, take them to lunch and tell them you will introduce them to us when they come back next week.)
- If someone asks you about our Sunday Morning Small Groups, don't show them the options in the bulletin, invite them to join you and take them along. You can share the different options available afterwards. Remember, we do not have a separate College Sunday Morning Small Group by design. We want students to begin to integrate into the larger church, and Small Groups are a great way for them to connect with other adults in our congregation.
- Be aware of students visiting your small group. Know that making them feel welcome is as important as the lesson that morning.
- If you have the gift of the gab and see a student sitting by themselves, introduce yourself and ask if you can join them. As the service goes along, you can offer explanations for our worship practices (i.e. why does the cross process in, what happens during Passing of the Peace, why do we go forward for communion in Awakening, why is our pastor a woman- you know, the easy questions.)
- Also, for our home students who have headed off to school, make a point to send a note of encouragement to them in the weeks ahead. If you can't find their address, give the note to their parents or to Brittany or Michael to send. You will not believe how important it is for them to know they are remembered.

These are just a few simple thoughts to keep us moving in the right direction. Ministry works better together. If you have any further thoughts or want to get involved with this process on a deeper level, please be sure to contact Michael or Brittany.



Letter from Mary VanRheenen & Keith Holmes

August 2019

Do you sweat before breakfast? A friend of ours who grew up in East Africa wanted to make sure he lived somewhere where he would not have to sweat before breakfast. I've been thinking about him a lot lately as I sweat before, during, and after breakfast.

Keith and I are on the Caribbean Island of Curacao[i] for 6+ weeks to record the New Testament in Papiamentu, the local language. We've rented an apartment which is cool enough with the windows open and the constant sea winds blowing through. But I am still sweating.



Now Keith is sweating, too, in a more figurative sense. Today we completed 90% of the recording finished. The remaining 10%, though, is mainly lines scattered here and there—the angel Gabriel in Luke; King Agrippa in Acts; one of the Elders in Revelation. Once everything in a chapter is recorded, that whole chapter needs to be listened to and approved. If not approved, readers need to be called back in to record the corrections. We have already listened to and approved 30 chapters, out of a total of 260. Everyone has worked hard to get this far. Frankly, we're tired. Pray with us that we will all finish strong. Our partners in Moldova have also seen progress. The Romany church in Vulcanesti has grown. Romany leaders are evangelizing other Romany and dreaming of their own Bible school. Our partners, Petru & Olesea Ciochina, have also worked hard. And they are also tired. Pray with them that they will lean on the Holy Spirit's unlimited power.

Still praying (and sweating),
Mary VanRheenen & Keith Holmes

Praise and Thanksgiving for:

- *Great team and good progress recording New Testament in Papiamentu on the island of Curaçao.
- *Mary's arm has healed; she is careful with it but using it normally.
- *Camps for children and youth, Bistret, Romania and Vulcanesti, Moldova.

Prayer requested for:

- *Strong finish of recording project; Holy Spirit to work through final product.
- *Rest for Pastor Petru Ciochina, Moldova; Holy Spirit's empowerment for current and future work there.
- *Employment opportunities in the Republic of Moldova.

Contributions to the Offering for Global Missions (OGM) provide for the presence of all field personnel (online giving: www.cbf.net/offering-for-global-missions). Contributions to Keith and Mary's programming fund their specific ministry (online: www.cbf.net/holmes). Or mail to: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, P.O. Box 102972, Atlanta, GA 30368-2972, checks clearly marked for either OGM or Holmes/VanRheenen Programming. Additional stories and photos: <https://cbf-romany-ministries.blogspot.com/>.

Keith Holmes and Mary VanRheenen are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel, from First Baptist, serving as resource coordinators for Romany and those working with Romany throughout Europe. This husband-wife team focuses on Christian media resources in major Romany languages and educational resources.



Fall Kick-Off

This Sunday, August 25
After Traditional Worship

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!

There will be two bounce houses, one for the little ones and, for the bigger kids, there will be a bouncy obstacle course! Games will also include First Baptist's traditional game of 9-Square, awesome 80's photo backgrounds, music, beanbag toss, and much more!

The church will provide chicken from Lee's, as well as beverages and tableware. There will be a gluten-free chicken option. 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.

Speaking of style, can you guess who had this 80's hairstyle back in the day?



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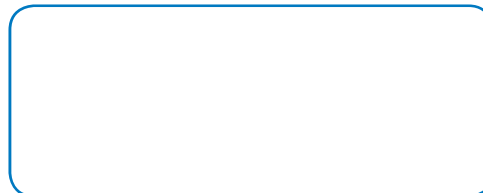
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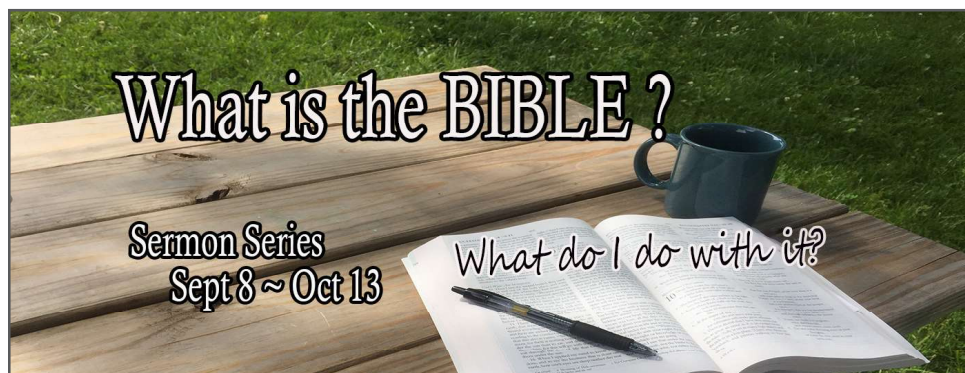
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"Return Service Requested"



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What is the Bible?

New Sermon Series - September 8-October 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.

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