



WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

And what do I do with it...

Our Worship of God

September 29, 2019

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome and Announcements

Michael McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

The Word you spoke, and keep speaking, O God
**is the life, the sustenance,
of all that is – seen and unseen.**

The Life you gave, and keep giving, O Christ
**is the recreation, the renewed birth
of every broken, wounded creature.**

The breath you breathed, and keep breathing, O Spirit
**is the inspiration for creativity, compassion and community
that connects and unites all that God has made.**

Life-giving, Life-restoring, Life-fulfilling God,
**our worship seeks to honour you
our hearts are devoted to you
and our lives are completely given over to you. Amen.**

†Opening Songs

Your Love Awakens Me
Echo

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

**We believe the Bible is unique.
God breathes life into the Scriptures and through it,
into our community of faith and our very souls.**

**We believe the Bible has a unique role in our community,
resourcing, challenging, and guiding us in ways that no other text can.
It teaches, reproves, corrects, trains and equips us
for love and good works.**

**We confess the Bible is sometimes confusing,
at times it can be disturbing
and we do not pretend to understand everything about it.**

**Yet, we commit to meditate on the Bible,
to study the words within and to wrestle with our questions and doubts,
believing that when we do, God will bless us richly.**

†Song of Praise

God of Wonders

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.**

2 Timothy 3:10-16

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

**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.**

Offertory Prayer

Offering

Artist

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

What Do We Mean When We Say the Bible is Inspired?

†Song of Response

To the One

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Affirmation of Faith, by Pastor Carol McEntyre

Echo, Alexander Pappas, Chris Brown, Israel Houghton, Matthew Ntlele, Steven Furtick, CCLI#7104200

To The One, Oscar Gamboa, Meredith Mauldin, Beau Maddox, CCLI#7111903

Your Love Awakens Me, Chris Quilala, Phil Wickham, CCLI#7054720

Artist, Judah Earl, Justin Rizzo, Laura Hackett Park, Rachel Fa'agutu, CCLI#7128474

God of Wonders, Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong, CCLI#3118757

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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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 29

10:15 am Summer Book Club Discussion:

What is the Bible?

Parlor

2:00-3:30 pm Service for Honoring Transitions

Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm First Kids' Choir Begins

Choir Room

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Small Group

Student Suite

Monday, September 30

9-10:30 Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, October 1

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, October 2

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6-7:15pm The Calling

Student Suite

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Sunday, October 6

10:15 am Summer Book Club Discussion:

The Bible Tells Me So?

Parlor

12:30-2:00 pm First Baptist Work Day

Parking Lot

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Small Group

Student Suite

Announcements

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.

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!

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

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*.

Saturday, October 19 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Sunday, October 20 9:15 am and 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Childcare provided with RSVP by October 14 at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

First Kids Choir Begins Today

First Kids Choir will begin today at 4:00 pm in the Chancel Choir Room. Children 4 years old to 5th grade are invited to participate in the fun. If you have any questions, you can email Julie Walker, Interim Children's Music Director at jbethwalker58@gmail.com.

Parents' Night Out – October 11

On October 11 from 6-8:00 pm, parents and caregivers are invited to drop their kids off and have an evening to themselves. Children 3 and under can be dropped off at the church nursery at 5:45 pm. For kiddos old enough to eat pizza, it will be provided and they will do a craft together. Children from age 4-13 can be dropped off at 6:00 pm at Tiger Bounce, 3601 Buttonwood Drive . The cost of admission is \$5.99 and includes a drink, a slice of pizza and popcorn. We need at least 10 kids to secure this reduced rate, so please sign up early by contacting Bethany James, Nursery Coordinator at baj427@mail.missouri.edu.

Service for Honoring Transitions - Today at 2:00 pm

2:00-3:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Transitions are hard. Our long-time music minister's departure is a big change for First Baptist. We are three months into this transition and still processing this change. We have put together a service for honoring transitions. The service will take place this afternoon from 2:00-3:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will spend a few minutes in silence and take some time to reflect as a group on the transition. Then, you will have the chance to break up into stations and do your own personal reflection.

First Baptist Work Day – October 6

We are looking for help with some yardwork and clean up around the church following the services on Sunday, October 6. We need help clearing the fence row and trimming the growth in the back parking lot to help with safety and security. We also need assistance in weeding and mulching the island in this space, as well as a few additional projects around the church, depending on the number of people who are able to help. Work will begin after the small group hour for those who normally attend the first service. A picnic lunch will be provided following the second service. Volunteers may want to bring work gloves, old clothes (preferably pants and long sleeve shirt), and a water bottle. We are planning to be done by 2:00pm. We hope you will consider joining.

Fall Fun Fest – October 27

Fall Fun Fest will take place at the newly refurbished Midway Golf and Games located at 5500 W Van Horn Tavern Rd, Columbia, MO 65203. We will gather at their beautiful pavilion for our traditional potluck dinner and the facility will have a dedicated parking area for our Trunk or Treat festivities! The church will provide the drinks and paper goods, but we need some good eats and treats to bring it all together. There will be plenty of free yard games to play and our church will be offered a group rate for all other activities (including putt-putt, foot golf, go-karts, batting cages, and the driving range). We will also have a couple of church sponsored activities as well to spice things up (maybe archery tag and a mini Par 3 Golf Tournament, more information to come).



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.

1st- 5th 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:

- What is the Bible?* Discussion Group in the Parlor
- 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.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

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

Brittany McDonald Null, Interim Assistant Pastor

Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director, Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist

Marques J. Ruff, Interim Music Director-Traditional Worship

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