

August 4, 2021

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First Baptist Church
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FIRST BAPTIST
FALL CARNIVAL

- AUGUST 22 -
12:30 PM ON THE
FRONT LAWN

First Baptist Fall Kick-off August 22

Our Fall Kick-off theme this year is an old-fashioned Carnival. Instead of having a potluck for Fall Kick-off, we are serving barbeque sandwiches and hot dogs, with chips and baked beans. We will let you know the per person cost, those who are able can pay full price and others are invited to pay what they can. We will be eating outside and will set up some extra tables to allow folks to spread out while eating.

You can look forward to a selection of carnival games with prizes and photo opportunities. Or, if you'd like, simply sit and talk with old friends and make some new ones too.

AUGUST 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

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FBC HIKING CLUB
AT FINGER LAKES



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FIRST BAPTIST
ADVENTURERS
ROAD TRIP & DINNER



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BLESSING OF THE
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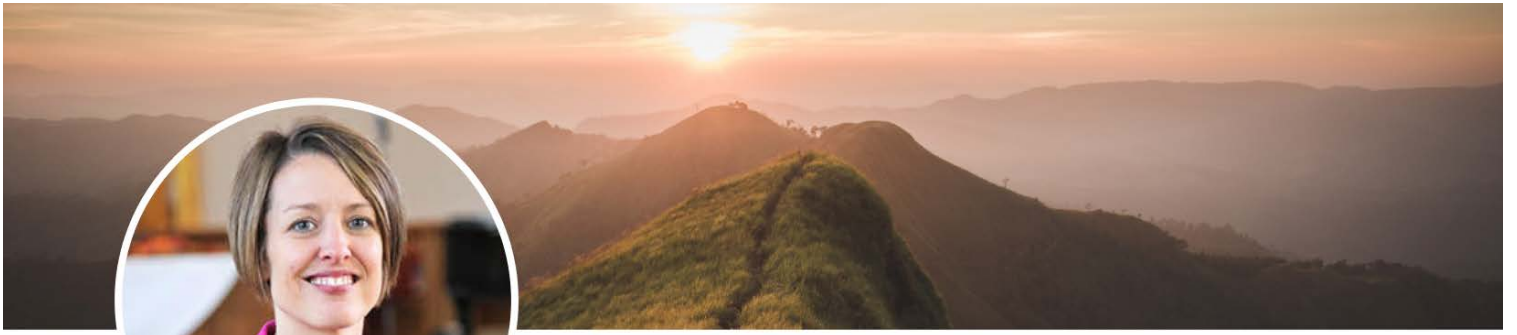
NEW TO THE PEW -
1ST AND 2ND
GRADERS



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FALL KICK-OFF
CARNIVAL ON THE
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Word from the Pastor

New Sermon Series - September 12

The Psalms: Pursuing God in Mountains and Valleys

The Psalms are often called the prayer book of the Bible. They are a beautiful collection of prayers, poetry and songs which show us how to engage with God through the mountains and valleys of life.

They contain the entire range of human emotions: despair, hope, joy, sorrow, anger, fear, thanksgiving and praise, expressed in prayer. They attest to all the feelings that arise in the ups and downs of life and they give voice to our desire and struggle to connect with God throughout life. The Psalms allow us to be honest before God. As Walter Brueggemann says, they encourage "candor about suffering and gratitude about hope."

THE PSALMS

*Pursuing God
in Mountains
and Valleys*

Cast your cares
on the Lord and he
will sustain you.

-Psalm 55:22

Word from the Pastor



I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

-Psalm 121:1

This fall, we will get the chance to explore the Psalms together. Beginning September 12, I will be preaching on the Psalms, and we will be engaging with them in worship through prayer experiences and music.

In addition, we are excited that Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford will be our Sheppard Lecture speaker during the adult small group hour at 10:15 am on Sundays. She has written several books about the Psalms and will lead us in a Bible study on the Psalms.



Dr. deClaissé-Walford is a professor of Old Testament at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, where she has taught for 22 years. She earned a bachelor's degree in ancient history from California State University in Northridge, California; a master's degree in Semitic languages and literature from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California; and a doctor of philosophy in Old Testament from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Dr. deClaissé-Walford is the author of *Reading from the Beginning: The Shaping of the Hebrew Psalter*; *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Textbook*; *The Book of Psalms: A*

Song from Ancient Israel; and *The Book of Psalms: The International Commentary on the Old Testament*.

Carol McEntyre

Honoring Excellence

You are invited to join CBF Heartland and partner churches from across the Midwest in honoring Carol and Michael McEntyre as they receive the Doyle Sager Excellence in Service Award at the 2021 Celebration of Excellence banquet on Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. at The Millbottom event center in Jefferson City, MO.



Now in its sixth year, the Celebration of Excellence Awards honor individuals and ministries that demonstrate excellence in serving Christ and their communities. The Doyle Sager award commemorates the ministry of the late Dr. Doyle Sager, who mentored young ministers as pastor of First Baptist Church of Jefferson City for more than 25 years. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.cbfheartland.org/excellence

BLESSING OF THE *backpacks!*

AUGUST 22 DURING BOTH SERVICES



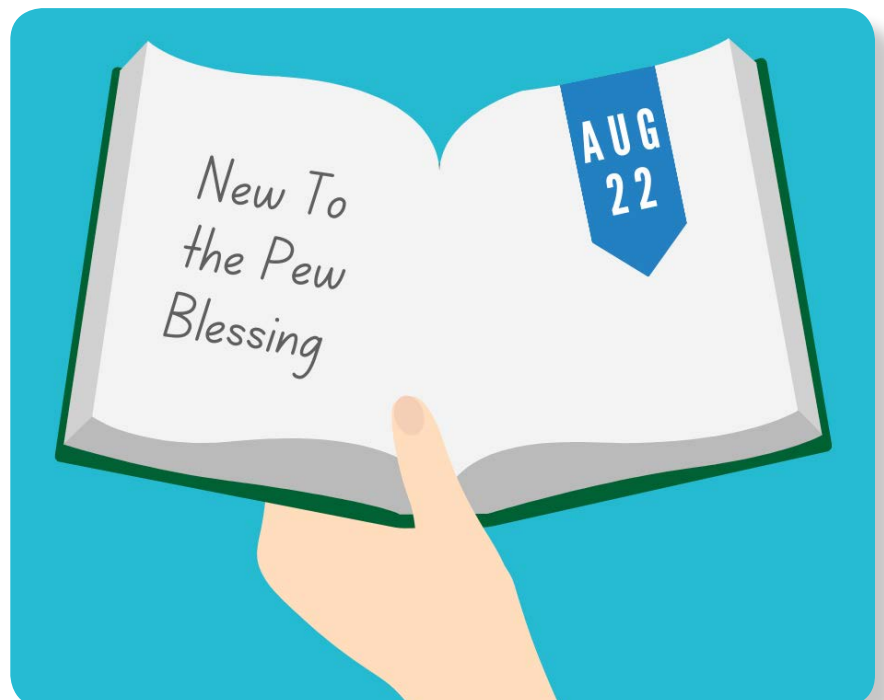
Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us on August 22 during both worship services for our annual blessing of the backpacks and the new school year. Participants will have the opportunity to share about their feelings for returning to school, receive a backpack tag, and be reminded that God is with us all the time. Whether starting school for the first time, moving to a new school, staying at the same school, or returning to school in person after learning virtually, children, teens, and adults are invited to bring their backpacks and receive a blessing.

New to the Pew Blessing for 1st and 2nd Graders

With the beginning of the school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews.

On Sunday August 22, during both worship services we will be presenting Bibles to our first and second graders and offering a blessing over them and their families. As a church family, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to talking alongside our kids in their faith.





Join Chancel Bells - Wednesday Night Rehearsals Begin August 25

Are you looking to join an amazing group of people? Do you have a desire to make beautiful music? Do you want to hit metal things with mallets to de-stress? Come and join the Chancel Bells where all of these things and more can be a reality! Handbells are a great way to express yourself musically and grow your musical talents. Don't know how to ring or even how to read music? Never fear, handbells are easy to learn and a great avenue for learning to read music.

Chancel Bells rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 25. Nursery care is available for those who need it. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com.

Join the Fellowship Adventurers for Dinner

The Fellowship Adventurers is a group of First Baptist folks, who pre-pandemic, got together every month and took trips to local attractions, events and restaurants.

They are resuming their adventures with an outing to Sammy D's restaurant in Clark, MO on Friday, August 20. On Fridays at Sammy D's there is a catfish and fried chicken buffet for \$11.95. The group will meet in the First Baptist parking lot at 5:00 pm and ride the church bus to Clark. For more information or to sign up, you can contact Paula Thomas at paulalou52@gmail.com.



First Baptist
Fellowship
Adventurers



SUMMER FUN

Our students had a blast at our Summer Retreat! Since we were unable to travel to camp again this year, we decided to spend some time together at the lake with just our students and leaders. It was a much needed getaway with the chance to relax, enjoy the water, and talk about what it means to create a meaningful space for students to grow together in faith and with each other. Many thanks to all those who helped make this time possible and to the Serving Team for arranging a delicious fondue dessert for us to enjoy.



All Aboard! Heading out for a sunset cruise on our last night.



Peace, Love, & Paddle Boards



Tubing was a big hit, as long as they didn't fall off.



Our little cove was a great place to relax and play



Melted chocolate and sharp tiny forks, a dessert made for youth!



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students 6th -12th grade

Upcoming Youth Events

Aug 22- Fall Kickoff recognizing our official start to a new school year. While we welcomed our new 6th graders a bit early this year, the Fall Kickoff is traditionally the time we celebrate our Promotion Sunday and look towards a new semester.

Aug 29- Youth Semester Kickoff! We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm to travel to Fulton, MO to Bob and Gail Hoell's Adventure Land. There will be swimming, Pickle Ball, Rock Climbing, Trampoline fun, and more. Parents are invited to join us for the afternoon. We will eat dinner at 5:30 pm and wrap up around 6:30 pm so youth can get a good night's sleep for their first full week of school!

Sept 1- The Calling kicks off for a new semester on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:15 pm. The Calling is our mid-week gathering for students 6-12 grade to connect, learn, grow, and have a great time together. We are excited to see everyone back this semester.

More dates and activities will be announced as we monitor COVID-19 rates and evaluate how to best plan outings that are fun and safe.

Michael McEntyre

Extra Mile House Visit

Thanks to all who came through our tours on Sunday to pray for the ministry and work of the Extra Mile program. We have much to do before September 1 to prepare for our next resident. To join our efforts, click the Volunteer rotator on the church webpage at www.fbc-columbia.org, and sign up to help with immediate projects (painting, deep cleaning, light maintenance) or sign up for one of our ongoing ministry teams (Hospitality, Cleaning, Maintenance, and Grounds). You can find out more about these individual teams on the sign up page.

Work is beginning this week and we hope to start and finish all the painting between August 15-27 in preparation for our final cleaning and finishing touches to be done after church on August 29. You can also email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org if you have any questions or want to pick a specific time to serve. Thanks for helping to make this ministry a success.



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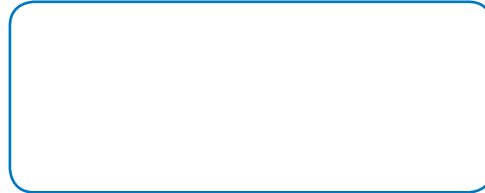
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"Return Service Requested"



On Sunday August 15, during both worship services Pastor Carol McEntyre will be preaching about how the Spirit of God is on the move, as white Christians are finally waking up to racial injustice. During the 10:15 Small Group Hour we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to hear from Dr. Kevin Dougherty, Associate Professor of Sociology at Baylor University as he gives us an overview of the Thriving for Racial justice project and explains the survey, which will be administered in September.

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