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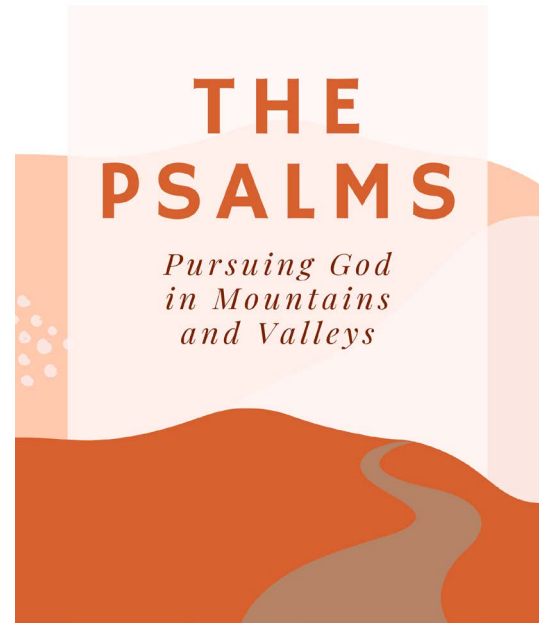
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## New Sermon Series -September 12

### *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.”



This fall, we will get the chance to explore the Psalms together. Beginning September 12, Pastor Carol will preach on the Psalms, and we will engage 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 and will lead us in a Bible study on the Psalms during the adult small group hour at 10:15 am on Sundays. Dr. deClaissé-Walford is an author and professor of Old Testament at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, where she has taught for 22 years.

### Titles of Psalms Bible Studies with Dr. deClaissé-Walford

- 9/12 - Hearing the Voices of Humanity in the Psalter—exploring the various kinds of psalms
- 9/19 - It's Not a Miscellaneous Collection—the “story” of the hymnbook of ancient Israel
- 9/26 - Bringing Our Hurting Selves to God—lamenting with the Psalter: It's okay to not be okay.
- 10/3 - The Wonder of Joy and Celebration—singing praises with the Psalter
- 10/10 - Reading the Psalter Again for the First Time—new understandings of the psalms





Fall Kick-Off Carnival

# FIRST BAPTIST FALL CARNIVAL





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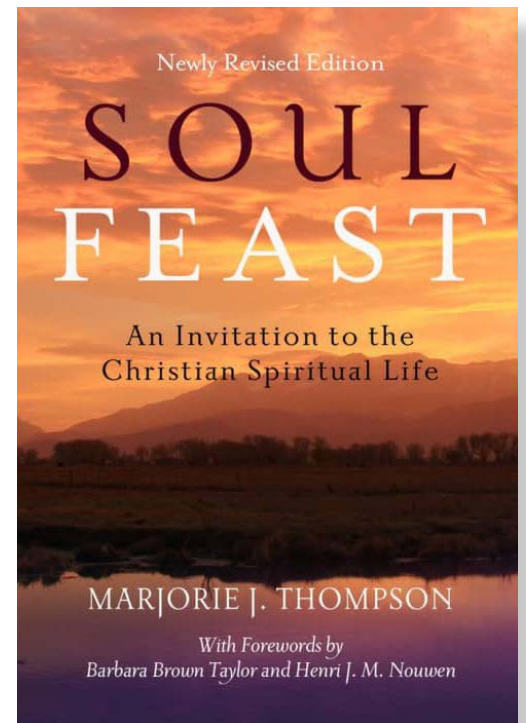


## First Baptist Women's Zoom

A year ago a group of First Baptist Women began meeting over Zoom each week to share time, devotions and prayers. This is a open invitation to all First Baptist women and friends to consider joining us for year two! The Zoom time is changing to Thursdays from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. The following three books have been selected for upcoming conversation: *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson, *After Amen* by Max Lucado and *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry.

We will begin on September 9 with *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson. It is a beautifully written work which examines Christian spiritual disciplines. The author invites us to sample, examine and immerse in practices that nurture our Christian experience and our individual spiritual journeys with God. We will work through this book together for a while, not rushing the process. More information about the other two books, *After Amen* by Max Lucado and *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry, will follow as we near their start dates.

First Baptist has partnered with our local bookstore, Skylark Bookshop, to purchase *Soul Feast* and copies will be available for purchase in the church office in September. Books are \$14.00. To reserve your copy or to join the small group's email list, email Pastor Brittany at [bnll@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnll@fbc-columbia.org) Feel free to Zoom in any or all Thursdays.



## First Baptist Hiking Club

Join the First Baptist Hiking Club for their next adventure. On September 25, the club will travel to Ha Ha Tonka State Park in Camdenton, MO. They will gather in the church parking lot at 9 am for those wanting to carpool/follow. For those driving separately, meet at the Castle Ruins parking lot at 10:30 am. Bring a picnic lunch!



## Extra Mile House

A huge thanks to all who volunteered time and talents to help clean, paint, repair, and restore our Extra Mile Transitional House. We had such a great response that we don't need to have a workday on Sunday, August 29 after church, as the house is ready to move into. However, we do have several items that we need donated to help us make the house a home and to prepare for our new resident. On the church website, [fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/extra-mile-transitional-house/](http://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/extra-mile-transitional-house/), you can select remaining items and sign up to bring them by the church by Sept 5. Thanks again for helping our church partner with such a needed ministry.



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## Racial Justice Team Monthly Discussions

The First Baptist Racial Justice Team extends an invitation to anyone (High school age youth and adult) who wishes to participate in our monthly discussions, as we actively pursue what it means to be an anti-racist. Our next monthly gathering will take place Sunday, September 12, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. If you would like to receive a discussion outline prior to the meeting, remote Zoom access, or if you have any questions, please email team member, Julie Walker at [jbethwalker58@gmail.com](mailto:jbethwalker58@gmail.com)

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*The First Baptist Church Racial Justice Team will provide opportunities to enrich the First Baptist congregation's understanding of racial injustice, systemic racism, and white privilege with book and film studies, attendance at lectures, participation in pilgrimages, exploration of the arts, review of related history, and by building interracial relationships. The Racial Justice Team will also explore local actions promoting racial justice in our church and our community.*

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## Dedication of the Dr. Patricia J. Blair Memorial Tree

The church is invited to join the Board of Directors of A Call To Serve International and the Blair family as they dedicate a tree on the MU campus in memory of Dr. Trish Blair. The ceremony will take place from 10 am to 11 am Friday, September 24, on the Mel Carnahan Quadrangle, just east of the Reynolds Alumni Center.

Until her death in 2018, Trish was a member of First Baptist. She founded ACTS International in 1992 and relocated to Columbia in the mid-1990s. Many church members through the years have volunteered and supported her efforts to provide humanitarian aid and to promote medical, educational, religious and cultural partnerships between the United States and the country of Georgia. In particular, Trish pursued projects to improve the health and lives of Georgian children, including medical training to reduce infant mortality rates and conducting an annual educational camp for diabetic kids.







# Life of the Church



On Sunday, we welcomed our First Kids Friends to the front as we prayed for them and everyone who was returning to the classroom this year. We also presented Bibles to our 1st and 2nd graders in celebration of the new-to-the-pew blessing. 11 kids will receive Bibles over the next few weeks as they make the transition to the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary for worship with their families.

To all of our First Kids Friends beginning this new school year may you be curious and kind, gentle and strong, brave and loving.

*-Pastor Brittany*





## Parents' Night Out

September 10, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Parents' Night Out is back, and while the grownups are away, First Kids are having a Tie-Dye Party!

Caregivers are invited to step away for a few hours, while First Kids (4+) have a blast and make some crafts. Pizza will be provided as well as a T-shirt to tie-dye. Nursery care will also be available for those under 4.

RSVP is required by September 5 in order to ensure that we have enough adult supervision and shirts. If there are any dietary restrictions, please let Brittany know upon registration.



## College and Young Adult Fellowship Begins September 12

We are excited to welcome back our college students! On the second Sunday of every month, First Baptist will be hosting Second Sunday Fellowship, an evening of fun and fellowship just for our college and young. On Sunday September 12, young adults are invited to the student ministry suite (on the 3rd floor of the church).

We will have a host of games to choose from and brainstorm other fellowship activities we want to do this semester. Contact Pastor Brittany for any questions.

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**Combined On-Lawn Worship**  
September 19, 11:15 am

At First Baptist, one of the gifts of the pandemic was On-Lawn Worship! We enjoyed worshipping outdoors on our beautiful front lawn and want to continue that practice from time to time. As such, we invite you to join us for Combined Outdoor Worship on the front lawn of the church on Sunday, September 19 at 11:15 am. This will be our only worship service for the day. As a reminder, bring your lawn chair.

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