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# the SPIRE

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## The Psalms: Pursuing God in Mountains and Valleys

This Sunday - Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford in person

This Sunday, September 19, Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford will be with us in-person, in the Fellowship Hall for the 10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour and session two of our series on *The Psalms: Pursuing God in the Mountains and Valleys*. 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. In the coming weeks, here are the topics she will be covering:



Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford

9/19

*It's Not a Miscellaneous Collection—the "story" of the hymnbook of ancient Israel*

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*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*

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*Reading the Psalter Again for the First Time  
new understandings of the psalms*

## THE PSALMS

*Pursuing God  
in Mountains  
and Valleys*

This Sunday, September 19, Pastor Carol will continue her sermon series on the Psalms. She will be reflecting on Psalm 55 as we gather for outdoor combined worship on the front lawn of the church at 11:15. For those of you who cannot join us in person, we will also webcast the outdoor service.



# Word from the Pastor



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On Sunday, October 10, I will be at Conception Abbey on the Contemplative Retreat with 17 other folks from First Baptist. We will be spending 24-hours in silence and prayer, resting in the Divine presence. Contemplative retreats are loosely structured to give participants the space to connect with God and their own souls, in the ways they find most meaningful. Retreat participants will be given a simple guidebook with scriptures, quotes, and spiritual practices which they can choose to use. One spiritual practice in the guidebook is called *Loving Adoration*. It is based on the story of Mary in Luke chapter 12, which says, "Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume." The practice of Loving Adoration invites you to remain in silence at the Lord's feet, like Mary, and look at him with your heart without saying anything. To just sit adoringly with Jesus, like you would with a brand-new grandbaby. I invite you to take some time and try out the practice for yourself. While I am away, we will continue our Psalm series with a special guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, II in both worship services.

Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, II is the Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Senior Pastor at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church (MMBC) of Kansas City, MO, and acts as the CEO of Field of Hearts Productions, a musical production company began as a joint venture between him and his wife.

Rev. Dr. Hartsfield earned a PhD in Hebrew Bible at Emory University in 2005 after having earned his MDiv at the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, GA, in 1990. Rev. Dr. Hartsfield is musically gifted as well, with a BA in Music from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.



Following his father's lead, Rev. Dr. Hartsfield has already become an influential figure in the Kansas City African-American community and is a key spokesperson for social and economic justice across the metro area. He has provided some level of leadership in several matters that have sought the welfare of inner-city life. Rev. Dr. Hartsfield's major work is with his wife as they seek to lead a pioneering effort to repopulate, redevelop, reinvest, and renew inner-city neighborhoods that have been abandoned, disinvested and blighted. This pioneering effort regards depressed inner-city neighborhoods as frontiers to be explored and developed for the purpose of authentic integrative living across race, class, sex, and age boundaries.

Carl McIntyre



## **Fall Church Business Meeting** Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 pm

On Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 pm, First Baptist will gather for our Fall Business Meeting via Zoom. We will hear a financial update and the Church Council will bring forward the approved recommendations from our Stepping Toward 200 team. As you know from previous church business meetings, the church has been blessed with several generous financial legacy gifts and we also have undesignated memorial gifts, which have accumulated over the years. In accordance with Finance Committee policy, since these gifts fall outside the normal budgeting process, the Church Council put together a team of people from the church at-large called the Stepping Toward 200 Team to work on a plan for allocating these funds for missions. The Stepping Toward 200 team is made up of Christine Chang, Stephen Hoell, Diana Groshong, Ross Kasman, Michael McEntyre and Auben Galloway.

You may recall that at the February business meeting, at the recommendation of the Stepping Toward 200 team and the Finance Committee, the church voted to use \$227,355.86 of these monies to help retire the debt remaining from the Building Tomorrow Today capital campaign, and we currently celebrate being debt free! Since then, the Stepping Toward 200 team has been working on a plan release the rest of the funds (\$463,863.20) for ministry, missions, and needed projects, guided by the work of our church-wide Visioning Process. To accomplish this, the Stepping Toward 200 team received two rounds of input from our First Baptist teams, committees, and staff; and have compiled a list of submitted needs and dreams of the church, with dollar amounts attached. The Church Council has approved their recommendations and are now asking for the church to receive and bless this proposal. While a complete and detailed list of these recommendations will be emailed out along with the meeting information, here are just a few of the exciting opportunities that this funding will provide: monies to help restart the Pastoral Residency Ministry, funding for racial justice training, seed money for a Building Contingency Fund, as well as money to update our existing network infrastructure and technology needs. The Zoom link for the business meeting will be sent out by email when get closer to the date, but mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate the work of the Stepping Toward 200 Team and rejoice over the opportunities made possible by those like Bill and Carol Crabb, Harry and Lina Berrier, and many others, who gave such wonderful gifts to our church family.

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## **Racial Justice Team Meeting** Sunday, October 17 at 1:00 pm

Our next monthly gathering will take place Sunday, October 17, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. 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. 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).







# Parents' Night Out



## FIRST KIDS TIE DYE PARTY!



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While their adults were away, First Kids had an awesome time enjoying pizza, crafts, and games. Kids got to tie-dye a new First Kids t-shirt and a face mask. Afterwards, they had relay races with throwable paintballs which resulted in some awesome new art. We are thankful for a time of fellowship and fun as we continue to grow in God's love together.





## First Baptist Hiking Club - September 25

The First Baptist Hiking Club's next hike is coming up on Saturday, September 25. To join the fun, you can meet us in the church parking lot at 9:00 am to carpool or follow to Ha Ha Tonka State Park, near lake of the Ozarks, a 90-minute drive or you can meet us at the castle ruins in the park at 10:30 am. Bring a picnic lunch. For more information contact Kimberly Moeller at [knmoelle@gmail.com](mailto:knmoelle@gmail.com) or Misty Phillips at [mistya2014@gmail.com](mailto:mistya2014@gmail.com).



## Tailgate Party- MU vs TN Game

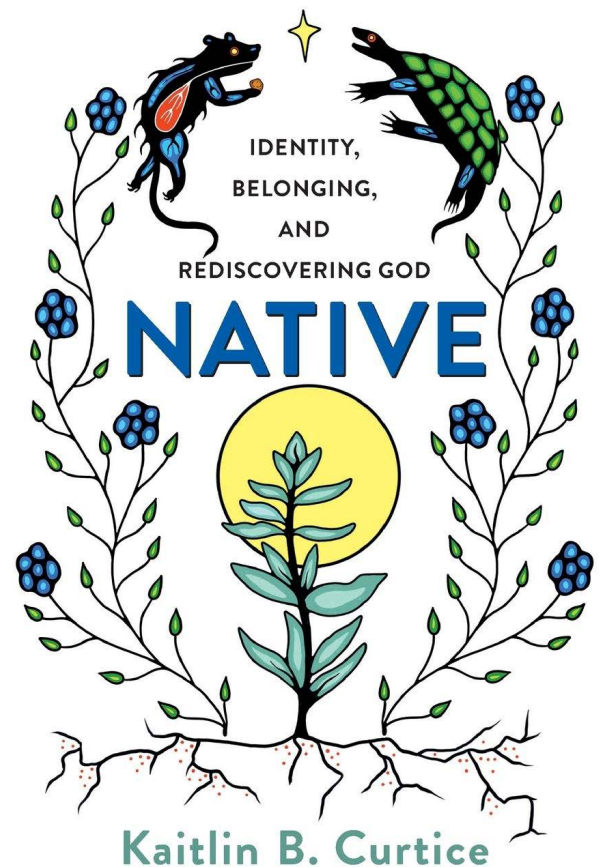
Since our Tennessean Pastors, Carol and Michael McEntyre, came to First Baptist nearly a decade ago, we have anticipated the annual MO vs TN game. Join us for a pregame party, on Saturday October 2, two hours before kickoff in Grasslands (about two blocks from the stadium) at the home of Lili Vianello and John Shrum, 1005 Wayne Rd. Tailgaters are encouraged to bring an appetizer or dessert or favorite beverage to share. If you are planning to go to the game, be sure to stop by before. If you aren't going to the game but want to join the festivities, come on by! As you can imagine parking is very limited on game day, so if you are planning to drive, we highly recommend carpooling. This will be a fun time of fellowship and friendly rivalry for fans and non-fans alike!

## Book Discussion - October 11

### *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*

One of the First Baptist Summer One Reads was *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*, by Kaitlin B. Curtice. If you haven't read the book yet, there's still a few weeks left before we meet to discuss it. It's a fast read with plenty to think about.

We'll discuss the book on October 11, which is Indigenous People's Day. Julie Walker and Lynne Lampe will lead the conversation. Because it's hard to find a time that works for everyone, they'll hold two sessions: a brown-bag lunch at noon on the front lawn of the church or 6:30 pm via Zoom. Please choose one time and let Lynne know your choice ([llampe.editor@gmail.com](mailto:llampe.editor@gmail.com)) so she can send the Zoom link to those who need it. If the weather is bad, the noon group will meet inside the church. Hope to see you there!



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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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