

September 29, 2021

the SPIRE



First Baptist Church
columbia



Guest Preacher - October 10 Rev. Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield II

We are excited to announce that on Sunday, October, 10, Rev. Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, II will be our special guest preacher in both services. Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield 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.



THE PSALMS

*Pursuing God
in Mountains
and Valleys*

Psalms Sermon Series - Psalm 150

Throughout our Psalms series, we have explored different types of psalms and reflected how they can companion us during the mountains and valleys of life. Psalms of Lament teach us we can bring all of our emotions before God. Zion Psalms remind us that while God dwells with us everywhere, there is something special about sacred spaces. Hymns of Trust echo what we know in our bones, that our God creates, redeems, and sustains us. On October 17, we will explore Psalm 150, the last psalm in the psalter, a beautiful Psalm of Praise. Then, on October 24, during both worship services we will *sing a new psalm* with an all-music Sunday and “make a joyful noise to the Lord” (Psalm 100).



Word from the Pastor

Pastor Michael McEntyre on Sabbatical

First Baptist,

In April of 2020, Pastor Michael McEntyre celebrated seven years at First Baptist! The covenant he has with the church provides a one-month sabbatical after seven years of service. Since we were in the midst of a global pandemic, Michael decided not to take his sabbatical in 2020, but to postpone to a more opportune time. Since then, he has been in conversation with the personnel committee and has made plans to take his sabbatical this fall. He will be taking the sabbatical for the month of November and will fully disengage from his responsibilities at the church. But do not worry, the church will be in good hands. Several lay leaders are stepping in to help and the next Spire will include more details about coverage for youth, administration, and missions.

The word sabbatical has its roots in the biblical concept of Sabbath, which means to cease or rest. Sabbatical leave is a time for pastors to shift gears in order to rest, disengage, study, reflect; it is a time for spiritual renewal and learning. The church will offer a blessing for Michael's sabbatical in worship on October 31; we ask you to be in prayer for God to renew Michael's spirit and energy while he is away.

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

Charles Hunter, Personnel Committee Chair

Breath Prayer

FROM MATTHEW 11:28-30

inhale:

Humble and
Gentle One

exhale:

You are rest
for my soul.



First Baptist Hiking Club October 24

Sunday, October 24 will be the next hike. We are doing a moderate 3.5 mile hike at Hart Creek Conservation Area, which is just 30 minutes south of Columbia. For more info contact Kimberly Moeller at knmoelle@gmail.com or Misty Phillips at mistya2014@gmail.com.



First Families Pumpkin Party October 24

Our next First Family event is right around the corner. With cooler weather approaching, we are excited to welcome all things fall with a First Families pumpkin party! Families are invited to the front lawn for some pumpkin-themed games, pumpkin painting contest, treats, and more.



Young Adult Second Sunday Fellowship October 10

Our next Second Sunday Fellowship is happening on October 10 at Shryocks Callaway Farms. College students and young adults are invited to meet at the farms at 3pm to explore the corn maze and roast some marshmallows. If you need a ride, let Brittany know. We look forward to having an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

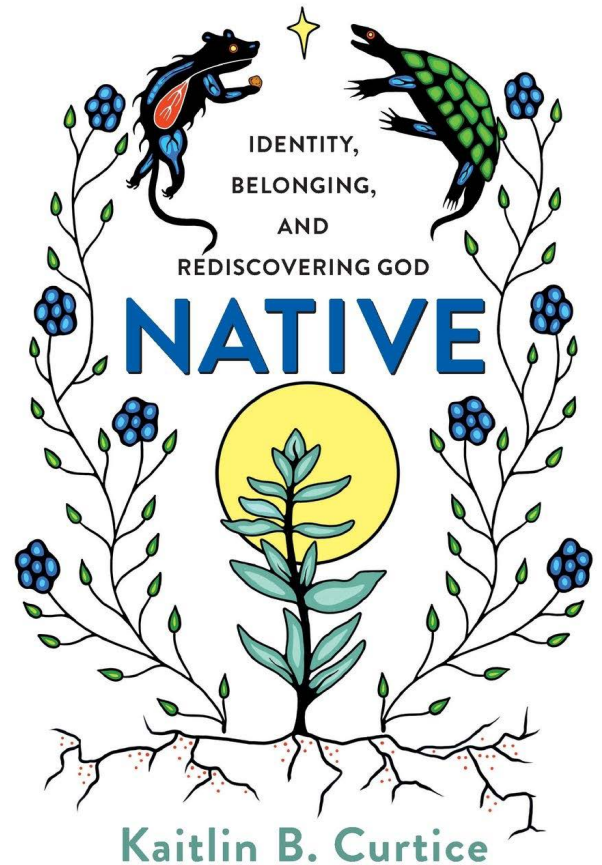


Book Discussion - October 11

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) 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!



FIRST BAPTIST

RACIAL

JUSTICE

TEAM

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.



SAVE THE DATE



First Baptist Fall Fun Fest

07
November

Midway Golf and Games

More information **coming soon**

SING A NEW PSALM

*All Music Sunday
October 24*



All Music Sunday - October 24

Join us on Sunday, October 24 for a morning of music and worship.

As our Psalm series concludes, we look forward to singing a new psalm during both services. Join the praise band during the 9:15 am service as we sing some of our favorite contemporary songs and hear some beautiful new ones. Or sing your favorite hymns in the 11:15 am traditional service and hear musical offerings by the choir, organ, and handbells.

We give thanks for the gift of music and look forward to All Music Sunday.

*"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before God with joyful songs."*

-Psalm 100:1

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First
Baptist
Business
Meeting

VIA **zoom**

Sunday, October 3
1:30 pm



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Fall Church Business Meeting - October 3

On Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 pm, First Baptist will gather online for our Fall Business Meeting. The Zoom link for the business meeting will be sent by email.