

Sunday Morning Worship

June 2, 2024



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Order of Worship

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Song — The Solid Rock

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Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

Call to Worship — Psalm 27:1-4 (ESV)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

Lillian Bouknight

Verse 1:

The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus:

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life.
Whom shall I fear?

Verse 2:

In the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
whom shall I fear?

Verse 3:

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
whom shall I fear?

The Solid Rock

Edward Mote | William Bradbury

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## **Verse 1:**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

## **Chorus:**

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

## **Verse 2:**

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

## **Verse 3:**

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

## **Verse 4:**

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

## Scripture Reading — Ezekiel 2:8-3:11 (ESV)

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⁸ “But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” ⁹ And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰ And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

^{3:1} And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

⁴ And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵ For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶ not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. ⁷ But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸ Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹ Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” ¹⁰ Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹ And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

Sermon Notes

“A Bittersweet Scroll” :: Revelation 10:1-11

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## Church Covenant

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Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will engage in assembling ourselves together while praying for one another. We will strive for and promote the spiritual growth and advancement of the church by; sustaining worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; contributing cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

As a body of believers, we agree to maintain family and personal devotions, to educate our children in the Christian faith, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances. We will seek to avoid all practices or speech which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We will walk together in Christian love by faithfully caring for, watching over, and admonishing one another as occasions may require. In conflict, we will seek to follow Christ's example of reconciliation without delay. We will always strive to be humble and courteous in our speech and slow to take offense. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Jesus, Messiah

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

Verse 1:

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself
and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Verse 2:

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus:

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

Bridge:

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen!

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, June 2

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper

Monday, June 3

Tuesday, June 4

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, June 5

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

Thursday, June 6

Friday, June 7

Saturday, June 8

Sunday, June 9

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

5:00 PM Church Picnic

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 5

6:30 PM — Church Prayer Meeting

Sunday, June 9

5:00 PM — Church Picnic on the Front Lawn (details on p. 11)

June 24-28

Youth to FUGE Camp — Ridgecrest, NC

July 8-12

9 AM-12:30 PM — Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 21

Starting Point Seminar

*(An afternoon seminar for those interested in church membership.
Light lunch is served. Contact the church office to register
or use the Digital Communication Card on the back of this bulletin.)*

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of June 2

Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, consider using the words of the psalmist from Psalm 130:8. If you're praying through the church directory, consider asking God to work in these ways in those you're praying for each day:

⁸ *...hope in the LORD!*
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
And with him is plentiful redemption.

We recognize our need for God's help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for the preaching of God's word – for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God's glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

Prayer items outside our church:

- Pray that our elected officials would fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)
- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)

- Pray that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)
- Pray for our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we are directly involved with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family; Orlando Holley and Margot Mason. Pray that God would unify us in Christ and opportunities for fellowship would abound. (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who are completing their final weeks of classes for the school year. Pray that God would help them to finish well and give them physical and spiritual strength to endure. See a list of our out-of-town college students toward the back of the church directory.
- Pray that we know a profound contentment no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in – a contentment from knowing God is our help. (Heb. 13:5-6)
- Pray that God would renew our strength when we're weary and use our weakness to display His power. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Pray that a culture of discipleship, joyful hospitality, and care grows in us as a church family (1 Pt 4:9; Col. 3:16)
- Pray for those in our church family who are going through a significant time of suffering—physically or mentally. Pray for peace. Pray for a keen awareness of God's presence and a desire to draw near to him. Pray for experiences of joy in Christ and in fellowship with church family. (Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 34:18, Ps. 30:1-5)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Margaret Austin, Bob and Alice Copeland, Chris Guerra (military deployment), Lucie Lowe, Bertrand Njoya (death of mother), Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

Announcements

1. **Church Prayer Meeting — THIS Wednesday, June 5, at 6:30pm.** We look forward to praying together, as well as hearing testimony and encouragement from God's Word.

2. **Church Picnic on the Front Lawn—Sunday, June 9 at 5pm.** The church will provide pork BBQ and bottled water. You bring any picnic items you'd like for your family (side dishes, dessert, lawn chairs, blankets, games, etc). We're looking forward to a fun afternoon of fellowship together as a church family. Available to help with things like setup and cleanup? Please email Jason Brown (jbrown@firstbaptistum.com).

3. **Vacation Bible School — July 8-12, 9am—12:30pm :: Don't Delay, Volunteer Today.** Thanks to all who have volunteered already. If we have 6-7 additional adult volunteers for a grade-level teaching position we can open up registration to the wider community. If you're available to serve, please see Charles Kirkland or Pam Jensen TODAY. Prayerfully, registration will open on June 10. Watch your email.

4. **New DiscipleLIFE (Sunday School) Classes for Adults.** New DiscipleLIFE classes for adults began this morning. It's not too late to attend. See insert for class information. Classes available for all ages, every Sunday morning, beginning at 9am.

5. **Men's Summer Bible Study.** As a Christian, do you have sin you wish you were done with, but it seems to creep back into your life? Growing in Christlikeness isn't for the faint of heart. We must fight for it! What does this fight against sin look like? In his book, The Mortification of Sin, John Owen writes, "Be killing sin or it will be killing you." Owen helps us understand the nature of the battle and how (with God's grace and strength) we can win the battle. Men, come join us as we seek to grow in holiness and freedom as followers of Jesus. We plan on meeting this summer on June 12, 26; July 17; August 14, 28 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the church. You can register [online](#) with the QR code or by contacting the church office.



6. **Men's Bible Breakfast Fellowship.** Join us for a time of fellowship, food, and spiritual growth! Our Men's Bible Breakfast Fellowship for men over 65 will meet twice a month during the summer, starting June 13th. Enjoy a meal together followed by a Bible study and discussion.

When: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

Time: 10:00 AM (if ordering breakfast); 10:30 AM – study begins

Location: Dutch Village Farmers Market, Upper Marlboro

7. **Glover Scholarship.** If you are a church member and a 2024 high school graduate who is attending college in the fall, you are eligible to apply for the John and Ethel Glover Scholarship. Contact Mike Rogers in the church office for an application or for more information (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com). The deadline for submissions is June 23rd.

Announcements (continued)

8. **FREE “Safeguards 4 Kids” Event at FBC Alexandria, VA :: August 24, 9am—12pm.** Biblical counselor and author, Julie Lowe, will give a presentation helping parents and caregivers how to have age-appropriate conversations with their kids about abuse and threats. There will also be mini talks addressing human trafficking and internet safety for kids. All of this is FREE to AWANA parents using code “AWANA” when registering online at: www.safeguards4kids.org.

9. **Giving.** We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: place your offering in the designated boxes in the church foyer
- by mail: send to the church office.

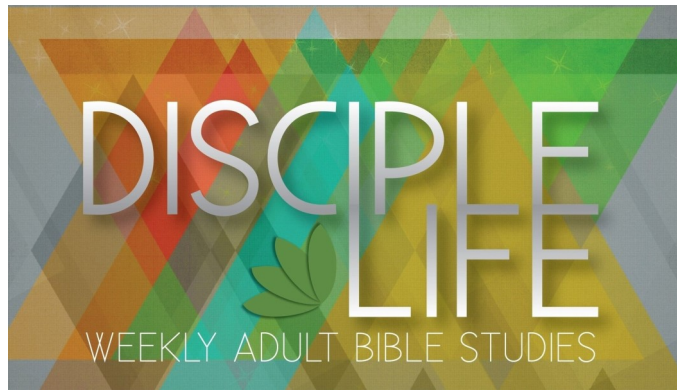
Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.



Digital Communication Card

Are you interested in receiving more information about the church, meeting with a pastor, or sharing a prayer need? Scan the QR code to fill in our digital communication card and someone will follow up with you. You're always welcome to contact the church office: 301-952-0117.





Summer 2024 (June - August) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:

SUMMER SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Class: Explore the Bible – Acts 1-12

This summer, we'll study the first twelve chapters of Acts. Legacies are vital to who we are as individuals and cultures. We all trace our roots to someone who lived somewhere at some time. Knowing how those legacies came to us creates a link between our past and our desired future. In Acts 1–12, we uncover the backstory of our Christian legacy. We get a step-by-step account of how our legacy as Christ followers was built and why it has survived for more than two thousand years. Most important, we're challenged to expand that legacy in our own generation. (13 sessions) (Books are available in the classrooms).

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118**

Teachers: Bill Lowry, Vince Butler and Jay Strickland

- **Explore the Bible (Women) — Room 113**

Teacher: Tanya Joy

Class: How to Share the Gospel

Feel nervous or intimidated when it comes to sharing the gospel with your friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers? The gospel is the central message of Christianity that reveals who God is and how sinners like us can be made right with Him. Whether you have 6 minutes or 6 months to share the gospel, join us to be equipped and confident to share the good news.

- **Room 117/118 :: Teachers - Zach Schlegel, Tony Edwards and Tim Smith**

***** DiscipleLIFE classes for all ages meet every Sunday morning at 9am. *****



Revelation: Following Our Victorious King

[Revelation 10:1-11](#)

"The Bittersweet Scroll" – June 2, 2024



Introduction

Do you realize that you resemble what you worship? If you worship God, over time you become like Him and reflect His character. However, if you worship anything other than God, you become spiritually blind and deaf. ([Ps. 135](#))

In Revelation 8 and 9, the aim of the judgements is to warn the wicked so that they receive God's mercy. Most will not repent; they will continue to worship the things of the world - money, success, position, acclaim. They are spiritually blind and deaf and operate by their rules and their version of the truth.

Worldliness makes sin look normal and righteousness look strange. As the world grows darker, you may experience doubt and have questions. God's word is a light that may bring persecution to those who desire to walk according to its truths. When you feel the pressure from the world to doubt God's word, how can you hold fast with confidence? The book of Revelation is meant to strengthen our confidence in God's word and help us stand firm. There are three truths here that strengthen our confidence in God's word

Sermon Outline

1. God's word comes from a glorious God. Vs. 1-3
2. God's word is trustworthy and true. Vs. 4-7
3. God's word is sweet as honey. Vs. 8-11

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 1-3

Remember, the book of Revelation is apocalyptic literature, using symbols to represent literal truth. To know what those symbols mean, we should reflect on the Old Testament. The cloud and the pillars of fire remind us of the exodus. God led his people with His presence symbolized by a pillar of fire and a cloud. The angel who represents God is saying that God will lead His people to the new heavens and the new earth.

You will remember the rainbow from Genesis. God saved Noah and His family from the flood and gave His promise after the flood. What God did for Noah, God still does today. You will be led safely through the waters of His judgments.

The angel is Jesus' representative. He brought God's word to John and represented what Jesus is like - He is glorious. There is no one like Jesus. The angel put his foot on the land and the sea. Putting a foot on something shows authority over these things. ([Ps. 8:6](#)) This reminds us that Jesus is in charge, ruling over everything on the land, sea and the heavens. The angel roars like a lion. When Jesus roars, thunder roars! Do you think of God's word as thunder? ([Ps. 29](#))

Think of the voices you hear daily. You hear voices that tell you what is cool, acceptable, and valuable. Those voices can be intimidating, chipping away your confidence in God's word. Compare those voices to the voice of God in vs. 1 - 3. God's voice leads us to life. You obey what you revere and fear. If you listen to the voices of the world, you will live to please man. However, if you listen to God and fear Him, you will live to seek His approval, free from the snare of the fear of man. Will you live to listen to people who will be forgotten tomorrow or to the eternal God? Are you tempted to get in line with the world's thinking? Remember Who is talking to you. When you see the glorious God, you will not fear. ([Ps. 56:3-4](#)) The Lion is on your side! Look to Him.

Additional Reading: Psalm 27

2. Read vs. 4-7

In Genesis 1 and 2, God created Adam and Eve and talked to them. He was very clear about what was good and right, and they accepted what He said. This made the garden of Eden a paradise. Then Satan came along in chapter 3 and lied to them. He questioned what God said, causing them to doubt God's word. Then He told Eve that there are no consequences to sin. His third lie was that God is not good. They

believed the lie, and the world was plunged into sin. We are all born with an inclination to control everything rather than trust. We are saying that we'd rather be God than trust God.

While your feelings matter, they are not the decider of truth. There is objective, unchangeable truth in this world, but the world tells you to follow your heart and live your truth. It sounds good, but that could lead to disaster. You need to live by THE truth. The truth found in scripture. Because God is eternal, He sees a much bigger picture than you do with your limited knowledge. He sees the whole thing; you see a sliver. God created heaven and earth. He is the Potter, and you are the clay. He is the only one authorized to say what is right and wrong, good and evil.

God's word is a light for your path. ([Psalm 119:105](#)) It shows you who you are and how to live, and it is a revelation of Who God is. However, God's word doesn't tell you everything. If God is God then there are certain things He knows and you don't. ([Deut. 29:29](#)) He does out of mercy. God made you and I to trust Him. ([Proverbs 3:5-6](#); [Matthew 6:25-36](#)) If you are anxious, weary and afraid in your efforts to control things, repent; trust and rest in God who gives you light for the next step.

In the days of the trumpet call, the mystery of God would be fulfilled. It will happen, just as He announced to the prophets. Mystery means something that was hidden in the past but is now revealed. God's plan for the redemption of mankind through Jesus Christ, bringing them together as one person, and judging wickedness in this world has been revealed. Jesus has come. Nothing - NOTHING - will stand in the way of God's word being fulfilled. God is faithful. He will do just as He announced. ([vs.7](#))

What are you building your life upon? How can you know that what you are building on is the right foundation? Are you prepared to stand before your Creator to give an account of your life? The things of the world change overnight. Only God will bring peace, joy, and contentment. Come to Him in repentance and faith. Building your life on the solid Rock. He is faithful.

3. Read vs. 8-11

Have you ever read a portion of God's word and forget what you just read? Maybe you didn't understand it. God wants us to digest, internalize, understand, and trust His word. When you understand it rightly, it will be sweet as honey. As you read the Bible, there are hard truths that, at first, may not taste sweet to you. It may confront you, requiring repentance and change. Wrestling with the text is okay. We may have to wrestle for a long time. Can you say that God's word is a joy and delight to your heart? ([Jer. 15:16](#)) There are hard truths in scripture that you may wrestle with for a lifetime. If you are to hold onto God's word and be confident in a world that disparages it, you need to taste and see that God is good. ([Ps. 34:8](#)) Take time to read it carefully, meditate on it, and digest it with the help of the Holy Spirit. Pray and ask God to help His word become sweet to you.

After it was sweet, John said that it made his stomach bitter. John was called to digest the message and then proclaim it. Some would accept it, and some would reject it. We praise God for the Gospel. He made it sweet to us. Yet it will be bitter to some. Some will be offended because it is offensive to sinful pride. Do you remember a time when God's word was bitter to you and then, after reading it, it became sweet? What happened? God's words have the power to create a new reality. Just as God spoke creation into existence, His words can make a dead heart come alive. ([Ez. 37](#)) If you are a Christian today, it is because God's word made you alive. His words are good. Don't lose heart. By His word, God will get us safely home!

Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe*, *desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at fbcum.org

Next week's sermon text: we turn to 2 Corinthians 6:10 "Rich in Christ"
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