

Sunday Morning Worship

June 30, 2024



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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 — 1 John 4:1-4 (ESV)

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Glorious Christ

Bob Kauflin

Verse 1:

The radiance of the Father
Before the dawn of time
You spoke and all creation came to be
The molecules and planets
Reveal Your great design
And every one was made
So we could see, So we could see!

Chorus:

You are the glorious Christ
The greatest of all delights
Your power is unequalled
Your love beyond all heights
No greater sacrifice
Than when You laid down Your life
We join the song of angels
Who praise You day and night
Glorious Christ!

Verse 2:

You left the air of heaven
To breathe the dust of earth
And dwell among the outcast and the poor
You came to be forsaken
And died to take our curse
So You could be our joy Forevermore,
Forevermore!

Verse 3:

You're seated now in heaven
Enthroned at God's right hand
You've shattered death
and freed us from our fears
And though we cannot see You
You're coming back again
And all will be made right when You appear,
when You appear!

Blessed Assurance

Fanny Crosby | David LaChance Jr.

Verse 1:

Come Holy Spirit my soul assure
Relieve my fears that I no more
May doubt the love of Christ for me
That my debt is paid that I've been made free
O Comforter in me reside
When the tempter speaks be my faithful Guide
Show Your promise is for me secured
For the battle be my heav'nly sword

Chorus:

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Verse 2:

Illumine me with the Savior's light
To dispel my thoughts in the blackest night
In darkest hour to my soul reveal
The wounds which all my sorrows heal
Impress that seal His image leave
And by Your pow'r to His grace I'll cleave
Until faith be sight and prayer be praise
When beholding Jesus face to face

Bridge:

This my story this my song
Born of Spirit washed in blood
This my story this my song
In my Savior I belong

Scripture Reading — Daniel 3:1-30 (ESV)

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ² Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³ Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴ And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵ that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace." ⁷ Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

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Scripture Reading — (continued)

⁸ Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. ⁹ They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰ And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ²² Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵ He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

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Scripture Reading — (continued)

²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.” ³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Be Still My Soul

Jane Laurie Borthwick | Jason Ingram | Jean Sibelius | Kari Jobe | Kathrina von Schlegel

Verse 1:

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul, thy best thy heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Verse 2:

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Chorus:

In You I rest
In You I find my hope
In You I trust
You never let me go
I place my life
within Your hands alone
Be still my soul

Verse 3:

Be still my soul the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

Sermon Notes

“The Mark of the Beast” :: Revelation 13:1-18

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# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Jordan Kauflin | Keith Getty | Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Matthew Merker

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## **Verse 1:**

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone!  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand.

## **Chorus:**

O sing, hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing, hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

## **Verse 2:**

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good!  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

## **Verse 3:**

Unto the grave what will we sing?  
Christ He lives, Christ He lives!  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord.  
Then sin and death will be destroyed.  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore.



## This Week at First Baptist Church

### **Sunday, June 30**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **Monday, July 1**

### **Tuesday, July 2**

### **Wednesday, July 3**

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday, July 4 — Independence Day**

Church Office Closed

### **Friday, July 5**

### **Saturday, July 6**

### **Sunday, July 7**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Events

### **Wednesday, July 3**

6:30 PM — Church Prayer Meeting

### **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.)*

### **Monday, July 22**

6:30 PM — Mid-Year Financial Review Meeting

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of June 30

### **Prayer of the week:**

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Colossians 1:9 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to use as you pray for your church family this week.

*"we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,"*

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:**

- Pray that God would help our church family use the summer season for unique opportunities of evangelism, to build each other up, and to love one another well (Rom. 12:9-21)
- Pray that God brings good spiritual fruit in the lives of our children and students through the Youth Summer Trip (June 24-28) and Vacation Bible School (July 8-12). (Gal 5:22-23)
- Pray God would guard our church from fear, anxiety, and disunity. Pray that we would trust that God is good and be assured that He is in control. (John 13:34-35)
- 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, Sherwin Simmons (death of father), Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker, Raechel Winder (death of father)**

(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

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1. **Church Prayer Meeting — THIS Wednesday, July 3, at 6:30pm.** We look forward to praying together, hearing testimony, and encouragement from God's Word.
2. **Lord's Supper Celebration — July 7.** We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper together, and make any necessary steps of reconciliation with brothers or sisters in Christ in the church before we gather.
3. **Vacation Bible School — July 8-12, 9am—12:30pm.** Anyone available and interested in helping to decorate can stop by on Wednesday 7/3 anytime from 10 am - 3 pm. We will also need help on Sunday, July 7, after church to decorate the stage and get ready for Day 1. Contact Charles Kirkland or Pam Jensen. Plus, there's still space for grades 1-6. Contact the church office.
4. **Senior Adult VBS - Monday, July 15, 9am-12:30pm.** Senior Adults (age 60+) are invited to a Senior Adult VBS hosted by our Youth Dept. Register on-line or contact the church office.
5. **Baby Dedication on July 21.** There will be a Baby Dedication held during the worship service on Sunday, July 21. Parents interested in dedicating their child must be a member of the church and must RSVP to Mike Rogers in the church office (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com) by July 14.
6. **Hospitality Team Meeting — July 21.** There will be a brief meeting of the Hospitality Team immediately following the worship service on July 21 in room 115. Lunch will be provided.
7. **Mid-Year Financial Review-Monday, July 22, 6:30pm.** All church members welcome to attend.
8. **Audio/Visual Team Volunteers Needed.** The Audio/Visual Team has the critical task of making sure we can hear the Gospel being proclaimed every week here at FBCUM. Contact our Deacon of Audio/Visual, Mosi Winder (mosi.winder@gmail.com), if you're interested.

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.



Revelation: Following Our Victorious King

[Revelation 13:1-18](#)

"The Mark of the Beast"— June 30, 2024



Introduction

The saying, "we're not in Kansas anymore" comes from Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz." While there are many interpretations to this children's story, it's said that Frank Baum had a serious problem with God, and he wrote the story to get past the idea that there is a great and powerful God in charge of everything. All we need to do to resolve our problems is to look within ourselves to find our hidden potential.

This kind of thinking emboldens people to listen to voices other than the voice of God when looking for life, fulfillment, security, peace, satisfaction, or salvation. A broken, chaotic world makes us feel like Dorothy - we are not home. So many people will follow the "yellow brick road" of self-reliance to find fulfillment. "The Wizard of Oz" is not a truth that you want to build your life on. The devil wants us to think that God is not good and that He doesn't have our good in mind and is not to be trusted. Satan wants us to think that God is not really God. In case you have forgotten, the Devil is a liar. He is the deceiver of the world and not worthy of our trust. The Devil is leading and deceiving people to death and hell.

In Revelation 12 and 13, God pulls back the curtain to show what is going on. He pulls it back to expose the real fraud - Satan. This chapter equips us to stand up to the pressure that Satan puts on us. In Revelation 12, the focus is on Satan. His target is the church. Every time Satan tries to defeat the people of God, He fails. God steps in to deliver and protect His people. Does the Devil give up? No. ([12:17](#)) He is furious and about to call for reinforcements.

Sermon Outline

1. Don't trust the false Christ of power. Vs. 1 - 10
2. Don't trust a Christ-less religion. Vs. 11 - 18

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 1-10

The people of God are not home yet. We are in the wilderness - a difficult place to live, but God is our Shepherd, leading us home. In the wilderness is the beast. This image is meant to be grotesque, but remember, this is symbolic. The beast, sent by the devil, wears a mask - a costume - to hide the grotesqueness and to be made to look like Christ. Do you see the comparisons?

John tells us not to be fooled; this beast is a fraud. The tools that the Dragon - Satan - gives to the beast are his power, throne and authority. When does this happen? The text suggests that the beast has been active since Jesus' resurrection. He was given the "death blow" which Satan received when Jesus died and rose again. ([Revelation 12:4-5](#)) The Devil was defeated. ([Revelation 12:9](#)) Then we read in Revelation 12:10 - "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of Christ is come." Satan has been delivered the death blow that was promised this in [Genesis 3:15](#).

However, the mortal wound was healed. Remember John is showing us a counterfeit Christ. The beast's recovery is made to look like Jesus' resurrection, but it is not. At the end of Revelation, Satan is thrown into the bottomless pit. Until then, Satan and his demons are allowed to keep fighting until Jesus comes again. How does the beast express his power and authority?

Interpreting this through the lens of the Old Testament, we turn to Daniel 7. The leopard, bear and the lion refer to political empires. The beast uses the power given to him by Satan to coerce and coopt governmental authority to blaspheme God and to war against the saints. This was true of the government in John's day and is true of every government between then and Jesus' second coming. So, how should Christians relate to the state?

- Worship God not the state. People trust and put their hope in the state. In the OT, the question is often posed, "Who is like the Lord?" In [vs. 4](#), the question is asked, "who is like the beast?" It wreaks of idolatry. The state is instituted by God for our good. We should pray and work for better government, but the state is not our ultimate hope. Where does your sense of security lie? In what have you placed your hope?
- Be discerning, not naive. Knowing how the beast can use the state's influence, we can't be passive. We don't have to look very far to see how the state can make war on the saints and make it difficult to follow

Jesus. We are not to be conformed to this world. ([Romans 12:2](#)) Test what you hear. ([1 John 4:1](#))

- Be prayerful, not cynical. We could be tempted to think that nothing good can come from the state. Read this chapter alongside Romans 13. The state is designed to be God's servant. No human government is perfect because it's made of people. Don't fall into cynicism - pray for our leaders. ([1 Timothy 2:1-2](#))

What if the state demands something that is contrary to God's word? In instances that call for civil disobedience, we hold to God's word and accept the consequences for going against the state. ([Acts 5:29](#), Daniel 3) God warns us ahead of time in order to strengthen our faith and be ready for when and if it happens. ([1 Peter 1:7](#))

Additional Reading: *Matthew 24, Daniel 3 and 6; Romans 13*

2. Read vs. 11-18

The second beast represents the corruption of the church. This beast is religious, but he is a false prophet who wants to mark you and this world with his number. What does John mean when he talks about "the mark of the beast?" Is it a literal mark? Or is the mark symbolic? Remember, the beast is a counterfeit Christ.

Those who have trusted in Christ have His name written on their forehead. ([Revelation 14:1](#)) In scripture, "name" refers to character. When we trusted in Christ, we began to be shaped into the image of Christ, taking on His character. The mark of the beast is not a tattoo, microchip, bar code, or your social security number. It is when a person takes on the character of the beast - his imprint is on your life. The head mentioned here reflects the beliefs, and the hand reflects how you live our beliefs.

What about the number? It is not a number to be decoded; it is a symbol. It is the number of "man." ([vs. 18](#)) If seven is the number of completeness or perfection, a counterfeit will be close. The beast falls short of perfection. This is the number of self-reliant humanity. It represents people trying to find life, purpose, contentment, deep seated satisfaction, or salvation apart from Christ.

Going to church looking for answers is good, but you can be religious without Christ. The beast wants you to put your trust in and worship the state. It is a Christ-less religion. If a church is asking you to put your trust in the state or compromise with the culture, that is a Christ-less church.

We are either marked by our belonging to Christ or the counterfeit. There is no middle ground. Don't be deceived that sin is a trivial thing. If we are not at war with our sin and sin defines us more, it is possible to be marked by the beast.

When you look in the mirror, what marks you? Where do you go for fulfillment? Where do you run for satisfaction? If you look for it anywhere other than Christ, it is a chasing of the wind. ([Ecclesiastes 1:14](#)) Eternity is put in our hearts. ([Ecclesiastes 3:11](#)) We are made by God to know God, love God, enjoy God, and be satisfied in God. Jesus came to rescue us from the power and penalty of sin. Turn from your self-reliance and come to Christ.

Verse 18 calls for wisdom. It is the wisdom of discernment because the beast is a counterfeit, using money, idols, and the state to deceive mankind. The wisdom we must gain is by staying in God's word and holding fast to the testimony of Jesus.

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 1 Peter 1:13-21 " Elect, Exiled, Scattered "
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Family Guide for week of June 30th

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.



Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc...)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [The Big Picture Story Bible](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home](#).

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Bible Intake (*Listening to God*)

Day 1 – Psalm 88
Day 2 – Psalm 89
Day 3 – Psalm 90
Day 4 – Psalm 91
Day 5 – Psalm 92

**Read 1 Peter 1:1-2 in preparation for church on Sunday, July 7th, 2024*

Prayer (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.
Pray for a few church members on pg. 7 of our church directory.
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Sing together

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks" – use the bulletin from Sunday

Memory verses for the month

Exodus 20:12a "Honor your father and your mother..."

Exodus 20:13-15 "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal."

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 51

Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Answer: Christ is now advocating for us in the presence of His Father and also sends us His Spirit.

¹ *New City Catechism* (<http://newcitycatechism.com/>)