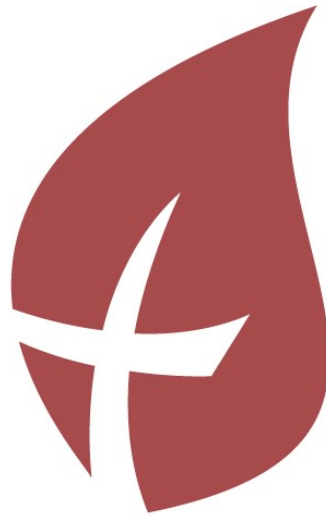


Sunday Morning Worship

October 20, 2024



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Order of Worship

October 20, 2024

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Song — Glorious and Mighty

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“I Believe... Help My Unbelief!”

Mark 9:14-29

Song — What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayer for Mission Team

Benediction

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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

Lillian Bouknight

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### 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?

## Glorious and Mighty

Joel Sczebel | Todd Twining | Bob Kauflin

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Verse 1:

Majesty, Your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars
Marveling, we honor and fear You
Above all gods

Chorus:

Glorious and mighty, You're awesome In beauty
Joyful songs we raise
Glorious and mighty, You're awesome in beauty
Greatly to be praised

Verse 2:

Majesty, You fashioned the heavens
Your decrees can never be changed
Over all the plans of the nations
Your judgments reign

Verse 3:

Majesty, we'll sing with creation
When You come again in the clouds
Every knee will bow down and worship
The one true God

Scripture Reading — Psalm 65:1-13 (ESV)

- ¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.
- ² O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.
- ³ When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.
- ⁴ Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!
- ⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;
- ⁶ the one who by his strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;
- ⁷ who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,
- ⁸ so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.
- ¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
- ¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
- ¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
- ¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

God Moves

William Cowper | Bob Kauflin

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## **Verse 1:**

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm  
Deep in His dark and hidden mines  
With never failing skill  
He fashions all His bright designs  
And works His sovereign will

## **Chorus:**

So God we trust in You  
O God we trust in You  
So God we trust in You  
O God we trust in You  
When tears are great  
And comforts few  
We hope in mercies ever new  
We trust in You

## **Verse 2:**

Oh fearful saints new courage take  
The clouds that you now dread  
Are big with mercy and will break  
In blessings on your head  
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense  
But trust Him for His grace  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face

## **Verse 3:**

God's purposes will ripen fast  
Unfolding every hour  
The bud may have a bitter taste  
But sweet will be the flower  
Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain  
God is His own interpreter  
And He will make it plain

## **Sermon Notes**

### **“I Believe... Help My Unbelief!” :: Mark 9:14-29**

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What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven | Charles Converse

Verse 1:

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Verse 2:

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Verse 3:

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake us?
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield us
We will find a solace there

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, October 20

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Starting Point Seminar
3:00 PM Children's Harvest Party

Monday, October 21

Tuesday, October 22

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, October 23

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir
6:30 PM AWANA
Elder-led Bible Study
Choir / Band Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study — Ephesians

Friday, October 25

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, October 27 (Reformation Sunday)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

(TODAY) Sunday, October 20

3-5pm — Children's Division Harvest Party (*K-6th grade*)

(TODAY) Sunday, October 20

Starting Point Seminar — immediately following worship service
(*see p12 for details*)

Sunday, November 3

Church Constitution Revision Meeting — immediately following worship service

Saturday, November 9

9-11am — Women's Ministry Event

Sunday, December 8

Budget Review Meeting — immediately following worship service

Sunday, December 15

Members' Meeting — immediately following worship service

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of October 20

Prayer of the week:

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Philippians 1:3-6 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. This is a great prayer to use as you pray through the church directory for your church family this week.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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 those effected by natural disasters around the world, especially recent hurricanes through the Southeast U.S. Pray God would provide for immediate needs and preserve life. Pray God would comfort those grieving the death of loved ones. Pray for relief workers to work safely and quickly to bring stability (Psalm 119:88; 34:18)
- 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 making us members of one body, fellow heirs, fellow citizens, and partakers of God's great promises. (Eph 2:19; 3:6)
- Pray for the Mission Team going out from our church Oct. 20-28 to Bangkok City Baptist Church in Thailand: Pastor Tyrone Moorehead, Sharon Moorehead, Sharon Foster, Jacob Foster, Suzanne McDonald, Gay Laxton, & Taryn Jones. Pray that the team would be helpful to the local churches and pastors they are serving and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry.
- Pray for members of our church who are homebound due to illness—for physical healing and unfailing hope in God. Pray also for those in our church who are caretakers—for strength, patience, and love. (2 Cor 4:16; Gal 6:9-10)
- 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)
- Pray that our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray that we would live and interact with one another in a way that reveals God's steadfast love and mercy to the world. (Gal 6:9)
- 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)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Mary Dina, Lucie Lowe, 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. Interested in Church Membership? Attend Starting Point :: TODAY after worship.

Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting following the worship service open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. Approximately 12-2:30pm. A light lunch will be served. Even if you haven't registered, join us in the Youth Rooms (rooms 120-125).

2. Children's Division Harvest Party (K-6th grade) — TODAY, 3-5pm. Flyers are available at the Welcome Desk with more information.

3. Women's Ministry Event :: November 9th, 9-11am. Join us for a continental breakfast, devotional message, service opportunity, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Cathy Baskin (301-440-1317 or cathy_baskin@msn.com) by October 26. See bulletin insert.

4. Church Constitution Review. Draft copies of the Church Constitution are available for church members to pick up at the Welcome Desk. Also, as many have requested, **copies of the current constitution are also available at the Welcome Desk and will be emailed to church members later this week.** Please read through the revised draft and email any questions or other feedback to the elders [constitution@firstbaptistum.com] by Sunday, October 27. The elders will look over your emails and prepare responses for the first Constitution Review Meeting on November 3 following the worship service.

5. Giving. This morning we are reintroducing a time to worship through giving as we did before COVID. The faithful men and women serving on our Hospitality Team will be collecting the offering. All previous ways to give will continue to be available:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: in designated boxes in the foyer or during worship service
- 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.



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WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

JOIN US FOR CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST, DEVOTIONAL
MESSAGE, WORKS OF SERVICE
OPPORTUNITY, AND
FELLOWSHIP.

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RSVP BY OCT 26

CATHY BASKIN,
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God's Word for God's People

[Mark 9:14-29](#)

"I Believe, Help My Unbelief" – October 20, 2024



Introduction

A church retreat is a very special time. They can include gospel conversations, special times of teaching and individual time focused on the Lord. These "mountain top experiences" are very special. But it is important to be prepared to come down from the mountain. Returning to the "real world" can be tough. This chapter in Mark contains the ultimate mountain top experience.

Jesus invited Peter, James and John to the top of the mountain where He was transfigured. The three disciples saw Jesus in His resplendent glory talking to Elijah and Moses. They wanted to stay, but they had to come down – they were needed. At some point, you must leave the high point of being alone with God to come down to the reality of earth. You must be prepared.

Sermon Outline

1. Act One: Trouble in the Valley - vs. 14-18
2. Act Two: A Battle for Belief - vs. 19-27
3. Act Three: A Lesson on Prayer - vs. 28-29

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 14-18

As soon as the group came down the mountain, they saw the other disciples and a large crowd. There was obviously a problem. The reality of a mountain top experience is that it doesn't change the circumstances of life, but it can change how we deal with the circumstances.

The scribes saw Jesus as a threat to their power, influence and status. They probably took pleasure in the failure of the disciples to heal the demon possessed boy. The crowd became quiet when Jesus showed up, and the father of the boy stated the problem.

Demons are real, created beings who have pledged their allegiance to Satan. They oppose the authority of God, distort the words of God and promote unbelief. They create doubt. We don't have to look far to see evidence of demonic activity. Yet they do not possess the same attributes as the Creator. They are on a leash - only allowed to go as far as a sovereign God allows them to go.

In the gospel records of the earthly ministry of Jesus, we see a concentration of demonic possession. We see this a lot in the "rapid fire" accounts of Jesus' activity in the beginning of the gospel of Mark. However, here in chapter 9, things slow down.

Take time to take in the glory of the transfiguration, but then connect with the reality of coming down off the mountain. Do you feel the desperation of the father? Take notice of the strong language the father used to describe the oppression of the son. This was a violent demonic attack on this child. This agony is very hard to internalize. It is uncomfortable to read. Is it any surprise that this father would bring his son to Jesus?

2. Read vs. 19 – 27

The overarching theme in this text is all about unbelief. We see the unbelief of the scribes - questioning. Jesus, marveling at their unbelief, asked three "how long" questions. However, even in His frustration, there is patience, mercy, and compassion. Jesus asked that the boy be brought to Him.

It is interesting to note that the demon was the only one here that had no doubt about who Jesus is, but the demon was in complete rebellion toward Jesus. Jesus asked how long the demon had seized the boy, yet He is omniscient. Jesus wasn't looking for information. He was looking to connect with this man on a human level, calling him to pour out all his pain and helplessness. Jesus was drawing out the deepest root of unbelief. What hard circumstances of life tempt you to doubt God? Do you pour out your heart to Him?

The demon was relentless. The father had the added layer of watchfulness and care to keep the boy from being killed by the demon, so the father was crying out for Jesus to help him AND the boy. Jesus responded with compassion. The father cried out with an honest response - "I believe, help my unbelief!"

Even the most faith-filled Christian has imperfect faith at times. We all struggle to believe. If you study any of the champions of faith from Hebrews 11, you will notice that they struggled. Our struggle with unbelief sometimes happens every day, every hour, or every moment. What causes you to sink into the abyss of "what if" questions of fear and doubt?

The father cried out in honesty and humility to help him believe when it was impossible to believe. Jesus demanded the demon to come out. The boy fell as though he was dead, and Jesus was the only one who could lift him up.

Without the grace of God, we look like a corpse until we look to a God who can pick us up. ([Ephesians 2:1-8](#)) We are dead in our trespasses and sins. He raises us up. Jesus alone can lift you up and save you from your desperate situation because He was lifted up because of your desperate situation. Acknowledge your unbelief and come to Him. He will lift you up.

Additional Reading: Hebrews 11

3. Read vs. 28 – 29

The spotlight was now on the disciples here. They wanted to know why they failed. Previously, they had been commissioned to go and spread the good news and cast out demons. Did they doubt the power of their authority? Did they doubt each other? Did the mockery of the scribes affect them? Whatever it was, Jesus revealed the true source - their prayerlessness.

Jesus was not saying that they needed something special or advanced. They had become so confident in their own ability that they forgot that desperate times call for desperate prayer. Wisdom, patience, faith, etc. to be on this Christian journey comes only from desperate prayer. How is your prayer life? Do you go to God with all your daily needs and desperate situations? What do you need to take to Him in prayer today?

We struggle now with doubts and fears. We must remember that one day, the demons will be vanquished. There will be no more doubting because our faith will become sight. This is our hope!

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 Revelation 21:9-27 "The City of God"

Family Guide for week of October 20th, 2024

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 145:1-7

Day 2 – Psalm 145:8-13

Day 3 – Psalm 145:14-21

Day 4 – Psalm 146

Day 5 – Psalm 147:1-11

**Read Revelation 21:9-27 in preparation for church on Sunday, October 27, 2024*

Prayer (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 22 of our church directory.

Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you obey Him and those He has put in charge.

Pray for help and wisdom to know how God is calling you to share Jesus with others.

Sing together

"The Lord Is My Light" – use the bulletin from Sunday

Memory verses for the month

Psalm 104:24a *O Lord, how manifold are your works!*

Psalm 100:5 *"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 15: Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

Answer: That we may know the holy nature of God, and the sinful nature of our hearts; and thus, our need of a Savior.

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