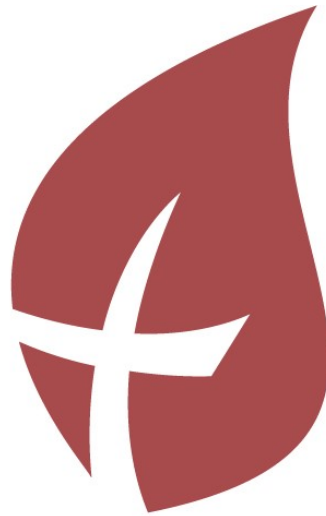


Sunday Morning Worship

November 24, 2024



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Order of Worship

November 24, 2024

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Ruth 1

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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 — Matthew 2:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Prepare Him Room

Rebecca Elliott | Dave Fournier

Verse 1:

O behold, the mystery now unfolds
See the star shine on the virgin foretold
Angels sing and light up the sky
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry
Swing wide, you ancient gates
For Christ is born today!

Chorus:

Prepare Him room
Prepare Him room
Let the King of glory enter in

Verse 2:

God with us, the promise has come to be
This, the one the prophets were longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light
To the hungry the words of life
His kingdom now is near
For those with ears to hear

Verse 3:

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem
Hear Him knock,
don't say there's no room in the inn
Through the cradle, cross, and grave
See the love of God displayed
Now He's risen and He reigns
Praise the Name above all names!

All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kauflin

Verse 1:

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

Verse 2:

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Chorus:

Hallelujah!
All I have is Christ
Hallelujah!
Jesus is my life

Verse 3:

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 12:1-15 (ESV)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

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Scripture Reading — (continued)

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

Rock of My Salvation

Mike Rogers | Erskine Berridge

Verse 1:

O Lord, You empty those You fill
and quicken those You slay.
My hope in works You kindly kill
to teach me gospel praise.

Verse 2:

You wrap in frowns as well as smiles
some tokens of Your love.
And if you wound or heal
in both, Your grace You prove.

Chorus:

You are my God.
There's none like You.
You are the rock of my salvation.

Verse 3:

No sooner we begin to mourn
in brokenness we start.
But Jesus cries
“Return, and let me heal your heart.”

Verse 4:

All hope in self may Jesus kill
and make my heart alive.
My guilty wounds may Jesus heal
and make my spirit thrive

Sermon Notes

“Wrestling With Bitterness” :: Ruth 1

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# God Moves

William Cowper | Bob Kaulfin

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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

## **This Week at First Baptist Church**

### **Sunday, November 24**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Night

### **Monday, November 25**

### **Tuesday, November 26**

### **Wednesday, November 27**

### **Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)**

Church Office Closed

### **Friday, November 29**

### **Saturday, November 30**

### **Sunday, December 1**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper  
6:00 PM Youth Night

## **Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church**

### **Sunday, December 8**

Budget Review Meeting — immediately following worship service

### **Sunday, December 15**

Members' Meeting — immediately following worship service

### **Tuesday, December 24**

6:30pm — Christmas Eve Worship

### **Wednesday, January 1**

6:30pm — Prayer Meeting

### **Sunday, January 12**

Church Potluck Lunch — immediately following worship service

### **Sunday, January 26**

Starting Point Seminar — immediately following worship service  
(Seminar for those interested in church membership. 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 November 24

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

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as an inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from the book of Colossians 1:9a-10:

*“9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you...  
10 to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:  
bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;”*

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 two very fruitful mission trips by teams from our church over the past few months (South Africa & Bangkok, Thailand). Both teams were able to care for and serve the local churches and pastors they were working with as well as identify potential ways we can continue to meet needs there in the future. Continue to pray that God would strengthen the leaders and members of these churches and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)
- Pray for our ministry leaders, deacons, and elders during this budget season as they pray and prepare a budget to present to the church next month. Pray for wisdom and a God-centered vision for how to use the resources that God has given our church. (James 1:5)
- Pray for our church family as we consider amendments to our church constitution. Pray that we would work together to comprehend and establish God's 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 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. Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday, Dec 1.** We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf. Part of our celebration is reaffirming our church covenant as the body of Christ. Therefore, if you know of any reconciliation that needs to happen between you and another brother or sister in Christ, we hope you'll take the time to prayerfully do that before we gather next Sunday.

**2. Upcoming Church Events:**

- Wednesday, December 4 :: 6:30 PM — Church Prayer Meeting
- Sunday, December 8 :: 12:00 PM — Church Budget Review Meeting
- Wednesday, December 11 — Last night of Regular Wednesday Schedule for semester
- Sunday, December 15 :: 12:00 PM — Church Members' Meeting
- Tuesday, December 24 :: 6:30 PM — Christmas Eve Worship

**3. New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults Begin Dec 1.** See insert for class and registration info.

**4. Advent Celebration 2024.** As we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season, we are suggesting the use of the Advent devotional, "The Light Before Christmas," by Marty Machowski. This four-week Advent devotional centers on the theme of light and darkness and how we can and should shine the light of Jesus to a lost world. There are three devotionals each week and can be adapted for families of all ages and sizes. Books are available at the bookstall today for \$10.00.

**5. Year-End Giving.** We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBCUM. As we near the end of 2024, please remember that any gifts to be counted toward your 2024 annual giving statement must be postmarked, in the church office, or submitted online by Dec. 31. You can give three ways:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: designated boxes at the Welcome Desk or during the worship service
- by mail: send to the church office.



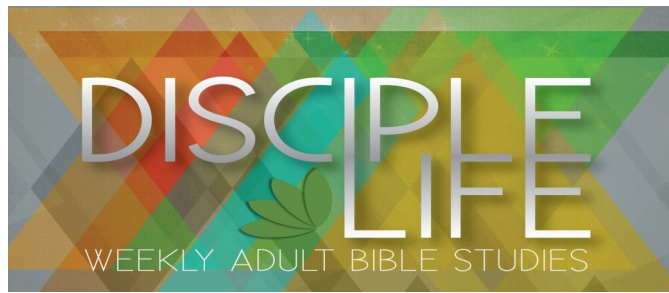
Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.

## 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.





## **Winter 2024-25 (Dec - Feb) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:**

**FALL SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

To help us prepare, we are asking that everyone sign up for the class they wish to attend by [clicking here](#).

### **Explore the Bible – Exodus and Leviticus**

This winter, we'll study *Exodus*; *Leviticus*. These books remind us that imperfect people can depend on a perfect God to lead them through whatever wilderness they face. As you study how God worked among His people, you'll see that He is still at work in your life as well. He still guides, cares, protects, and delivers. (13 sessions) (Books are available in the room 117/118 starting this Sunday, 11/24)

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118 :: Teachers: Tyrone Moorehead & Tre Fields**
- **Explore the Bible (Women) — Room 115 :: Teacher: Tanya Joy**
- **Explore the Bible (Men) - Room 113 :: Teachers: Faris Hawit & Dimitri Louis**

### **Growing Together: Mentoring Beyond Small Talk and Prayer Requests (Women)**

Take your mentoring efforts beyond small talk and prayer requests---establish cross-generational female friendships that exemplify the discipleship Paul affirmed in Titus 2! Topics include: how to set expectations and share your story; savor the Word of God together; resist temptations; cultivate contentment in all seasons; choose what is best; and more. (Books will be available for \$11 on the first day of class.)

- **Room 112 :: Teachers - Kristine Louis & Nikki Butler**

### **Anxiety: Knowing God's Peace (Coed)**

Anxiety can feel like a daily battle—at times bringing great suffering to both the body and the soul. Whether you experience nagging worry or debilitating panic, God's Word offers hope and help. The Bible is honest about human experiences of dread and fear, even in the lives of believers. We wage our war against anxiety through the disciplined exercise of biblical faith rooted in who God is, what he has done for us in Christ, and how he promises to continue to care for those who belong to him. (This 31-day devotional will be available for \$11 on the first day of class)

- **Room 114 :: Teachers - Mike Rogers & Darryl Arrington**

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



# Christmas According to Ruth

## [Ruth 1](#)

“Wrestling with Bitterness”– November 24, 2024



### Introduction

Very soon, families will gather for the holidays. Decorations will be put up. You will hear the song, "It's the most wonderful time of the year" and be told to be of good cheer. It is our prayer that it is a wonderful season for you, but for some, this season will be filled with tears, complaints, and bitterness. The cheerful atmosphere is a sad reminder of difficult circumstances.

Do you ask why God allows the tears, regret, or sadness in your life? Often the answer to this question is not found on this side of Heaven. Can you love and trust the God who has dealt you this painful hand in your life?

The book of Ruth is a wonderful love story. It is a story of redemption. Ruth was a young woman who trusted God in a difficult situation, traveled to Bethlehem and gave birth to a child who would change the world. This is the Christmas story!

### Sermon Outline

1. Scene One: Tragedy Vs. 1 – 5
2. Scene Two: Loyalty Vs. 6 – 17
3. Scene Three: Empty Vs. 18 – 22

### Read & Discuss

#### 1. Read vs. 1 – 5

This book takes place in "the days of the Judges," which is more than a time stamp. The last verse of the book of Judges sums up the time period. ([Judges 21:25](#))

God's people were in the promised land. If they followed God, they would be blessed. If they rebelled, there would be discipline which included famine. Elimelech makes the decision to move to Moab where there is food. While their physical need would be met, it was a morally poor decision. In his decision to move to Moab, he wasn't trusting God as King. He is trying to escape from his problem by looking for greener pastures, but he is overlooking the problem of sin in his own heart. Do you ever think that if the circumstances in your life were different that things would be better?

In his attempt to escape tragedy, he moved his family to Moab. Yet tragedy followed - Elimelech died. While this was devastating, Naomi remained in Moab for 10 more years. Maybe they had become comfortable. There was food there. Maybe they stayed because of pride. What would people think of their choice to leave Bethlehem? Have you made a wrong turn in your life? Does pride keep you from admitting it and making it right? It is better to make it right now. Don't let pride stand in the way. ([Proverbs 16:18](#))

Naomi didn't ask for this life - this tragedy. She is a foreigner with no family support. She can't provide for herself or her daughters-in-law. This tragedy sets up the tension for the rest of the book. But it also paints her into a corner. Yet if she wants to live, she must return to Bethlehem.

#### 2. Read vs. 6 – 17

[Verse six](#) gives us a glimmer of hope. She decided to return to Bethlehem, hearing that the famine was over. At some point in their journey, Naomi tells her daughters-in-law to return to Moab. This is a heart-wrenching scene.

The Hebrew word for "return" occurs fifteen times in this book. Twelve of those times are in chapter one. This is to get our attention. The book of Ruth is not just about a return trip to the land of Judah. It is a book about returning to God after you have made a wrong turn. So, why was Naomi urging them to go back to Moab? Naomi was going home. It was never the home of Ruth and Orpah. They were outsiders and would be viewed as unclean. It would be tough. It would also be uncomfortable for Naomi as a constant reminder of how she allowed her sons to marry outside the covenant community.

This highlights Naomi's misery. She had nothing to offer the women. She saw God's hand as against her. Blow after blow, wave after wave crushed her. The focus of this scene zeros in on the decision that Orpah and Ruth must make. Naomi couldn't promise them anything. They had to weigh their options - gain Yahweh in Bethlehem and lose everything or go back to Moab to gain everything but lose Yahweh.

Orpah didn't let emotions cloud her decision. She made the sensible, logical choice and returned to Moab. This decision seemed right in her own eyes. Her choice stands as a warning to us today. ([Matthew 16:24-26](#)) Ruth makes a different choice. She clung to Naomi. She was ready to leave her land and go with Naomi wherever she was going.

For ten years, Ruth had a front row seat to what God was doing in Naomi's life. All she saw in Naomi's response was bitterness. Somehow, by God's sovereign grace, Ruth trusted in Naomi's God. Her loyal expression of love is found in the beautiful words beginning [verse sixteen](#). Ruth was ready to risk everything, having taken refuge in God. How does a Moabite woman enter this covenant community of God's people? She came in faith, with empty hands. She threw herself on the mercy of God, and God delighted to make her a part of His family.

We come to God the same way that Ruth came to God. ([Ephesians 2:11-13](#)) We deserve God's wrath, but Jesus shelters us under His wings. He drank the cup of God's wrath in our place for anyone who would come to Him in faith. Are you willing to come to Him in faith, with empty hands and fall on His mercy? If you come to Him, you will not be turned away.

### **3. Read vs/ 18-22**

How did Naomi respond to Ruth's loyalty? "She said no more" - stopped talking to her - after Ruth's pledge of loyalty, love and courage. Naomi was so hurt by the tragedies of life; she couldn't say a thing. She seemed to just tolerate Ruth.

After being gone for ten years, there was a buzz when Naomi came into town. She described those ten years as "bitter." She was hurting and felt hollow. She left with everything and came back with absolutely nothing. She was angry with God. She said all this even after Ruth's heartfelt vow. Can you put yourself in Ruth's shoes? You have left everything, and this is how you are being talked about?

Before we criticize Naomi, we must remember what she has been through. She was seeing God's providential hand in her suffering. Theologically, she was right. Do you believe that in your life? Do you see God's hand in everything in your life? What she gets wrong is that because God is sovereign and all these tragedies have occurred, God must be against her. This produced a bitter heart, blurring her vision of reality. She was so hurt that she was blind to what God had given her. She couldn't see God's grace - Ruth had come to God and He had visited His people! Has there been a time when the trials of life have left you wondering if God was for you?

There is power in gratitude. Instead of dwelling on what we don't have, gratitude pauses and looks around at what we do have. We look at what God has given - good things that we don't deserve. Is your heart filled with gratitude? What good things has God given you that are undeserved?

It's hard to be around someone who is bitter. Ruth was filled with gratitude for God's grace in her life. She also didn't give up on Naomi. This isn't the end. God will use Ruth to pull Naomi out of her bitterness. We must pray for those people in our life who are like Naomi. As you give thanks for what you have - this will spread to others.

When life goes bad, do you think that God is out to get you? Does your pain make you think God hates you or that He looks harshly on you? When He feels distant or harsh, remember that is not true. "Behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face." (Cowper) There is more going on behind the scenes.

Do you feel like Naomi because of the trials of life? Do you wonder why God lets these things happen? Often, we just don't know. We must trust because of God's grace! Jesus, our Emmanuel - God with us - is our guarantee that God is for us! ([Romans 8:31-32](#))

### **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](http://fbcum.org)

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">John 12:1-3; Romans 1:18-21</a> " <b>Contrasting Pictures of the Heart</b> " |
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## Family Guide for week of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Colossians 4:7-18

Day 2 – Isaiah 7:14

Day 3 – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Day 4 – Micah 5:2

Day 5 – Ezekiel 36:22 - 27

*\*Read John 12:1-3 & Romans 1:18-21 in preparation for church on Sunday, December 1, 2024*

## Prayer (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 27 of our church directory.

Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

*Ask God to help you bless His name even when things don't go well.*

*Make a list of all the things you have to be thankful for. Praise God for the blessings He has given to you and your family.*

## Sing together

"God Moves" – use the bulletin from Sunday

## Memory verses for the month

**Genesis 50:19-20** *"Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good."*

**Jeremiah 29:11** *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

## Catechism question for the week<sup>1</sup>

Question 20: Who is the Redeemer?

Answer: *The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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