

Sunday Morning Worship

February 2, 2025



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Order of Worship

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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 63:1-4 (ESV)

- ¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
- ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
- ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

Bless the Lord Medley

Andrae Crouch | Esther Watanabe | Jason Brown

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord:

I will bless Thee, O Lord!
I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With a heart of thanksgiving,
I will bless Thee, O Lord!

With my hands lifted up,
And my mouth filled with praise
With a heart of thanksgiving,
I will bless Thee, O Lord!

Bless the Lord:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

He has done great things,
He has done great things,
He has done great things,
Bless his holy name

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Verse 1:

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name I'm fixed upon it
Name of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2:

Hither to Thy love has blessed me
Thou has brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3:

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord Take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Verse 4:

O that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy power will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last.

Scripture Reading — Leviticus 19:9-18 (ESV)

⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³ “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

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Scripture Reading — (continued)

¹⁵ “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

All Is Well

Johnny Parks | Claire Hamilton

Verse 1:

He lowers us to raise us
So we can sing His praises
Whatever is His way all is well
He makes us rich and poor
That we might trust Him more
Whatever is His way all is well

All my changes come from Him
He who never changes
I'm held firm in the grasp
Of the Rock of all the ages

Chorus:

All is well with my soul
He is God in control
I know not all His plans
But I know I'm in His hands

Verse 2

He clothes us now then strips us
Yet with His Word equips us
Whatever is His way all is well
And though our seasons change
We still exalt His Name
Whatever is His way all is well

All my changes come from Him
He who never changes
I'm held firm in the grasp
Of the Rock of all the ages

Sermon Notes

“Love Your Enemies” :: Matthew 5:43-48

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.

## Forgiven

Brittany Born | Kate DeGraide | Rebecca Elliott

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Verse 1

Lord, forgive us for our pride
When our faith becomes a show
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide
All the stains below
We have judged Your sons and daughters
For the sin that is our own
May we now forgive each other
And lay down our stones

Chorus:

Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ
We are forgiven

Verse 2:

Lord, forgive us for our love
Of the things we wish to own
We forsake the feast above
For all the crumbs below
Though You've made us sons and daughters
We do not the world disown
May we find our greatest treasure
Is in You alone

Verse 3:

Lord, forgive us for our shame
When we can't release the past
When we're quick to take the blame
But forget we're free at last
We avoid Your sons and daughters
For the fear we don't belong
Give us eyes to see each other
Through Your only Son

Doxology

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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, February 2**

Youth Winter Retreat

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

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

12:00 PM Constitution Review Meeting

### **Monday, February 3**

### **Tuesday, February 4**

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

### **Wednesday, February 5**

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday, February 6**

### **Friday, February 7**

### **Saturday, February 8**

6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp

8:30 AM Titus 2

### **Sunday, February 9**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

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

### **Friday, January 31—February 2**

Youth Winter Retreat

### **Sunday, February 2**

Church Constitution Review Meeting — following worship service

### **Sunday, February 23**

Church Potluck Lunch — following worship service

### **Sunday, March 16**

Members Meeting — following worship service

### **Saturday, March 29**

9am — Disciple-Making Parent Conference

*(more info to come)*

### **Sunday, March 30**

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 February 2

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

It's often helpful to pray the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. As you pray for yourself and others this week, consider praying the wisdom of Proverbs 3:5-7:

*<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.*

*<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.*

*<sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.*

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 impacted by the recent wildfires in California. Pray God would provide for immediate needs and preserve life. Pray God would comfort those grieving the death of loved ones and/or the loss of their homes. 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:**

- Pray for good spiritual fruit to come from the Youth Winter Retreat this weekend. Continually pray that the students of our church would hear and understand the gospel and be saved. Pray especially for their families and other faithful Christian adults in the church to faithfully teach and show them how to live out God's commands. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray that God would strengthen and encourage our Deacons and Ministry Team leaders as they work to meet the practical needs of our church family and those in our community (1 Samuel 12:24; Deut. 31:6)
- Pray that we would honor God in how we use technology (smartphone, computers, etc): to have self-control, to use it to grow in Christ and not sin, and prioritize its use according to godly wisdom for our relationships. (Prov. 25:28; Rom 13:14)
- 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. 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. (Gal. 6:9; 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, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, 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. Constitution Review Meeting :: TODAY after worship.** Church members interested in continuing to walk through the drafting process of the proposed revision to the Church Constitution and Bylaws are invited to join us for one hour after the worship service on February 2.

**2. Church Prayer Meeting — THIS Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30pm.** Join us as we gather for a time of prayer, testimony, and encouragement from God's Word.

**3. New Connect Groups Begin NOW.** Are you looking for a place to connect and grow in faith along with others in the church? If so, check out the listing of new Connect Groups on the bulletin insert. Reach out to the Connect Group leaders with group-specific questions or Pastor Mike in the church office for general questions. New Connect Groups start in February.

**4. Church Potluck Lunch — February 23.** Join us for a church potluck following the worship service on Feb 23. Plan to bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy great food and fellowship. See the bulletin insert for details. If you have questions or are willing to help with this event, please contact Camille Hawit (sarahcamille22@yahoo.com).

**5. 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: designated boxes in the church foyer 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.





# GROUPS

## :: Connect Groups ::

Connect groups seek to connect participants with others in the church on an ongoing basis. The objectives are threefold: 1) meet together, 2) speak together, and 3) pray together. As participants meet together, leaders will guide discussion around Gospel themes/topics and lead a time of group prayer. We hope these groups will be simple, flexible, and relational. **Please contact the host for group-specific information. Registration information on reverse side.**

### **Jay and Trish Crandell — hosted with Corey and Sharon Foster**

**Group Information:** 3pm // Sundays (once a month)

**Host/Location:** co-hosted by Crandells (Shady Side) and Fosters (Chesapeake Beach)

**Contact:** Jay: 301-466-7420; jcrandell@aresconsulting.biz

### **Michael and Marsha Davenport / Leslie and Andrea Fleet**

**Group Information:** 7pm // Mondays (twice a month)

**Host/Location:** co-hosted by Davenports and Fleets — Brandywine

**Contact:** Michael: 410-474-8853; modavenport@hotmail.com

Leslie: 240-3204143; lesriefleet@gmail.com

### **Dimitri and Kristine Louis — hosted by Isaac and Rita Neal**

**Group Information:** 7pm // Fridays (twice a month)

**Host/Location:** Home of Isaac and Rita Neal — Upper Marlboro

**Contact:** Kristine: 301-254-1157; kristinelouis10@yahoo.com

Rita: 301-257-6556; truejwc@gmail.com

### **Tyrone and Sharon Moorehead**

**Group Information:** 6:30pm // Fridays (twice a month)

**Host/Location:** Moorehead's Home — Huntingtown

**Contact:** Tyrone: 301-252-5579; tmoorehead@firstbaptistum.com





## **Mike Rogers — hosted by Mike and Crystal Whittaker**

**Group Information:** 6:30pm // 2nd and 4th Thursdays

**Host/Location:** Home of Mike and Crystal Whittaker — Cheltenham

**Contact:** Mike R: 301-807-0352; mrogers@firstbaptistum.com

Mike W: 301-500-8819; mwhittaker@firstbaptistum.com

## **:: How to Register ::**

Scan (or click) the QR code below with your mobile device to register online or fill out the form below and drop it in the designated box on the Welcome Desk.

### **Sign me up for a Connect Group!**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group:** \_\_\_\_\_





# Good News from a Good God

[Matthew 5:43-48](#)

"Love Your Enemies"—February 2, 2025



## Introduction

The text today is all about contrast - contrasting interpretation of the law and contrasting pictures of love. Jesus is going to put down the tools of the divine carpenter and pick up the tools of a divine communicator. He will use the literary tool of antithesis, a figure of speech that uses contrasting terms to create a memorable effect. In the text today, it is the careful description of one system or standard and then a contrasting picture of another standard. So different are the two standards that there isn't any way to say they are the same thing even if there is a common thread that connects them.

Today, we will look at Jesus' antithetical statement, "You have heard that it was said...but I say to you."

## Sermon Outline

1. Contrasting interpretations of the law to love. Vs. 43-44
2. Contrasting sources of love. Vs. 45-48

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 43-44

When we drop in on this statement that Jesus is making, we are dropping in at the end of Jesus' comments regarding the law. Here, He speaks of the law of love. With each of these statements, Jesus paints two very different pictures. One picture is the standard of Judaism. The contrasting picture is the standard of the kingdom of God. These are not suggestions or guiding principles, they are commands. Jesus is emphasizing his Lordship and speaking from divine power and authority.

The starting point for each of the contrasts in Matthew 5 is the same. There is a stark contrast between the law and what Jesus was saying, but there is no contradiction here. God is holy and righteous. He is perfect in all His ways and rich in mercy, faithful, true and abounding in steadfast love. He is unchanging. There is no division of attributes within the Godhead. However, there was a tendency in Jewish culture, as well as in our own hearts today, to relax the tension of the law to something we can "do," something with challenging but attainable goals with measurable outcomes.

In order to address this, Jesus clearly said that He did not come to abolish the law. He came to fulfil it. ([5:17-18](#)) Have you been tempted by a self-righteous heart to relax the law to be able to keep it? The scribes and the Pharisees did this with each of the commands that Jesus addressed in this section. When Jesus quotes their interpretation of the law, the religious leader knew that they got that part right. But they leave out how to love by omitting two words and narrow the field of who they must love by adding four words.

If you leave out "as yourself" then you are free to set the standard for what love is. If you are bound to love your neighbor as yourself, you have to think about what that means. We place a high value on self-love, meeting our needs and seeking the best outcomes for ourselves. When you are angry or frustrated or in conflict with another person, ask yourself how much of your reaction to something is related to what you want, when you want it, and in the quantity that you want it? Loving ourselves well is a good thing as long as we don't relax the high standard of loving our neighbor. Do you put the same energy into loving others as you love yourself?

In addition to wanting to know how to love, the Pharisees wanted to know exactly **who** they were required to love. Who was their neighbor? They needed to pay closer attention to the entire chapter of Leviticus 19. Love was to be extended not only to the children of Israel, but to the sojourner. ([Leviticus 19:33](#)) In Luke 10, Jesus clearly explained to them who their neighbor was by sharing a parable - the good Samaritan. The Samaritan was hated, but he is the one who had compassion on the man who was beaten and robbed. He was the only one who proved to be a neighbor. A simpler question might be, is there anyone who isn't my neighbor?

Are you convinced? Do you just think that this is Jesus' words for the New Testament? What about enemies we see in the Old Testament? A clear answer can be seen in [Exodus 23:4-5](#). **Anyone** who is in need or needs to be treated in the same manner in which you want to be treated is your neighbor. There is no biblical license to hate anyone even if they hate you. Jesus said, with divine power and authority, to love your neighbor. Falling short of

this command is sin. There should always be a personal recognition of our own hearts and an evangelistic zeal for God to save when we pray for those who persecute us. Who do you find hard to love? Do you pray for those who persecute you? The standard by which you love reveals to whom you belong.

**Additional Reading:** *Leviticus 19; Luke 10; Job 31:29-30; 1 Samuel 24*

## **2. Read Vs. 45 – 48**

Here Jesus showed a picture of limited love with license to hate contrasted with a picture of divine love displayed. One picture says your picture of love looks no different than those you consider to be vile. The other picture says that your love looks like God. When you seek to meet the needs of someone who has wronged you and when you love your enemy with impartiality, you love like God loves.

You will have enemies. The Beatitudes says, blessed are those who are recipients of hate yet respond with love. ([Matthew 5:11](#)) Remember the Apostle Paul's words in [Romans 12:18](#)? Live peaceably with all men. What kind of love is this to proactively bless while being cursed? Jesus says that godly love looks different than worldly love.

If you only love yourself and those like you, you are no different than the ones you hate and who hate you. The key to all of this is that Jesus was highlighting the contrast between the standard of worldly love and the standard of divine love. The demonstration of that love reveals source of your love. Jesus' standard was higher. He says love all without partiality. Let love radiate out of you to shine on all without exclusion. Pray for those who persecute you.

All of these statements that raise the bar and set the standard for love. As Jesus ended this section, He tells the crowd that they must be perfect as their Heavenly Father is perfect. Who can love like this? Do you love yourself well and extend the same kind of care and commitment to meet the needs of those you love? That's one thing. What about extending that kind of love to meet the need of a stranger? Is that a stretch for you? Can you extend that kind of love to someone who hates you? Can you pray for someone like that? The standard Jesus set seems unattainable. Isn't that the point? Jesus reminds us that with man, this IS impossible, but with God ALL things are possible.

As you reflect on your opportunities to love that you have neglected, are you discouraged? Have you relaxed the law of love and created a "do not love" or a "free to hate" list? There is a reason to rejoice today! If you hate the fact that you have hated or hate the fact that you have failed to love, the right response is to turn from your sin and run to God. He sent His only Son to die for enemies like you and me. Jesus fulfilled the entire law and met the perfect standard of the law of love and died on a cross for His enemies. There is reason to rejoice because if you turn from your sin and trust in Christ, you can know that all of your sin is covered by the perfect love of Christ. It is only then that you can satisfy the requirements of the perfect standard and be reconciled to God.

He transforms you. He gives you a new heart. He gives you a new capacity to love. Do you love in a way that is unachievable? Do you have a desire to love with a Christ-like love? Do you love like you belong to Jesus?

**Additional reading:** *Acts 7*

### **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="#">1 Timothy 1:18-20</a> "Fight the Good Fight" |
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# Family Guide for week of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

*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 – Luke 8:40-56

Day 2 – Luke 9:1-9

Day 3 – Luke 9:10-17

Day 4 – Luke 9:18-27

Day 5 – Luke 9:28-36

*\*Read 1 Timothy 1:18-20 preparation for church on Sunday, February 9, 2025*

### Prayer (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 37 of our church directory.

Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to teach you contentment today.

### Sing together

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" – Use the bulletin from Sunday

### Memory verses for the month

**Romans 8:28** *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."*

**Psalms 27:1** *"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?"*

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

Question 30: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer: Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation.

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