

# ***Resurrection Sunday Worship***

***April 20, 2025***



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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 — Luke 24:1-6a (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen.

## Highly Exalted

Robin Mark

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### **Verse 1:**

You were despised  
You were rejected Lord  
Those who passed by even averted  
Their gaze from the sight  
Such was the suff'ring You bore for us

### **Verse 2:**

Led like a lamb a lamb to the slaughter  
You spoke not a word but chose to be silent  
Though You did no wrong  
Nor was deceitfulness found in You

### **Pre-Chorus:**

Yet by Your wounds our salvation has come  
Yet by Your suff'ring our freedom is won

### **Chorus:**

For God has highly exalted Your name  
He has enthroned You on high  
Jesus, the name above all names

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# His Glory and My Good

Ben Fielding | Jonny Robinson | Rich Thomson

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## **Verse 1:**

I have seen my Father's glory  
Revealed in Jesus Christ  
And the more that I behold Him  
The more He satisfies  
When I gaze upon His beauty  
When I see Him as I should  
Then my eyes are lifted upward  
For His glory and my good

## **Verse 2:**

There is hope in every trial  
For I can trust the Lord  
He will turn my heart towards Him  
And help me bear the thorn  
So in faith, I follow Jesus  
On the road not understood  
For I know that He is working  
For His glory and my good

## **Chorus:**

To our God be the glory, to our God be praise  
He alone, the name above all names  
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God  
For I know His glory is my good

## **Verse 3:**

See the open arms of Jesus  
Upon the cross that day  
What they understood as weakness  
Deserves my every praise  
For the charge that was against me  
It was nailed into the wood  
Yes, I know that He has saved me  
For His glory and my good

## **Verse 4:**

Would I gladly be made nothing  
That Christ would be made more?  
Would I seek the only kingdom  
That far outweighs them all?  
I will stand before my Father  
Where the faithful saints have stood  
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him  
For His glory and my good

## Scripture Reading — Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

# The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles A Tindley | Donald Vails

## **Verse 1:**

Take courage my soul and let us journey on  
Tho' the night is dark and I am far from home  
Thanks be to God the morning light appears

## **Chorus 1:**

The storm is passing over  
The storm is passing over  
The storm is passing over, Hallelu

## **Verse 2:**

The billows roll and thunder shakes the ground  
Tho' the lightnings flash and tempest all around  
Jesus walks the sea and calms the angry waves

## **Chorus 2:**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
The storm is passing over  
The storm is passing over  
The storm is passing over, Hallelu

## **Verse 3:**

The stars are gone and distant lights are dim  
I am so afraid the seas are breaking in  
I hear God say "Be ye, not afraid"

## **Verse 4:**

Now soon we shall reach the distant shining shore  
Free from all the storms we'll rest forevermore  
Safe within the veil we'll furl the riven sail

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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

## **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.

## Sermon Notes

**“Remember the Risen Jesus” :: 1 Timothy 3:16 & 2 Timothy 2:8**

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# Only a Holy God

Michael Farren | Jonny Robinson | Dustin Smith | Rich Thompson

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## **Verse 1:**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

## **Verse 2:**

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendor outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

## **Chorus:**

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

## **Verse 3:**

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

## **Verse 4:**

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God!



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

### **Sunday, April 20 (Resurrection Sunday)**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **Monday, April 21**

### **Tuesday, April 22**

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

### **Wednesday, April 23**

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

Elder-led Bible Study

Choir/Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 24**

### **Friday, April 25**

### **Saturday, April 26**

6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp

8:30 AM Titus 2

### **Sunday, April 27**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Baptism

12:00 PM Church Potluck Lunch

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

### **Sunday, April 27**

Church Potluck Lunch following worship service

### **Sunday, May 4**

Constitution Review Meeting — meet for one hour following worship service

### **Sunday, May 18**

Church Members' Meeting — following worship service

### **June 23—27**

9am—12:30pm — Vacation Bible School (*more details coming soon*)

### **Sunday, July 13**

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 April 20

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

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the praise of the Apostle Paul from 1 Thessalonians 2:13 as a specific way to give thanks to God:

*<sup>13</sup> And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.*

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 have direct partnerships with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

### **Particular prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family: Jay and Kim Addison, Samson and Bukky Adeshiyan, Emma Dunn, Sheareen Dunn, Jaimee and Alicia Friend, Fraser and Betsy Henderson, Aminata Kamara, Travita King, Elliot McKay, and Teresa Orishagbemi. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Praise God for the recent baptism of our brother, Jay Addison. May God continue his work of sanctification in his life and help us as a church family to walk along with him. (Rom 6:4)
- 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; 1 Tim. 3:14-15)
- 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). See “Ministry Spotlight” pages for highlights and prayer requests.
- Pray that God would help our church family to radically love others in the way the Bible teaches us to love. Pray that our love would reflect the sacrificial love that God has shown us through Jesus Christ. (Mt 5:43-48; John 13:35)
- Pray that God would deepen our desire for prayer as a church family. May we not grow weary or apathetic in bringing our concerns to Him. May God help us to sense His presence and power as we pray. (Rom 12:12, Col 4:2)
- Pray for those in our church family who are going through a significant time of suffering—physically or mentally. Pray for peace. Pray for a keen awareness of God’s presence and a desire to draw near to him. Pray for experiences of joy in Christ and in fellowship with church family. (Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 34:18, Ps. 30:1-5)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Margaret Austin, Vince Butler (death of sister), Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Emma Dunn (death of brother), 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.)

# Ministry Spotlight: ChildLIFE

## Ministry Spotlight

We would like to bring to your attention active church ministries and programs at First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro. We hope that each month you will pray for all those serving and consider how you may support their efforts. *You may notify us if you would like to learn more about the ministries at FBCUM by using the new Digital Communication Card (see QR code on the back of this bulletin).*



**Ashley Meekins-Smith**

## ChildLIFE Ministry

Each Sunday, something amazing happens in the Children's Ministry area. The ChildLIFE Ministry volunteers, show up at 9:45am to meet and provide care and oversee children ages, infant - PreK-4 during the worship service. Parents with preschool aged children arrive to check in their children.

**How can you become involved in joining the ChildLIFE Ministry team? The team consists of Volunteers and helpers working together!**

**Volunteers:** If you are a church member (*for at least six months*) and are an adult (18 yr.), you may qualify to be a volunteer.

**Helpers:** If you are a student (14 –17yrs.) and are a church member or a child of a church member, you may serve as a helper. Helpers must serve with adult volunteers and will be vetted by the Children's Ministry staff.

**What are the expectations for our team members:**

- Loving the children as Christ loves them.
- Striving to set an example of proper Christian conduct in the way we live our lives
- Ministering to the children
- Understanding that the privilege of serving in the ChildLIFE Ministry embodies responsibilities to God for ministering to and caring for the children.
- To have the heart of a servant, following Christ's example

## Ministry Spotlight: ChildLIFE

We take safety very seriously in the Children's Ministry area and have developed our Children's Ministry Guidelines which are available for any member of FBCUM considering participating in the Children's Ministry.

All of our volunteers are required to have the following:

- Background Checks
- Training
- Read and review the Children's Ministry Guidelines for Care, Instruction and Protection and sign affirming adherence to the policy
- Implement secure check-in/check-out procedures
- Ensure proper volunteer/child ratios that optimize safety with a minimum of two adult volunteers/room.
- Rooms equipped with a basic first aid kit
- Adherence to a healthy child policy for admittance to ChildLIFE
- Follow procedures for ChildLIFE
- Repeat the screening procedures every three years.



*Why so many policies?* They provide assurance that every volunteer and child will be safe and parents will have peace of mind knowing that their child/ren are in a loving-caring environment.

**If you are an adult church member (*for at least six months*) or a teen (14-17 yrs.) member or a child of a church member, consider serving in the ChildLIFE Ministry. To make an inquiry about serving, please contact the church office or Ashley Meekins-Smith for more information.**

This is a place where you get rewarded with smiles of little ones, the appreciation of parents, and the privilege of glorifying the Lord all at the same time.



# Announcements

**1. Church Potluck after worship on April 27.** Join us for our church potluck on Sunday, April 27, following the worship service. Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy great food and fellowship. See insert for more information and ways you can help with the event.

**2. Constitution Review Meeting :: Sunday, May 4.** 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 May 4.

**3. Welcome to Our First-Time Guests.** If you're visiting with us for the first time today, we're delighted that you're here! As you leave, let any of our greeters or ushers know that you're a first-time guest and they will supply you with a Welcome Bag. It contains information about the church as well as a small gift to say thank you for visiting with us. If you have additional questions or spiritual needs, you can contact us using the Digital Communication Card below or by calling the church office.

**4. 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.



If you're giving in person or by mail, please help us accurately identify your gift by legibly printing your first and last name on your giving envelope. 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.





# Potluck *Church*

Join us for food and fellowship on Sunday, April 27 immediately following the service!

- Bring a dish that feeds your family plus 3-4 more.
- Last names that start with N-Z also bring a dessert to share.



Sunday, 27  
April 2025



Fellowship Hall

More Info : Contact Camille  
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# Potluck

## *Details*

- Everyone brings a dish to feed your family plus 2-3 more.
- Last names that start with N-Z also brings a dessert to share. This is in addition to a main dish.
- Bring a dish ready to be reheated in the oven or kept warm in warming drawers.
- Crockpots are great!
- We are unable to handle any frozen food items.

### Logistics

- FBCUM will provide all paper products, serving utensils and water.
- Dropping off your dish:
  - Before Disciple Life (8:45am-9am)
  - Before Worship Service (9:45am-10am)

### **Have a question or interested in helping?**

Following service today, Camille will be in the Fellowship Hall to answer questions and have sign-up sheets if you are interested in helping with specific potluck needs.

- 6-8 families to sign up to bring food for a kid friendly potluck table.
- 10 volunteers for kitchen duty (putting out food, plates, etc.).
- 8-10 volunteers to help lead table and chair set-up.
- 10 volunteers for the clean-up team.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy: Church as Pillar and Foundation of Truth

[1 Timothy 3:16](#) & [2 Timothy 2:8-13](#)

“Remember the Risen Jesus” – April 20, 2025



## Introduction

When we see Jesus in the New Testament, we see people asking “who is He?” This question is still hotly debated today, over 2000 years after Jesus walked the earth. When we read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, we see clearly. The gospels tell us that Jesus is the Son of God.

The Old Testament prophets spoke of a Messiah that would come. He would be the chosen, anointed King. The claim that Jesus is the Son of God is the claim that He is King. But He is not an ordinary King. He is a king without borders or term limits. He came to bring freedom, peace, and justice. He came with authority to heal, teach, and forgive sin. Jesus is God. He has the authority to tell us what is right and wrong and the authority to judge.

This claim is a monumental claim. Is it really true? Is Jesus who He claims to be? That is what Easter is about. Today is an opportunity to celebrate the resurrection.

## Sermon Outline

1. The resurrection declares that Jesus IS the Son of God. 1 Timothy 3:16
2. Be strengthened by the risen Christ. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read 1 Timothy 3:16

As we have worked our way through the book of 1 Timothy, we have unpacked this verse. The “mystery that is part of God’s plan which is now revealed” is the gospel. The church is tasked with proclaiming and guarding the gospel.

The second line in Verse 16, Paul says that Jesus was *vindicated by the Spirit*. During His earthly ministry, Jesus was misunderstood. He was betrayed, arrested, denied, beaten, and put to death. When He was put in the tomb, it seemed that all he claimed to be might be untrue. But if the resurrection is not true, the claims of Christianity are made in vain. ([1 Corinthians 15:17](#))

Is there any evidence that can make this miracle something rational that we can believe today? Yes! First, consider the empty tomb. Jesus appeared to His disciples, eating and talking with them. He appeared to over 500 people before the ascension. If he appeared to people then He was not in the tomb. It was empty!

History shows the evidence of the resurrection. The church was soon established after the resurrection, and the fearful disciples were transformed into fearless preachers willing to give their lives for the gospel. The Jewish converts suddenly made the shift in celebrating and worshiping on Sunday. How do you account for all of these things? The best explanation is that Jesus rose from the dead.

Jesus told the disciples that His death and resurrection would happen. He was more than just a good moral teacher. Normal people don’t predict their own death and subsequent resurrection. As C. S. Lewis put it: He was either a liar, lunatic or Lord. His resurrection declares that He is the Son of God - He is Lord.

Well, so what? We have to ask, how does the resurrection benefit us today? Following Jesus is hard work. Paul knew that Timothy was tired, possibly discouraged and would suffer for the cause of Christ. ([2 Timothy 2:1](#)) Can you relate to Timothy? Are you tired and discouraged in your service for the Lord?

### 2. Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13

In the demands and discouragements of life, it’s easy to lose hope. In order to provide the strength that we need, Paul says to remember Jesus Christ who has risen from the dead. The resurrection is the lynch pin of Christianity. It changes everything for us. There are four ways the resurrection benefits us today that give us hope.

1. The resurrection means that **there is good news for our guilt and shame.** Vs. 8 Jesus' resurrection is an essential part of the good news being the good news. His death was not enough. Jesus' resurrection announces victory over sin and death. His resurrection shows that His death paid the price in full. Are you taking refuge in Jesus? Are there days when guilt hangs over our head? Do you still feel unclean because of your shameful past? Jesus' resurrection is the receipt - PAID IN FULL. No matter how you feel, everything necessary for your redemption was accomplished by Jesus. ([Romans 4:25](#)) We are declared NOT GUILTY not because of our good deeds, but because of what Jesus has done for us. In Christ our guilt is gone and our shame is washed clean. His victory becomes our victory.
2. The resurrection means that **there is hope for our mission as a church.** VS. 9 Paul was in prison, bound by chains. BUT - the word of God is not bound! Do you feel bound sometime by fear or lack of biblical knowledge? Remember the word of God is not bound because Jesus is not bound by the grave. The word will accomplish its purpose. This is illustrated in [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#). Left to Ezekiel's restraints, these bones could not live, but the word of God is not bound by our circumstances or lack of ability. It's powerful. Jesus promised that He would build His church and the gates of Hell would not prevail against it. ([Matthew 16:18](#)) How is this possible? Jesus conquered death. We are fellow workers, but it is Jesus' church. He purchased it with His blood, and He rose from the dead.
3. The resurrection means that **there is hope for our Christian life.** Vs. 11-12 Do you see the phrase "with Him?" This refers to Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. When we hear the gospel and by the grace of God, turn from our sin and trust in Christ, our sin is nailed to the cross. Before, we were separated from God because of sin, but now, nothing can separate us from a holy God. Our old self is dead, and we are united to Christ, by faith, to walk in newness of life. God is with you. He is the eternal King of kings with authority to help you in your Christian life. We don't have to lose hope. Remember Jesus - risen from the dead. We not only have hope in this life, but we have a future hope to reign with Him. Physical death is not the end. We age and get sick and die. But Jesus' resurrection was a bodily resurrection which guarantees ours as well. ([1 Corinthians 15:53-58](#))
4. The resurrection is **a loving call to "get off the fence."** Vs. 12-13 Trusting Jesus is a big thing. He wants our whole life, our whole self. Do you believe that Jesus is who He says He is? The religious leaders in Jesus' day wanted miracles – a sign. No sign would be given except the miracle of the resurrection. This proves and declares that Jesus **IS** the Son of God. God has given us all the evidence to know that Jesus is the Son of God. That means, no more excuses, no more waiting, no more sitting on the fence. If we persist in faithlessness, God cannot deny Himself. He will do exactly as He promised and judge. Please hear this loving warning. But it is also a loving encouragement. If you have drifted from God or denied Him in your sin and rebellion and you are still alive, this is loving encouragement to come to Jesus in repentance, faith and trust. His faithfulness to forgive triumphs over our faithlessness. Jesus will receive you with open arms.

Who do you say that Jesus is? Your answer to this and what you do with it is the most important thing you will ever do in this life. One day, we will give an account for our life. To do nothing and stay on the fence is to deny Him as Lord. There is only one way to answer a King - that is to submit. Come to Jesus. He promises to save all who come in faith.

### **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](#)

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">1 Timothy 4:1-5</a> <b>"Receive God's Gifts with Thanks"</b> |
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## Family Guide for week of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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### 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 20:1-8

Day 2 – Luke 20:9-18

Day 3 – Luke 20:19-26

Day 4 – Luke 20:27-40

Day 5 – Luke 20:41-47

\*Read **1 Timothy 4:1-5** in preparation for church on Sunday, April 27, 2025

## **Prayer:** (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 5 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Praise God because there is no one as great as Him!

Thank God for His power and the comfort and confidence that comes with knowing Him.

## **Sing together**

"Highly Exalted" – Use the bulletin from Sunday

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Philippians 4:19** *"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*

**Matthew 28:6a** *"He is not here, for He has risen as he said."*

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

**Question 40:** What should we pray?

**Answer:** The whole Word of God directs us in what we should pray.

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