

Sunday Morning Worship

May 11, 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 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 (Psalm 27)

Lillian Bouknight

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?

Happy in Jesus

Eric McAllister

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## **Verses 1 & 2:**

Are you happy in Jesus?  
Does the news leave you thrilled —  
That He carried the burden of sin  
That we rightly deserved to feel?

Would you rather have Jesus  
Than the praises of kings —  
for you rest in the sweet commendation  
of knowing you've been redeemed?

## **Chorus:**

Happy in Jesus!  
Forgiven and free —  
He means more than this  
Whole wide world to me;  
Wonderful Jesus  
The One that I call  
My life, my peace, my joy  
My all in all!

## **Verses 3 & 4:**

When temptation is calling  
Do you flee to His side —  
As the pleasure of sin is eclipsed  
By the beauty of Jesus Christ?

Have you made Him your treasure?  
Have you counted the cost —  
And consider the life that He offers  
Is worth any early loss?

## **Bridge:**

Grace to cover all my sin  
My life made new in Him  
I'm happy in the Lord  
Peace to ease my anxious mind  
Upheld by love divine  
I'm happy in the Lord  
Hope invincible and sure  
Is mine forevermore  
I'm happy in the Lord  
God and heaven are my own  
My Father and my home  
I'm happy in the Lord

## **Verse 5:**

Do you long for His presence  
Just to be where He dwells  
For a day with the Savior is better  
Than thousands anywhere else

## Scripture Reading — Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## Come Praise and Glorify

Tim Chester | Bob Kauflin

### Verse 1:

Come praise and glorify our God  
The Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms  
His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in His sight  
He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through  
His Son eternally

### Chorus:

To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves

### Verse 2:

Come praise and glorify our God  
Who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away  
Redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us  
The myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all  
His purpose to fulfill

### Verse 3:

Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we  
have a seal the Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God the Three in One

## Sermon Notes

### **“Joy in the Midst of Trouble” :: Isaiah 12**

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Our guest preacher this morning is James Choi. He serves as the lead pastor at New Covenant Baptist Church in Rockville, MD. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Christian Ministry at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Jeri, and their three children live in Rockville.

Blessed Assurance

David LaChance Jr. | Fanny Crosby

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## **Verse 1:**

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

## **Chorus:**

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

## **Verse 2:**

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

## **Bridge:**

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

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

### **Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day)**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **Monday, May 12**

### **Tuesday, May 13**

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 14**

6:30 PM AWANA

Elder-led Bible Study

Choir / Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 15**

### **Friday, May 16**

### **Saturday, May 17**

11:00 AM Men's Chili Cookoff

### **Sunday, May 18**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

12:00 PM Church Members Meeting

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

### **Saturday, May 17**

11:00am — Men's Chili Cookoff

### **Sunday, May 18**

Church Members' Meeting — following worship service

### **Wednesday, May 21**

Last Night of Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule

### **Sunday, June 1**

Children's DiscipleLIFE Promotion Sunday // Parents and Pastries

### **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 May 11

### **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, consider using the words of Ephesians 1:16-17 to pray for yourself and others:

<sup>16</sup> *I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,*  
<sup>17</sup> *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,*  
*may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,*

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:**

- Pray for our upcoming Members Meeting on May 18 after worship. Pray that God would continually help us to grow in unity and service to one another as fellow believers here at FBCUM and help us work together for kingdom purposes. (Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who are completing their final weeks of classes for the school year. Pray that God would help them to finish well and give them physical and spiritual strength to endure. See a list of our out-of-town college students toward the back of the church directory.
- Praise God for recent baptisms of Jay Addison and Michael King. May God continue his work of sanctification in them and help our church family to walk alongside them in faith. (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 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, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, 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: Children's Ministry

## 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).*

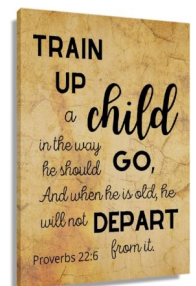
## Children's Ministry



The Children's Ministry is a program of the church that encompasses several areas: ChildLIFE, DiscipleLIFE, Awana, and VBS. Each Sunday morning our Children's DiscipleLIFE classes begin at 9am for babies through sixth grade. Followed by ChildLIFE at 10am. Excited children arrive with their parents and are checked-in to join their classmates and teachers to explore the word of God.

During the academic year from September through May, we provide the Awana program on Wednesday nights. During the summer we also have our VBS (Vacation Bible School) week. Each of these programs keep our children immersed in the word of God and brings encouragement through memorizing scripture and working through materials that brings scripture to life. There is truly nothing more rewarding than to see how children respond when they actually gain understanding in God's word. Our mission is to ensure that the gospel is heard.

**Children's DiscipleLIFE:** This is the perfect time to get started. 'Promotion Sunday' is the first Sunday in June, children will be promoted to their next grade in DiscipleLIFE, which marks the beginning of their new year. This would be a great time to step up to the plate in DiscipleLIFE. DiscipleLIFE classes begin every Sunday morning at 8:45am and end at 9:50am.



As a teacher you will be equipped and prepared with everything you need to effectively lead the lesson. You will also receive visual supports and activities that will reinforce the lesson. However, if you are not ready for a full-time commitment and would like to serve, consider becoming a substitute teacher. Please note that all classes have two or more adults in the rooms so you will be able to step in without any concern. As a substitute, you may observe a class or two, to get a general feel for the curriculum and class procedure.

## Ministry Spotlight: Children's Ministry

**ChildLIFE:** The ChildLIFE Ministry is also a wonderful place to serve, particularly if you enjoy working with Babies-PreK-4. This ministry provides a schedule that allows you to serve your fellow members and guests. And if you are a parent of a preschooler, you will likewise benefit from this ministry. Volunteers eagerly arrive at 9:45am and care for our babies thru PreK-4 during the worship service.



**Awana Clubs:** The Awana club program begins in the fall and meets on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8pm and follows the academic year for children from PreK 3-Sixth grade. The children are registered to Awana clubs by age/grade: (Cubbies - PreK 3-4); (Sparks - K-2 Grade); (Truth and Training (T&T) - 3rd -6th Grade). Awana clubs is a great place to serve! As a leader, you are given the curriculum and suggestions which provide children with instruction, guided activities and games. If you would enjoy engaging children with the word of God and encourage their spiritual growth, this may be the place for you.

**VBS:** The VBS theme is 'Magnified' which encourages us to *see the bigness of God in the smallness of things!* VBS will start the week of June 23 from 8:45am-12:30pm! Are you excited to see how this theme unfolds and working with children, then you are invited to volunteer for VBS! Please check out the insert in this week's bulletin for details.



If you are a church member seeking to serve in any Children's Ministry area, please contact our leaders: **Awana (Commander Ronnie Sweetman); ChildLIFE (Ashley Meekins-Smith); Children's DiscipleLIFE (Pam Jensen); or VBS (Monica Kergel), you may also contact the church office:** [fbcum@firstbaptistum.com](mailto:fbcum@firstbaptistum.com); 301-952-0117; or use the [QR code](#) (on the back of this bulletin.)

*If you are a church member and have **not** previously served in the Children's Ministry, there are a few more steps before you may begin working with children, so contact the leaders or the church office for more information. We look forward to hearing from you and serving with you!*

# Announcements

1. **Men's Chili Cookoff :: Saturday, May 17 :: 11am—2pm.** See insert for event info. Scan the QR code to register. Questions?... contact John Almy (jalmy545@yahoo.com)



2. **Church Members' Meeting :: Sunday, May 18.** We plan to have our regularly scheduled Members' Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, May 18. We will vote on memberships, pray for the ministry of the church, and hear ministry reports. Minutes from our previous Members' Meeting will be available on 5/11 in the church office.

3. **New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults Begin June 1.** See insert for new class descriptions and registration information.

4. **Promotion Sunday for Students with "Parents & Pastries" :: June 1st.** DiscipleLIFE plays a major role in our on-going/year-round discipleship program for children. See the bulletin insert for a special invitation to celebrate "Parents and Pastries!" on June 1st.

5. **Glover Scholarship.** If you are a church member and a 2025 high school graduate who is attending college in the fall, you are eligible to apply for the John and Ethel Glover Scholarship. Contact Mike Rogers in the church office for an application (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com). The deadline for submissions is June 8th.

6. **Vacation Bible School — June 23-27 :: 8:45am-12:30pm — "Made to Magnify God!"**. VBS is less than two months away! We have a goal of 100 kids attending, and we need some additional volunteers to help us reach that goal. See the bulletin insert for more info. Questions?... able to volunteer?... contact Monica Kergel (call/text: 518-441-2133; email: mkw3161@yahoo.com).

7. **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**

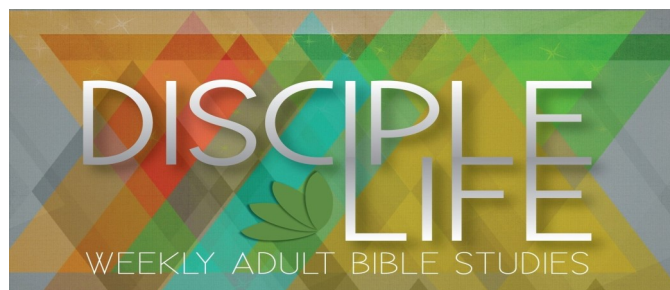
Are you interested in receiving more information about the church, meeting with a pastor, or sharing a prayer need? Scan the QR code to fill in our digital communication card and someone will follow up with you. You're always welcome to contact the church office: 301-952-0117.

Location: First Baptist of Upp  
Marlboro

Time and Date: 11:00am  
5/17/25

# Men's Chili COOK OFF





## **Summer 2025 (June - August) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:**

**SUMMER SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 1 @ 9AM**

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

### **Explore the Bible – Psalms:**

It's been said that music is the universal language of humanity. For Christ followers, music is a vital part of our faith journey. It draws us closer to God and challenges us to become more like Him. The book of Psalms touches every aspect of our lives, offering wisdom, comfort, encouragement, and healing. Listen as God speaks to your heart and reminds you how much He cares about you. (Books available in room 117/118 starting Sunday, 5/25.)

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118 :: Teachers: Jay Crandell & Vince Butler**
- **Explore the Bible (Women) — Room 115 :: Teacher: Tanya Joy**

*If you are remaining in your current Explore the Bible Class, there is no need to sign up again.*

### **Elective Class — Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands:**

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands is a comprehensive treatment of how God uses people as tools of change in other people's lives, people who themselves are in need of change. If you followed the Lord for a thousand years, you would still need the ministry of the body of Christ as much as you did the day you first believed. This need will remain until our sanctification is complete in Glory.

(Study Guides will be available for \$14)

- **Room 114 :: Teachers - Mike Rogers & TBD**

### **Elective Class — Young Adults (ages 18-35) Knowing God:**

Knowing God brings together two important facets of the Christian faith— knowing about God and also knowing God through the context of a close relationship with the person of Jesus Christ by directing our attention to how and why we know God, studying attributes of God and looking at the benefits enjoyed by those who know Him intimately.

- **Room 113 :: Teachers - Tre Fields & TBD**





Join us this Summer!

# DiscipleLIFE for Kids

We will be hosting  
"Parents and Pastries" on  
Promotion Sunday  
June 1st :: 8:45-9:10  
In the Children's Division  
for PreK 2 - 6th Grade  
and their parents

Come check out what the children will  
be learning this Summer and meet  
their teachers.

**PSALM 34:3**

# **MAGNiFiED!**

**DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD  
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS**

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025**

**June 23-27 :: 8:45am-12:30pm**

**GOAL: 100 kids!**

### **Volunteers Needed:**

- :: Nursery PreK classes — 4 volunteers**
- :: Class Leaders (K-6th grade) — 3 volunteers**
- :: Photographer/Videographer**

**Contact: Monica Kergel**

**Call/Text: 518-441-2133**

**Email: [mkw3161@yahoo.com](mailto:mkw3161@yahoo.com)**

# Finding Joy in a Discontented World

[Isaiah 12](#)

“Joy in The Midst of Trouble”— May 11, 2025



## Introduction

What can miserable Christians sing? Life has a sad, melancholy, and painful dimension that is often ignored in our churches. Regardless of times of joy or lament, the Christian faith is a singing faith. Yet there are times when the difficult times of life make it difficult to sing songs of joy.

Can you relate? Do you find it difficult to sing when you are weighed down by the circumstances of life? Do you look at others and wonder how they have it all together? Do you smile your way through? This passage of scripture will remind us why we sing? It will show us how to sing in spite of hard times. This is a hopeful and joyful song that was sung by the children of Israel in the midst of pain and suffering.

## Sermon Outline

1. The joy of salvation vs. 1-2
2. The joy of corporate worship vs. 3-4
3. The joy of evangelism vs. 5-6

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 1-2

At the time of Isaiah's writing, Israel's circumstances seemed dire, but his message brought hope. God would demonstrate His kindness and keep His covenant promises to a remnant of His people. God would save His people from further judgement through a Messiah yet to come.

We can sing of the joy of salvation! Isaiah is foretelling what God's rebellious people will one day declare in the future. They **will** sing a song of thanksgiving. They **will** praise the true God even though now they follow false gods.

How and when would their pride change into humility? "In that day..." points to the future day of the coming Messiah. ([Isaiah 7:14](#); [9:6-7](#)) This anointed King would be the reason for praise and thankfulness. God was going to judge His people. "His anger has not turned away." ([Isaiah 5:25](#); [9:11-12](#), [17](#), [21](#); [10:4](#)) However, God's anger sin is not appeased by judgment. He wants people to turn to Him. ([Ezekiel 33:1](#))

God cannot tolerate sin. He punishes sin rightly and justly. Mankind has sinned against a holy God. That is a crime deserving of eternal punishment. Only by the death of Jesus, could God's wrath be appeased. ([Isaiah 53](#)) This is the good news. Jesus took our place. Jesus took the full wrath of God on Himself, willingly dying in our place. He rose again on the third day, having satisfied God's wrath with His sacrifice. He conquered sin, death and Satan. Our salvation is entirely dependent on Him!! This is our blessed assurance. We can know and believe in God's salvation through Jesus. ([Isaiah 43:10](#)) Is this your testimony? Is God your salvation? Will you trust and not be afraid? Is He your strength and song? Do you have peace with God? Come to Jesus in repentance and faith. If you **have** come to Jesus, have you forgotten the joy of your salvation? You can hope in God. ([Psalm 42:11](#))

### 2. Read vs. 3-4

God would satisfy their parched souls. He gives living water as the source of life. ([Isaiah 55:1](#); [John 7:37](#)) Salvation is available to each one as an individual.

God is the source of growth - sanctification. We continually draw His living water as He constantly provides. We can enjoy the benefits of salvation in gospel community. We need each other. We are a community of individuals that God has brought together to reap the benefits of salvation - to exhort and encourage each other.

Sometimes, as individuals in extremely difficult circumstances, we have no words to say, much less sing. But

together we rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. We point each other to our source and supply of life - Jesus Christ. The local church is a well of salvation for our parched souls. ([Psalm 30:11-12](#)) Has there been a difficult time in your life through which the body of Christ has been a support and encouragement?

Isn't it a joy to be a member of a church body? Are you thankful for the well of FBC Upper Marlboro? How often do you draw from the wells of salvation? There is only one way to Jesus, but many wells to encourage and to refresh us along the way. Is there someone that has encouraged you? Is there someone who needs your encouragement? Are you looking for satisfaction in other places? Jesus is the only one who can satisfy. ([John 4:13](#))

### 3. Read vs. 5-6

Evangelism is the natural overflow of our salvation and worship. Who will you lead to Jesus Christ? Who in your life needs to hear the good news proclaimed?

What should you proclaim? We should proclaim **His works among the people**. We can make known His eternal plan from the very beginning. We should proclaim **the greatness of Christ in our midst**. The reason we exist is to proclaim the good news. Finally, we proclaim **His return**. Our great Lord is coming back to rule and reign in the new Heavens and the new Earth. He is coming to claim His bride. This is our hope! We can always look above and forward because on that day when every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.

This is a song that we will sing in future glory, but is it also a song we can sing today especially in times of trouble. One day, all our sorrows will be turned to laughter. ([Isaiah 25:8](#)) So, what can miserable, weary, restless Christians sing? We can sing of the joy of salvation, the joy of corporate worship, and the joy of evangelism. He has not left us alone. Remember that your joy is in Him.

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 [bcum.org](http://bcum.org)

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">1 Timothy 5:1-16</a> "Care for God's Family" |
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## Family Guide for week of May 11<sup>th</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 22:54-62

Day 2 – Luke 22:63-71

Day 3 – Luke 23:1-16

Day 4 – Luke 23:17-25

Day 5 – Luke 23:26-43

\*Read **1 Timothy 5:1-16** preparation for church on Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 8 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you trust in His ability to hear your prayers and respond to them.

### **Sing together**

"Happy in Jesus" – Use the bulletin from Sunday

### **Memory verses for the month**

**Isaiah 12:2a** *"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid."*

**James 1:2-3** *"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."*

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

**Question 43:** What are the ordinances?

**Answer:** The ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are given by God and instituted by Christ as visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

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