

Sunday Morning Worship

May 25, 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 — Isaiah 61:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

The Lord Almighty Reigns

Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Matt Papa | Matt Boswell

Verse 1:

There's an endless song waiting to be sung
With the voice of ev'ry tribe,
the sound of ev'ry tongue.

Verse 2:

When the bride of Christ on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the Lamb
a multitude of praise.
Like the roar of mighty seas
and rolls of thunder hear His people sing.

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
for the Lord Almighty reigns.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
for the Lord, our God, the Almighty reigns.

Verse 3:

We will join the feast, rest from battles won,
Tell with great rejoicing all
the wonders God has done
Like the roar of mighty seas
and rolls of thunder all the church will sing.

Verse 4:

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim
Oh, that more would share the prize,
salvation in His name.
Then greater will the anthem ring,
The mighty chorus rising to the King.

Rejoice

Keith and Kristyn Getty

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### **Verse 1:**

Rejoice in the Lord now and always  
Sing it again, we rejoice  
Delight in the love he has shown us  
Gratefully lift up your voice  
His gentleness among us  
Will join our hearts with praise  
We gather in his goodness  
A family of grace

### **Chorus:**

With each breath He's given praise the Lord  
In these times we live in  
We will praise the Lord  
Throughout every season, I am sure  
We have every reason to praise the Lord

### **Verse 2:**

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing  
Praying for all that you need  
Come with a song of thanksgiving  
Lay your requests at his feet  
His peace will fall upon us  
To guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ who reigns eternal  
The shepherd of our lives

### **Verse 3:**

Rejoice in the Lord now and always  
Tell of the good he has done  
Worship the Lord to remember  
All of the joy yet to come  
The hope that burns within us  
The dark cannot destroy  
With praise that's never ending  
We say again rejoice

## Scripture Reading — Isaiah 40:9-31 (ESV)

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⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”
¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of
his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?
¹³ Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD,
or what man shows him his counsel?
¹⁴ Whom did he consult,
and who made him understand?
Who taught him the path of justice,
and taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

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Scripture Reading — (continued)

- ¹⁵ Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as the dust on the scales;
behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.
- ¹⁶ Lebanon would not suffice for fuel,
nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him,
they are accounted by him as less than nothing
and emptiness.
- ¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God,
or what likeness compare with him?
- ¹⁹ An idol! A craftsman casts it,
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold
and casts for it silver chains.
- ²⁰ He who is too impoverished for an offering
chooses wood that will not rot;
he seeks out a skillful craftsman
to set up an idol that will not move.
- ²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations
of the earth?
- ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
- ²³ who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
- ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name;
by the greatness of his might
and because he is strong in power,
not one is missing.
- ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases
strength.
- ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
- ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their
strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird | Meghan Baird | Ryan Baird | Stephen Altrogge

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## **Verse 1:**

Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

## **Chorus:**

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!

## **Verse 2:**

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His Words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

## **Verse 3:**

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

## **Bridge:**

Men: You will reign forever  
Women: (let Your glory fill the Earth)

## **Sermon Notes**

### **“Instructions for Leaders” :: 1 Timothy 5:17-25**

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm | William Runyan | John Piper

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## **Verse 1:**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

## **Chorus:**

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

## **Verse 2:**

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling  
Covenant promises fell not to me.  
Then without warning, desire or deserving,  
I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.

## **Verse 3:**

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,  
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;  
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me,  
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.

## **Verse 4:**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

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

### **Sunday, May 25**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day)**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, May 27**

6:30 PM Elders Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 28**

6:30 PM Choir / Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 29**

### **Friday, May 30**

### **Saturday, May 31**

### **Sunday, June 1**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

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

### **Sunday, June 1**

**Children's DiscipleLIFE Promotion Sunday // Parents and Pastries**

### **June 23—27**

**9am—12:30pm — Vacation Bible School**

### **June 29 — Graduate Recognition Sunday**

### **Sunday, July 13 — Baby Dedication**

### **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.)*

### **July 13—17 — Youth Summer Camp**

### **Monday, July 14**

**6:30pm — Semi-annual Budget Review**

### **July 20 & 27 — Church Directory Photo Updates**

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of May 25

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

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, consider using the words of the psalmist from Psalm 25:4-5. If you're praying through the church directory, consider asking God to work in these ways in those you're praying for each day:

<sup>4</sup> *Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.*

<sup>5</sup> *Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;*

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 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, Michael King, Betsy Henderson, and Fraser Henderson. 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: College Student Ministry

When students leave the youth ministry, they can sometimes feel a void, now they can choose to join the College Student Ministry for a supportive transition.

What does our College Student Ministry look like?

- **Relationship** building through committed mentors for our students
- **Connections** through online group chats and calls to develop intercollegiate opportunities to share experiences that will strengthen faith and support FBCUM students
- **Encouragement** through care packages which demonstrates our love in a tangible way, that also seem to arrive at just the right time.
- **Prayer** through a daily commitment by our members for our students.
- **Information** through updates about upcoming events or if students are out-of-town, suggest churches that have been recommended by our elders for their spiritual care while attending their college or university.

How will this be achieved?

This ministry is seeking members that can spend just a few hours per month mentoring and praying. Members should also be able to attend quarterly meetings to assist in putting together care packages. Just a small amount of time can make a huge difference.

The College Student Ministry is planning to have its first meeting in June and would like to hear about your availability, so please reach out to either **Evony Smith** or **Ashley Smith** for more details about the date. Thank you!



# Ministry Spotlight: College Student 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).*



Evony Smith

## College Student Ministry

Evony Smith is so very humbled by the opportunity to bring this ministry to First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro. She experienced a void because one day you are part of a very active youth program and then you graduate and you are no longer



Ashley Smith

part of the group. She felt like her connection had been severed. Imagine the impact with those also going away from familiar surroundings, loving family and your local church. Evony expressed that this was a compelling time in her life, she felt alone and desperately missed her connection with her youth group.

Evony and Ashley both want what is best for our young adults as they pursue their future whether away or on a local campus. Most important is to fill that need for a faithful connection with peers as they continue growing in the church. In an effort to meet this vital need, Evony reached out to students and parents at FBCUM and this is what she shared, “Recently, I spoke with a couple of students and parents regarding our plan and have received feedback of what they would like to see from this ministry. Students seem to desire a greater connection to the church while they’re away. Parents have expressed a desire for their students to have Godly influences in their life. “

***“The goal of our ministry is to uplift and support our young adults and their parents as they navigate this period of transition in a way that glorifies God.*** We hope to prevent any college students from feeling disconnected from the body of Christ as they may be away from the church and family. I truly believe that having a ministry like this could have helped keep my focus on God,” Evony continued.

# Announcements

1. **"MAGNIFIED!" VBS 2025 Registration Is Open.** Space is limited, so registration is first-come, first-served. Registration opens to the public on June 1. VBS runs June 23-27, from 9am - 12:15pm for Kindergarten (5yrs) - 6th Grade. (Placement is dependent on age of child as of Sept 1st.) To register, visit the church website ([www.fbcum.org](http://www.fbcum.org)) or use the QR code.



2. **Lord's Supper Celebration — June 1.** We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper together, and make any necessary steps of reconciliation with brothers or sisters in Christ in the church before we gather.

3. **New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults Begin June 1.** See insert for descriptions & registration info.

4. **Vacation Bible School — Volunteer Meeting — Sunday, June 1.** All VBS Volunteers should meet in room 117/118 immediately following the worship service on June 1. You'll receive an overview of this year's program, as well as your VBS t-shirts, schedule, and materials. (Teen Helpers do NOT need to attend). Questions?... contact Monica Kergel (518-441-2133; [mkw3161@yahoo.com](mailto:mkw3161@yahoo.com)).

5. **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.

6. **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](mailto:mrogers@firstbaptistum.com)). The deadline for submissions is June 8th.

7. **Graduate Recognition Sunday — June 29.** We plan to recognize and give thanks to God for our recent graduates on June 29. If you would like to submit your child's or your own graduation information, please provide the following details and a graduation photo to Mike Rogers by June 22 ([mrogers@firstbaptistum.com](mailto:mrogers@firstbaptistum.com)): Name, Name of High School or College (degree), Future Plans.

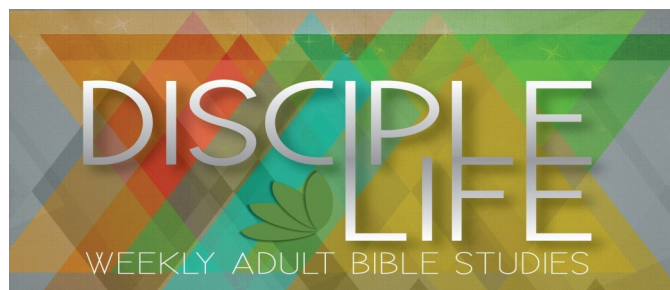
8. **Giving.** We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- 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.



## **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.



## **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 112 :: Teachers - Tre Fields & Darryl Arrington**





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.

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

[1 Timothy 5:17-25](#)

“Instructions for Leaders”– May 25, 2025



## Introduction

When a leader of an organization is involved in a scandal, it undermines the credibility of the organization. This is not just true of businesses, educational institutions, or even the government. It is also true of the church. An annual Gallup Poll asks people to rate the honesty and ethical standards of people in various occupations. Over the last 50 years, clergy have gone from high up on the list for having honesty and ethical standards down to the middle of the pack. This could be the result of our 24-hour news cycle broadcasting scandal after scandal and never putting the focus on faithfulness. While this is a lopsided view of the big picture, sadly, there are times when there is a scandal in a church that hurts the witness of that leader and the church.

Such was the situation of the church in Ephesus where Timothy was the pastor. Remember Hymenaeus and Alexander from [chapter one](#)? They rejected a good conscience and made a shipwreck of their faith, tarnishing the witness of that church. The church is the pillar and buttress of truth, serving the living God who has the power to change lives. In Chapter four, Paul called Timothy to train for godliness. Timothy was to set an example for the church. His life was to reflect the truth that he taught. Paul told Timothy to watch his life and his doctrine carefully. This is something that we all must do.

## Sermon Outline

1. Honor faithful elders. Vs. 17-18
2. Hold elders accountable. Vs. 19-21
3. Hand pick new elders carefully. Vs. 22-25

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 17-18

The job of an elder is to know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep and protect the sheep. Paul emphasized this in vs. 17 - “those who labor.” Pastoring is soul work; it is weighty. It can be a joy to step into people's lives, but faithful, biblical pastoral work is difficult. However, it is a privilege.

Elders should be supported financially and respected. We are called as Christians to set aside a portion of our salary to give to the church because the church is a family, a household. The church is central to God's plan for displaying His glory and protecting His truth. It is central to His plan for evangelizing the world. ([1 Timothy 1:15](#)) If a church is able to pay their pastor, then that church should. As the pastor works for the church, it is lawful and right to pay them. What does respect for an elder look like?

**Obey your elders and submit to them.** ([Hebrews 13:17](#)) There is a mutual benefit here. If the elders are doing what they are called to do, it benefits the congregations. When the congregation submits, it makes the elder's job a joy.

**Open your heart.** ([2 Corinthians 6:11-13](#)) Elders work in the arena of the heart. A faithful elder loves and wants what is good for the flock. They want the flock to stand firm in the faith. Be honest with your elders so that they know what is going on in your life and know how to help you. Is there something that you need to tell your elders so that they can rightly care for you?

**Be teachable.** Sometimes the biblical teaching or guidance given by an elder can sting. You must test what they are saying to make sure it is biblical, but if it is, you should listen. ([Proverbs 14:4](#)) If you listen to biblical counsel, you will be fruitful. How have you or do you respond to the counsel of an elder?

**Pray for you elders.** ([Colossians 4:3-4](#)) They cannot do what God has called them to do without the grace and power of God.

Paul needed to remind Timothy to honor faithful elders. That church had endured the scandal of Hymenaeus and Alexander who drug the church through the mud. When that happens, it is easy to be distrustful. The authority of a faithful elder can bring life. But what if an elder falls into unrepentant sin and fails to rule well?

### 2. Read Vs. 19-21

This is the congregation's responsibility. Paul wanted accountability, but it must be fair and just. ([Deuteronomy](#)

[19:15](#)) The accused must be protected from false accusations. This isn't special treatment for elders. Jesus emphasized this for all believers in [Matthew 18:16](#). If an elder does sin against another church member, seek Godly council for wisdom in handling the situation.

If you hear a rumor about an elder, are you quick to believe it? Do you think the worst or spread rumors? When you hear of an allegation or rumor, don't accept it as true without a fair hearing or evidence. Paul was seeking to guard against that. Those in leadership are more vulnerable to this. A pastor cares for people and families who are dealing with sin. Sometimes, the counsel of a pastor is difficult to follow. People get angry and want to slander the pastor. This is a scheme of the Devil to estrange the people in the church from their pastor and diminish the authority of God's word. We are a family. We should be careful to not spread unsubstantiated rumors. ([Proverbs 18:17](#))

What if the charge is true? Elders are not expected to be sinless. Paul is referring to a pattern of sin and lack of repentance. The qualifications of elders matter for the health and witness of the church. Unrepentant sin should not be ignored or swept under the carpet. That belittles the role of the pastor and the role of the church. The rebuke must be done in front of the church because trust has been broken. This public rebuke reminds the church that sin is serious.

Paul reminded Timothy that the governance of the church is serious and falls under the watchful eye of God. Do you find it difficult to submit to flawed and imperfect authority? Part of the encouragement that helps us obey is to remember that the authority will answer to God and Christ on the day of judgment for how they led and what they taught.

Don't prejudge without evidence, and don't show partiality. Sin is sin, and it must be dealt with. Why does this matter? Jesus gave His life to save sinners. It was a great cost. The mission of the church is salvation. The church displays and protects the gospel. A church that tolerates unrepentant sin in its elders or members looks like a powerless assembly that is no different than the world. How do you respond when sin is exposed? Repentance displays God's grace and mercy. If the elder persists in sin, public rebuke is in order.

### **3. Read Vs. 22-25**

When Paul mentioned "laying on of hands," he was talking about commissioning someone to take up the role of elder. Paul emphasized being patient and examining the candidate thoroughly. It's not a popularity contest. Persistent sin must not be overlooked.

Verse 23 may seem "random," but Timothy was being pulled into the legalistic beliefs of the time. Paul was giving Timothy freedom to take a little wine for his health. Remember, drunkenness is a sin. ([Ephesians 5:18](#))

Time and circumstances expose sin. This is why it is wise to be slow to evaluate a man for pastoral ministry. But this raises a question for all of us...what kind of person are you? With enough time, what kind of person will you be revealed to be? Are there things that you are doing that you hope no one will ever find about?

No person is hidden from God. ([Hebrews 4:13](#)) We might be able to fool some people for a while, but we won't fool God. He expects and demands perfect obedience to His good law, yet we all have failed in that. But Jesus came to take our punishment. Our only hope before a holy God is not in pretending, but it is in confessing our sin and coming to Jesus. In exchange, we can be clothed in Jesus' perfect righteousness. This is the good news!! Come to Jesus!

Paul ended this chapter by reminding us that some good deeds are done in secret that no one will know about. God sees it, and He is well pleased. In the end, He will reward the faithful. We must have an eternal perspective and serve to the glory of God.

### **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 6:1-10</a> " <b>Work, Money, and Worship</b> " |
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## Family Guide for week of May 25<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](#).



Don't forget  
"Parent's & Pastries"

Next Sunday - Promotion Sunday, June 1st :: 8:45-9:10  
In the Children's Division  
for PreK 2 - 6th Grade and their parents  
Come grab a treat, meet teachers, and discover what  
DiscipleLIFE for Kids is all about.

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## **Bible Intake:** (Listening to God)

Day 1 – Acts 1:1-11

Day 2 – Acts 1: 12-26

Day 3 – Acts 2:1-13

Day 4 – Acts 2:14-41

Day 5 – Acts 2:42-47

\*Read **1 Timothy 6:1-10** preparation for church on Sunday, June 1, 2025

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 10 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you face the hard things you're going through in your life. Whether it's a fear, a struggle in school, or a relationship that needs help, God is available to help us in our need when we turn to Him.

## **Sing together**

"Behold Our God" – 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 45:** *Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?*

**Answer:** *No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.*

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