# Sunday Morning Worship

June 8, 2025



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### **Benediction**

<u>Comfort Rooms</u>: 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.

<u>Visitors & Guests:</u> Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

### Call to Worship — 1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

### All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi | William Draper } Jonathan & Ryan Baird

#### Verse 1:

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam Thou silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### Verse 2:

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### Verse 3:

All the redeemed washed by His blood Come and rejoice in His great love O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin Cast all your burdens now on Him O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### Verse 4:

He shall return in pow'r to reign Heaven and earth will join to say O praise Him! Alleluia! Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King! O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### Verse 5:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise Him above Ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **God Over All**

Devon Kauflin

#### Verse 1:

God over all
Giver of life and health and breath
I want to sing of Your love

Came as a man

Humble, You died the sinner's death

I want to sing of Your love

#### **Chorus:**

Your love has saved me
By Your grace I now draw near, and
Your love has set me
Free to glorify Your name
And I, I want to sing of Your love

#### Verse 2:

I'll never forget

That You have bought me with Your blood

I want to sing of Your love

In all I do

May Your great love be shining through

I want to sing of Your love

#### Verse 3:

And on that day

When You come back to claim Your own

Yes, we will sing of Your love

Then we'll bow down

Praise You forever at Your throne

Yes, we will sing of Your love

# Scripture Reading — Exodus 33:18-34:8 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

<sup>34:1</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. <sup>2</sup> Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain." <sup>4</sup> So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. <sup>5</sup> The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." <sup>8</sup> And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

### O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff | Jason Brown

#### Verse 1:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer Greatest treasure of my longing soul My God like You there is no other True delight is found in You alone

Your grace a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom My highest good and my unending need

### Verse 2:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer Strong defender of my weary heart My sword to fight the cruel deceiver And my shield against his hateful darts My song when enemies surround me My hope when tides of sorrow rise My joy when trials are abounding Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

### Verse 3:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer Gracious Savior of my ruined life My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose the grave and death are conquered You broke my bonds of sin and shame O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer May all my days bring glory to Your Name

# **Sermon Notes**

"Fight the Good Fight of Faith" :: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

### Where Shall I Be?

**Charles Jones** 

#### **Chorus:**

O where shall I be
When the first trumpet sounds,
O where shall I be
When it sounds so loud?
When it sounds so loud
As to wake up the dead,
O where shall I be
When it sounds?

### Verse 1:

When judgement day is drawing nigh, Where shall I be?
When God the works of men shall try, Where shall I be?
When east and west the fire shall roll, Where shall I be?
How will it be with my poor soul; Where shall i be?

#### Verse 2:

When wicked men His wrath shall see, Where shall I be?
And to the rocks and mountains flee, Where shall I be?
When hills and mountains flee away, Where shall I be?
When all the works of man decay, Where shall I be?

#### Verse 3:

When heaven and earth
As some great scroll,
Where shall I be?
Shall from God's holy presence roll,
Where shall I be?
When all the saints
Redeemed shall stand,
Where shall I be?
Forever blest at God's right hand
Where shall I be?

#### Verse 4:

All trouble done, all conflict past, Where shall I be?
Our enemy o'ercome at last, Where shall I be?
When Christ shall reign
From shore to shore, Where shall I be?
And peace abide forever more, Where shall I be?

### This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, June 8 Thursday, June 12

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes 10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Friday, June 13

Monday, June 9

Saturday, June 14

Tuesday, June 10

6:30 PM Elders Meeting

Sunday, June 15 (Father's Day)

Wednesday, June 119:00 AMDiscipleLIFE classes6:30 PMBand Rehearsal10:00 AMSunday Worship

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

### June 23—27

9am—12:30pm — Vacation Bible School

### Sunday, 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

### Sundays, July 20 & 27

Church Directory Photo Updates

# **Praying with First Baptist Church**

A Prayer Guide for the week of June 8

### **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 these words from Hebrews 12:1. If you're praying through the church directory, consider asking God to work in these ways in those you're praying for each day:

...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,...

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 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 for the Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention which convenes this week in Dallas.
   Pray for wisdom and clarity as they vote on important matters that relate to the cooperative work of Southern Baptist churches around the world. (James 1:5)
- Pray that God would help our church family use the summer season for unique opportunities of evangelism, to build each other up, and to love one another well (Rom. 12:9-21)
- 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 in the church directory on p. 24.
- Pray that God brings good spiritual fruit in the lives of our children and students through Vacation Bible School (June 23-27) and Youth Summer Camp (July 13-17). (Gal 5:22-23)
- Pray God would guard our church from fear, anxiety, and disunity. Pray that we would trust that God is good and be assured that He is in control. (John 13:34-35)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

### Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, 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: Counting Ministry**

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### **Ministry Spotlight**

"Ministry Spotlight" is meant to bring to your attention active church ministries and programs at FBC 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 Digital Communication Card (see QR code on the back of this bulletin). Pick up a copy of "Places to Serve" in the magazine racks near the exits for information on all the church ministries.

### **The Counting Ministry**

Each Sunday Tithes and Offerings are giving to the church. Some of the gifts are presented online and also in person. Giving is a part of our worship experience that acknowledges our faith in the Lord for all He has given in the lives of believers.



The process of counting is simplistic in nature but it does require a keen eye for details. Counters show up at the church on a designated date and time and receive all of the physical offers given during the week (by mail) and in person on Sunday mornings. They meet in a room that is locked and parties are not to be left alone with the funds for security reasons.

Counters are particularly careful to sort funds, ensure that the amount on the envelope matches its contents, that names are clear and legible for recording. This process permits a donor's account to be properly credited for tax purposes. All donations are totaled and recorded to its fund designation and is submitted to the financial secretary and treasurer.

This process is complete when both sides of the summary of receipts (ledger) balance and is initialed by counters and funds are deposited at the bank.

All members of the counting team are trained and must be available to serve during the work days. The commitment is one day a month for approximately 2 hours max. If you are interested, please contact Tanya Joy in the church office for more details.

# **Ministry Spotlight: Deacon Benevolence Ministry**

### **Deacon Benevolence**

Deacons have a crucial role in the life and the health of the local church. The biblical role of deacons is to take care of the physical and logistical needs of the church so that the elders can concentrate on their primary calling.

The deacons' role is more service-oriented; they are to care for the physical or temporal concerns of the church. By handling such matters, deacons free up the elders to focus on shepherding the spiritual needs of the congregation. One of these many areas is Benevolence. Benevolence is the act of caring for the widows, orphans, and the needy.

#### Benevolence:

The Deacons at FBCUM take this role seriously and make decisions based on the leading of the Holy Spirit and utilizing carefully all of the opportunities available to determine the best manner to proceed. Care for those seeking assistance involves mentoring and praying but also research. Discretion is extremely important for this ministry work to be performed.



The Deacon of Benevolence may on occasion require assistance from discreet members of the body to research contacts and confirm information . If you would like to learn more please contact our Deacon of Benevolence, Mike Whittaker.

Please note that anyone serving on the Counting Ministry or with Deacon Benevolence, are to be completely discreet in all matters, nothing is to be discussed outside of your service.

### **Announcements**

**1.** "MAGNIFIED!" VBS 2025 Registration Is Open. Registration is open to all, but space is limited—first come, first-served. VBS runs June 23-27, from 9am - 12:15pm for K(5yrs) - 6th Grade. (Placement is dependent on age of child as of Sept 1st.) To register, visit the church website (www.fbcum.org) or use the QR code.



- 2. <u>Glover Scholarship Application Deadline is TODAY.</u> 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.
- **3.** <u>Disaster Relief Training Opportunity.</u> Anyone interested in becoming a Disaster Relief volunteer, or any member needing to update your credentials, training is being offered at the Middle River Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD, on Saturday, June 14. Scan the QR code to register. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Joy.



- **4.** <u>Graduate Recognition Sunday June 29.</u> We plan to recognize and give thanks to God for our 2025 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): Name, Name of High School or College (degree), Future Plans.
- **5.** <u>Baby Dedication on July 13.</u> There will be a Baby Dedication held during the worship service on Sunday, July 13. Parents interested in dedicating their child must be a member of the church and must RSVP to Mike Rogers in the church office (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com) no later than July 6.
- **6.** <u>Mid-Year Financial Review :: Monday, July 14, 6:30pm.</u> All church members welcome to attend.
- **7.** <u>Giving.</u> 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.





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### 1st Timothy: Church as Pillar and Foundation of Truth

1 Timothy 6:11-16

"Fight the Good Fight of Faith" – June 8, 2025



#### Introduction

When you became a Christian, how did you think your life would change? Did you think everything would go right, and it would be smooth sailing? Did you expect hardship and trial? Sometimes our vision of Christianity can be small and "sleepy." We like a life of ease. After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, God promised that He would raise up Someone to defeat the foe – the serpent or dragon (Revelation 12) who seeks to tempt believers to make a shipwreck of their life.

Are you just checking the box of Christianity? Is Christ your zeal, passion and treasure? Does that zeal and passion get you out of bed in the morning? Being a Christian is not just getting a ticket to heaven. When you become a Christian, you enter a battle. You cannot be passive. You are on a mission involving the Gospel of God and the eternal salvation of souls.

False teachers can present a small vision of Christianity and encourage people to live "your best life" now. This is something that is achieved in your own strength. Christianity to them was a means to financial gain. But the church is not just a ticket to heaven. She is the pillar and buttress of truth and central to God's "dragon slaying" plan. Do you see God as big and glorious? Does that spur you one to fight the good fight?

#### **Sermon Outline**

- 1. Follow the orders for our mission. Vs. 11-12
- 2. Trust the means for our missions. Vs. 13-16

#### **Read & Discuss**

#### 1. Read vs. 11-12

To start this section of 1 Timothy, Paul instructed Timothy to be different from the false teachers. His life was to line up with the doctrine that he was teaching. Timothy was to set an example for the believers. ( $\underline{4:12}$ ) Paul gives four orders. They are for us to follow as well.

Flee "these things" - Primarily, Paul was talking about the love of money which can lead to pride and conceit. Sin is like a rabid, wild animal waiting to kill you. You must "be killing sin or sin will be killing you." Your life depends on it. Remember Joseph? (Genesis 39) You fall into sin because you linger. (1 Corinthians 6:18) When you see evil - RUN! (Proverbs 4:14-15)

**Pursue** – As you flee, to what do you run? You must run after righteousness (doing what is right) and godliness (devotion to God). You must run to faith (trusting God) and love (sacrificially giving of ourselves). Finally, you must run to steadfastness (not giving up when things get hard) and gentleness (self-control when people are difficult). God will fill your heart so there is no room for evil. Are you stuck in a repetitive sin? If you are **just** cutting off sin, you must also run hard after God for satisfaction. Pause this afternoon and ask yourself, "am I actively running after God to be satisfied in Him? Is He my greatest treasure?"

**Fight** - Fleeing and pursuing don't come naturally. This side of heaven, the Christian life is a fight. It is messy. Sometimes, we lose sight of this. We look at others who don't seem to struggle and forget that we are **ALL** in a scrappy fight for faith. However, it is a good fight, because it is a fight worth fighting. You will not regret fighting. Let's fight the good fight of faith. Do you trust God? Keep trusting day after day after day. We also fight to defend the gospel. That is why it is the good fight of faith. We have the unchanging, objective truth. Many people make their own truth claims, but the Bible reveals truth. God is showing us what is objectively true. You fight to defend the faith, but you must not be arrogant or conceited about it. Right before this command to fight, there is a command to be gentle. Remember, the work of heart change is up to the Lord.

**Take hold** - The focus here is not on length of life, but on quality of life. (<u>John 17:3</u>) Eternal life begins now. There is a difference between possessing something and enjoying that something. Your life depends on hanging on! Treasure eternal life; know God more and more. You must have grit and zeal in this fight. This is

not a game - eternal life is at stake. But you don't have to go it alone.

A public confession is important because the witnesses are bound to help you keep the commitment. We join a local church, and we promise together to pray for, love, warn and encourage each other. We fight together. But how does this work when it feels overwhelming?

#### 2. Read Vs. 13-16

The focus on these verses is to keep the commandment unstained and above reproach. "To keep" means "to guard." You guard by teaching truth and living a life above reproach. The only way to do this is to have a very, very big God. We can see a picture of our very big God in 2 Kings 6. When you are unable to see God's plan, do you panic? When you don't see or understand, you can trust Him. Pray to see the Lord of Hosts.

God gave the church a mission - make disciples of **ALL** the nations. It seems like an impossible task but there is an invisible army around you. (Psalm 20:7) Are you overwhelmed and anxious? Fix your eyes on Jesus. Take your eyes off of yourself and look at God. The presence of God is with you to encourage you. He gives life to all things, and He sustains all life. Are you weary and too tired to fight? God is there; He will strengthen you. (Matthew 28:20b) Jesus is our example as He made the good confession before Pilate, knowing that He would then die on the cross for the sin of mankind. When you are weary and tired - look to Jesus and His example. Jesus has cut a path for us to follow in this fallen world. Remember, first the cross, then the crown.

Are you confident that all of this is true for you? How do you know that God will do something with your suffering? Paul reminds Timothy that God is sovereign. The fight is hard, but God is in control of little things and big things. He takes care of the lilies of the field and the birds of the air (Matthew 6:25-33) as well as leaders and nations. (Proverbs 21:1) All things come to you through His Fatherly hand and work for your good. (Romans 8:28) When the nations rage, God laughs. (Psalm 2:4-6) You can find satisfaction and rest as you sit at the table that God has set in the presence of your enemies. (Psalm 23:5)

We are all tempted to follow the siren call of the lesser and temporary glories of this world. However, Paul points us to God who dwells in unapproachable light where we see God as glorious and good. Your sin blinds you. It may look like the church is losing, so you look to the world for answers. In vs. 16, Paul tells you to look to the glory of God. How can you know that God is glorious? Jesus! He is God's Word. Jesus came to show us the Father. When you see Jesus in the Gospels, you see God, because He IS God. While we were in our sin, Jesus died in our place. He was condemned that we can be accepted. That is the glory of God. Jesus rose victorious, slaying the dragon. His victory is ours. Come to Jesus in repentance and faith and become part of His family.

God is glorious. You can see His glory in His living and active word. His Spirit can help you see His glory in the pages of His word.

Are you tempted to live a "sleepy" Christian life? Are you tempted to follow the trappings of the world? Do you believe that God is glorious? When Jesus comes again, we will see the glory of God. That will be a day of salvation and rejoicing for those who believe, but a day of judgment for the unbelieving. Put your faith and trust in Him today. Let's cross the finish line together.

#### **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

Next week's sermon text: we turn to <a href="Philippians 4:10-13">Philippians 4:10-13</a> "Joy in Any Circumstance"

### Family Guide for week of June 8th, 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 <u>The Big Picture Story</u> <u>Bible</u>.]
- 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): <u>Family Worship: In the Bible, In History,</u> and In Your Home.

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

Day 1 – Acts 5:1-11

Day 2 - Acts 5:12-16

Day 3 - Acts 5:17-26

Day 4 - Acts 5:27-32

Day 5 - Acts 5:33-42

\*Read **Philippians 4:10-13** preparation for church on Sunday, June 15, 2025

**Prayer:** (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 12 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you be aware of those you might encounter today who need love, encouragement, and to hear about Jesus. Ask God for boldness to serve those people today.

### Sing together

"All Creatures of Our God and King" – Use the bulletin from Sunday

#### Memory verses for the month

**Psalm 103:19** "The LORD has established His throne In the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all."

**Psalm 34:3** "Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!"

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

**Question 47**: Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

Answer: No, Christ died once for all.

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