

Sunday Morning Worship

June 22, 2025



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Order of Worship

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Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — Psalm 147:1-6

Song — Glorious

Song — Rejoice

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Scripture Reading — Psalm 25:1-10

Song — Steadfast Love (Psalm 86)

Prayer of Thanks

Worship Through Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Message — Tyrone Moorehead

“Joy in Hope”

Romans 5:1-5

Song — Blessed Assurance

Benediction

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 147:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Glorious

Mark Altrogge

Verse 1:

How great You are
Your greatness none can fathom
Upholding all by Your Almighty Word
The universe fulfills Your every purpose
And all You've made
Will bring You praise oh God

Chorus:

You are glorious, glorious
And we will lift our voices to worship You
You are glorious, glorious
And we will always be in awe of You

Verse 2:

You move the stars
The planets in their courses
The clouds and wind and everything that moves
You hold my life
You take my joys and sorrows
And cause them all to bring glory to You

Verse 3:

Your ways are high
Too deep for man to fathom
But You are good and this will be my theme
You sent Your Son
To live and die for sinners
So I will trust and hope in You my King

Rejoice

Keith and Kristyn Getty

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

Responsive Scripture Reading — Psalm 25:1-10 (ESV)

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who
are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶ Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Steadfast Love (Psalm 86)

Eric Dewar | Glory & Gladness Music

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## **Verse 1:**

Lord, we come to you poor and needy.  
Lord, we come to you poor and needy!  
O incline your ear as we pray,  
Showing steadfast love all our days.

## **Verse 2:**

Hear our cry, O Lord, for forgiveness.  
Hear our cry, O Lord, for forgiveness!  
All our sins and failures erase,  
Showing steadfast love all our days.

## **Chorus:**

You are rich in mercy,  
Full of lavish grace,  
Always slow to anger,  
Showing steadfast love  
All our days.

## **Verse 3:**

Give us joy and strength as your servants.  
Give us joy and strength as your servants!  
Turn our hearts and teach us your ways,  
Showing steadfast love all our days.

## **Verse 4:**

There is none like you in creation.  
There is none like you in creation!  
Let the nations join us in praise  
Of your steadfast love all our days.

**Sermon Notes**  
**“Joy in Hope” :: Romans 5:1-5**

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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, June 22**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Night

### **Monday, June 23**

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

### **Tuesday, June 24**

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School  
6:30 PM Elders Meeting

### **Wednesday, June 25**

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School  
6:30 PM Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, June 26**

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

### **Friday, June 27**

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

### **Saturday, June 28**

### **Sunday, June 29**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Grad Recognition

## 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 22

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

Consider using the prayer of the Psalmist from Psalm 119:5 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to use as you pray for your church family this week.

<sup>5</sup> *Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!*

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 that God would bear good spiritual fruit from the Southern Baptist Convention which met this past week. Pray for 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 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, Jim and Pat Ernster, 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: Disaster Relief Ministry

## 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.*

## Disaster Relief Ministry

FBCUM has partnered with the BCM/D to participate in the SBC Disaster Relief Ministry. Through our partnership, we have committed to serve those that have survived disasters. When these events take place, Disaster Relief (DR) volunteers are deployed to assist in helping the survivors of these events.



*New DR Trainees*

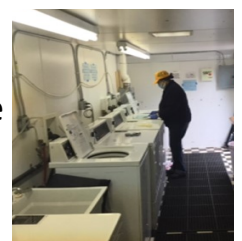


*Laundry Unit*

The members of the FBCUM built the Laundry Unit Trailer to provide support to DR volunteers and first responders to use during deployment. The Laundry Unit contains three commercial washers and dryers. Due to space constraints, volunteers are asked to limit their clothing, so having a laundry unit provides great relief to those working in the field for a week finding themselves soiled.

Our Laundry unit has benefitted many in the field and has traveled a lot in its twenty years. Some areas include; Louisiana, Florida, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Vermont just to name a few. By its nature, the Laundry Unit provides a place where volunteers and first responders may come and spend a little time sharing their concerns and being comforted through prayers with those serving. Because life does not stop because you are on deployment. Members may find themselves needing more than clean laundry, perhaps a little fellowship. DR volunteers can experience discouragement while on deployment, and having time to share is helpful so, volunteers will walk away with more than nice clean clothes.

I (Tanya Joy) was on deployment in Immokalee, FL and our Laundry unit was transported to a church that was helping those that survived Hurricane Irma. This little town suffered a great deal of damage, many homes lost roofs. We were the first team to arrive, and our job was to establish the foundation for all future deployments. During our deployment we provided chainsaw, recovery, shower, laundry and feeding teams, also assisting in local community food distribution.



*Laundry Unit*

## Ministry Spotlight: Disaster Relief Ministry

I personally had never worked so hard, but the benefit and my purpose were greater than my exhaustion. At the end of each day, all teams would gather to share their experiences, and I saw how the Lord met every need and how the Lord sustained us each day. And yes, the gospel was shared! From this point on, I knew that I would be serving in D.R.



Laundry Pick Up

*Here are some comments from some of our volunteers:*

**Bonnie DiPietro:** *Volunteering with the FBCUM DR team offers a powerful opportunity to serve communities in crisis with compassion and practical support, embodying Christ's love through action. We develop in our own personal growth, teamwork, and spiritual fulfillment as we bring hope and the light of Christ in us.*

**Lisa Neal:** *It was a great experience and honor to work with an amazing group of people who are so humble and love the Lord. It was great helping people in need while also fulfilling a greater purpose.*

**Lisa Dorn:** *As Acts 20:35 reminds us, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." For me, volunteering for DR is more than just offering help it's about being a beacon of hope during someone's darkest days and being able to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. When disaster strikes, people often feel overwhelmed, lost, and in need of both physical aid and emotional support. Being there, whether clearing debris, preparing meals, or simply praying with someone in distress, is a tangible way to live out the love and compassion Jesus taught us.*

**Barbara Case:** *I have worked DR several times and it was a wonderful opportunity and rewarding experience. My first deployment was to New Orleans with people from NC, GA, and MD, we went to rebuild and rehab houses after the flooding. I've also worked in DE to help with clean up with the chainsaw team. It's all been a wonderful blessing, if you get the opportunity, please take it.*

**Alonzo Joy:** *My motivation is summarized in our purpose statement:; "The Disaster Relief Ministry provides physical, emotional, and spiritual help to those affected by disasters within our region (MD/DE), across the nation and beyond.*

**For more information about Disaster Relief please contact Tanya Joy.**

# Announcements

## **1. Pray for Vacation Bible School 2025 — “MAGNIFIED!” — Starts TOMORROW.**

VBS runs June 23-27, from 9am - 12:15pm for K(5yrs) - 6th Grade. Please pray for our students and leaders this week. Pray that God would bear good spiritual fruit in their lives and students would hear and respond to the gospel. Some space is still available. Register by the end of the day at the church website ([www.fbcum.org](http://www.fbcum.org)) or use the QR code.



**2. Graduate Recognition Sunday — June 29.** 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](mailto:mrogers@firstbaptistum.com)): Name, Name of High School or College (degree), Future Plans.

**3. Baby Dedication on July 13.** 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](mailto:mrogers@firstbaptistum.com)) no later than July 6.**

**4. Hospitality Team Meeting — June 29.** The Hospitality Team will meet on June 29 immediately following the worship service in room 115. Lunch will be served.

**5. Interested in Church Membership? Attend the Starting Point Seminar — July 13.** Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. Join us immediately following the worship service on July 13 in rooms 120-125 (youth rooms). A light lunch will be served. Fill out the Digital Communication Card below or contact the church office to register.

**6. Mid-Year Financial Review :: Monday, July 14, 6:30pm.** All church members invited to attend.

**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.

# Finding Joy in a Discontented World

## [The Book of Esther](#)

"Trusting the Providence of God" – June 22, 2025



### Introduction

In the book of Esther, we see God's providence. It reminds us that God's steadfast love is something that we can trust. ([Romans 8:28](#); [Psalm 25:10](#)) God's providence intersects at His sovereignty over all, His goodness and His eminence. It is the key to addressing all of your problems. Can you see how believing in the providence of God can change your life?

Do you have unshakable joy? Do you trust God's providence as you should? The book of Esther was written for the Jews that had stayed in Persia. The key character in the book of Esther is not even mentioned in the book. It is God. In times when the hand of God seems hidden, you can trust in God.

### Sermon Outline

1. Three obstacles to trusting God's providence
2. Three purposes for God's providence

**Read & Discuss** (Take some time to read the book of [Esther](#))

### 1. Discuss the obstacles to trusting God's providence

#### **1. *Passivity is the first obstacle.***

We see the reversals of this obstacle in Esther and Mordecai who had started out as compromised characters and became courageous heroes. They were two Jews named for Persian deities. They hid their identity which led to breaking God's law - eating forbidden food and inter-marriage. How would they remain distinct? Would they assimilate into the world? This is the same problem we face. It is the siren call of the world to become assimilated. We are in ever-present danger of being compromised. How are you being tempted by the world? Do you recognize any passivity in your life?

God's promise was interjected into the story. God's hand of deliverance would come - it would either come from Esther or another. Esther saw God's promise to rescue as a call to courage.

Passivity can turn us into fatalists. But can also turn us into "fixers." It is not your responsibility to solve all the problems. You must remember that you are a steward of your time, wealth, and talents to be used for God's purposes. You are his servant, doing God's work. Do you realize that your life is to be used for "such a time as this?" Trust God to lead you.

#### **2. *Pride is the second obstacle.***

We see this obstacle in Haman. He became proud and arrogant. By the end of the book, we see the reversal as he was humiliated. Haman was blessed with much. He boasted about it. While Esther was a steward of God's blessing, Haman was the opposite. Providence always has a purpose. It is easy to let pride blind us. Which of your blessings are you tempted to hoard?

Pride is trust in self. You can't get rid of it yourself. Think more of God. Get to know Him. When you do, pride begins to vanish. The only escape is to trust in God. If you don't reach out to Christ, pride will swallow you like quicksand.

#### **3. *Prosperity is the third obstacle.***

This book isn't a promise that everything will always work out well. Providence should not be confused with prosperity. This book shows us a lot of drama. The first seven chapters lead us to the suspense of chapters 8-10. The word "fall" that you will see in this book remind us of God's providence. His ways are higher. Look for reminders of God's presence - God's comfort in prayer, the verse in scripture that speaks to you, the unprompted phone call from a brother or sister in Christ, etc. Trust in the providence of God even when you are not seeing the good in your situation. God is present even in the trial and hard times.

## 2. Discuss the purposes for God's providence

### 1. **The first purpose - God's protection of His people from annihilation.**

Nothing in this book by chance. God used everything to bring about the great reversal. God was at work. He is at work in your life as well. Do you ever feel alone? Esther probably did as she walked in the king's court. She was not alone - God was with her, choreographing each moment. While God is "hidden" in this book, His hand was all over it.

### 2. **The second purpose - God was preserving His people from assimilation.**

The Jews had become very comfortable in Persia. Haman's plan backfires gloriously. By the end of the book, the Jews are honored. The celebration of Purim would be a lasting celebration.

### 3. **The third purpose - God was preparing His people for salvation.**

Esther was willing to give her life to save her people. She stood as a mediator for her people. This is exactly what Jesus does for us today.

God's people were under the hand of a foreign power three times in the Old Testament. Because of the famine in the land, God's people could have starved to death. God sent Joseph to provide for them. The children of Israel went into exile in Babylon and Daniel was there to intervene. In the book of Esther, the Jews who didn't return to Jerusalem stayed in Persia and Mordecai was used of God to intervene. Each of these men became second to the king. Then in the New Testament, God's people were under the oppressive rule of Rome. Based on their past, the Israelites were looking for a savior to intervene and free them from the tyranny. They didn't recognize what Jesus came to do. It wasn't to free them from an oppressive government. We have a bigger problem than that - we need salvation from sin.

The book of Esther shows us that things were not going back to the way things "used to be." This was preparation for the coming of Jesus and the church. God is ALWAYS at work in your life, but you will not see it all. What He is doing is marvelous, and you can trust Him. What do you think that your life will look like from the perspective of Heaven? One day, we will see ALL that God has done in all of its glorious wonder. Will you trust in the providence 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> <a href="#">1 Timothy 6:17-21</a> "Set your Hope on God" |
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## Family Guide for week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*



### Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc.)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [\*The Big Picture Story Bible\*](#).]
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### **Bible Intake:** (Listening to God)

*This week's reading align with the VBS lesson of the day.*

Day 1 – John 1:1-3,12; Mark 10:13-16

Day 2 – Mark 4:1, 35-4

Day 3 – John 4:1-42

Day 4 – John 3:1-21; 18-20; 1 Corinthians 15:6

Day 5 – Matthew 6:25-34

**\*Read 1 Timothy 6:17-21** preparation for church on Sunday, June 29, 2025

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 14 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you see people they way He sees them and to love them the way He wants you to love them..

### **Sing together**

"Blessed Assurance" – 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 49:** *Where is Christ now?*

**Answer:** *Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

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

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## Family Guide for week of June 29<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.*



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

Day 1 – Acts 7:35-43

Day 2 – Acts 7:44-53

Day 3 – Acts 7:54-60

Day 4 – Acts 8:1-8

Day 5 – Acts 8:9-25

\*Read **Scripture for July 6** preparation for church on Sunday, July 6, 2025

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 15 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you serve others with grace and selflessness, just as Jesus did. Ask Him to show you the joy of putting others before yourself.

### **Sing together**

Family choice – Use the bulletin from Sunday to select your favorite song.

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

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

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

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

**Question 50: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?**

**Answer:** *Christ triumphed over sin and death, so that all who trust in Him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.*

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