

Sunday Morning Worship

July 20, 2025



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July 20, 2025

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Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

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

Call to Worship — Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

²⁸ “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Steadfast Love

Eric Dewar | Glory & Gladness Music

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.

The Word Made Flesh *

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.
Truly God,
He became truly man,
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

* The Ligonier Statement on Christology ("The Word Made Flesh") —
is a summary of biblical truth intended to serve the church by encapsulating the historic, orthodox, biblical Christology of the Christian church in a form simple to confess. Info at: christologystatement.com

The Solid Rock

Edward Mote | William Bradbury

Verse 1:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 2:

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3:

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Verse 4:

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Congregational Scripture Reading — Romans 12:14-21 (ESV)

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Rock of Ages

Augustus Toplady

Verse 1:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Verse 2:

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all could never sin atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Verse 3:

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

Verse 4:

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Sermon Notes

“The Cares of My Heart Are Many” :: Psalm 94

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# You Delight My Soul

Jason Brown | Mike Rogers

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Verse 1:

Lord, I know you are my Savior.
By your blood I've been redeemed.
Yet my heart is often troubled,
Captured by anxieties.
Stir in me your consolations.
By your Spirit help me see,
All your promises are good, and
Turn my heart to trust in Thee.

Verse 2:

Lord, I know you are my shepherd.
You provide my every need.
Yet, like sheep, I often wander,
Longing after lesser things.
Stir in me your sweet affections.
By your Spirit help me see,
Nothing else will satisfy, and
Turn my heart to trust in Thee.

Chorus:

You give grace that paid the price for my sin
Love that makes me whole
Peace that calms the greatest of storms
Joy that overflows
You delight my soul!
You delight my soul!

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, July 20

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Church Directory Photo Updates

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

Wednesday, July 23

6:30 PM Band Rehearsal

Thursday, July 24

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Church Directory Photo Updates

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Sundays, July 20 & 27

Church Directory Photo Updates

Wednesday, August 6

6:30 PM — Church Prayer Meeting

Sunday, August 24

Church Members Meeting — immediately following worship service

Wednesday, September 3

6:30 PM — Church Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule Resumes
(AWANA, Bible Study, King's Kids & Adult Choirs)

Sunday, September 14

5:00 PM — Church Picnic on the Front Lawn

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of July 20

Prayer of the week:

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Colossians 1:12 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to give thanks to God for the work He has done in the brothers and sisters in Christ in our church family.

*"we have not ceased to pray for you... giving thanks to the Father,
who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. "*

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 those recently effected by natural disasters (flooding in Texas and New York). Pray God would provide for immediate needs and preserve life. Pray God would comfort those grieving the death of loved ones. Pray for relief workers to work safely and quickly to bring stability (Psalm 119:88; 34:18)
- 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 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: Overview

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.*

Home Reach Ministry



The Home Reach Ministry supports our church by providing care through regular visitation for those who are unable to attend church. This ministry brings gentle kindness and keeps members aware that their church is concerned and cares about them during this stage in their lives. We believe this is vital to keep us connected, further it provides an avenue by which the team can minister through a godly approach of sharing God’s word, having a time of prayer and simply learning and listening.

Members receiving these calls for visits, know that they are very important to the life of our church and that we will keep these lines of communication open at all times because it is essential.

The Home Reach Ministry team members are vital to this mission of our church. Each member of the team will schedule home visits to share time together, fellowshiping and catching up with one another. Our goal is to *love one another as Christ loves the church*. This means reaching our members and maintaining a connection such that everyone feels they are loved and appreciated.



Ministry Spotlight: Overview

Those participating in the Home Reach Ministry find that initially, they seek to serve in a ministry, but it becomes so much more. A genuine friendship develops and there is no longer a feeling that you are serving but that you are extending the reach of the church through visiting with a treasured friend. During these visits there is a time for sharing and having discussions perhaps about the most recent sermon they may have viewed online but there is also a lot of laughter.



I was blessed to call one of our members that had recently been visited by this ministry and she shared how special she felt, how much it meant to her that she was reached out to and how the time they spent together seemed to just fly by. They shared memories, various experiences they shared in the past, and updates about what was currently going on in the life of the church. The beauty of this ministry whether you

have a past together or not, is the connection we all share in Christ because we are all members of the body of Christ. If you enjoy sharing the goodness of God's word and sharing time encouraging one another; this ministry may be just for you.

Bernice McGuire leads this ministry, and she shared how this opportunity has brought so much joy through the relationships that she has made with others. You really have a chance to get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ, which develops into treasured friendships. This ministry has brought delight to Bernice, other ministry members and those that they visit.

Home Reach is a great ministry opportunity that allows us to embrace those who are unable to attend church and develop relationships that demonstrate the love of Christ. Please contact Bernice McGuire to learn more about this amazing ministry or to join.

Announcements

1. Church Directory Photo Updates. Attention all church members! Today and next Sunday, July 20 & 27, immediately following the worship service, we would like to update your directory photo. If your last photo was taken five or more years ago (or you would just like a new one), stop by the photo station in the foyer and take a new photo. Questions?... contact Tanya Joy in the church office.

2. Mid-Year Giving Statements. The church is happy to supply a mid-year giving statement to those that request it. As a reminder, your giving statement is always available online through our giving portal (fbcum.org/give). Please contact Tanya Joy (fbcum@firstbaptistum.com) in the church office to request your statement. Thank you for your generous support of the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro.

3. 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.

Praying Psalm 94 — The Cares of My Heart Are Many

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For 2 or 3 days this week, set aside 15 minutes to pray through Psalm 94. For help on how to pray the Psalm, refer back to the insert “Singing and Praying the Psalms Guide”.

**Psalm 94. THE LORD WILL NOT FORSAKE HIS PEOPLE.** <sup>1</sup> O LORD, God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, shine forth! <sup>2</sup> Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve! <sup>3</sup> O LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult? <sup>4</sup> They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast. <sup>5</sup> They crush your people, O LORD, and afflict your heritage. <sup>6</sup> They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless; <sup>7</sup> and they say, “The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive.”

<sup>8</sup> Understand, O dullest of the people! Fools, when will you be wise? <sup>9</sup> He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?

<sup>10</sup> He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke? He who teaches man knowledge— <sup>11</sup> the LORD—knows the thoughts of man, that they are but a breath.

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD, and whom you teach out of your law, <sup>13</sup> to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked. <sup>14</sup> For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; <sup>15</sup> for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

<sup>16</sup> Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers? <sup>17</sup> If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. <sup>18</sup> When I thought, “My foot slips,” your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up. <sup>19</sup> When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

<sup>20</sup> Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute? <sup>21</sup> They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. <sup>22</sup> But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge. <sup>23</sup> He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness; the LORD our God will wipe them out.

**Praising God:** *What does Psalm 94 teach about who God is that is worthy of praise? What difference does God’s justice, instruction, steadfast love, and help make in your life?*

**Confessing Sin:** Have you sinned against God or others and thought, “The LORD does not see...”? Are there ways you have used your authority unjustly? Have you sought vengeance for yourself or others instead of crying out to God and being confident in His justice?

**Following God:** *Pray to God and ask for his help no matter how difficult the circumstance—He is our Helper. Allow God’s Word to clarify the truth about who He is and let Him instruct you, not the voice of the wicked. Having received His help and having His truth in your heart, now be confident in His justice in all things and rest in His care for you.*

**Things to Pray for First Baptist Church:**

1. Pray we remind each other that the Lord will not forsake His people by helping one another to recall His promises and delight in them together.
2. Pray we are confident in God’s justice against wickedness and encourage one another to rest in Him as our refuge as we anticipate His justice.
3. Pray for those directly suffering at the hands of wicked authorities. Pray they would rest and endure in knowing God as their helper and just judge.

## Singing Psalm 94 — “You Delight My Soul”

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Having prayed through Psalm 94, now take the time to sing a song that was inspired by the truth of Psalm 94:19, “When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul”. A recording of “You Delight My Soul” can be found on the church webpage under the resources for this week’s sermon. The lyrics can be found in this bulletin.

Singing and Praying the Psalms

[Psalm 94](#)

"Goodness and Mercy, Every Day"— July 20, 2025



Introduction

When you look at the news, it doesn't take very long to be reminded that our world is broken. It is very plainly displayed all over the world and is due to the brokenness of the sinful human heart. This is the state of every person unless they are radically changed by the Spirit of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Yet, we still wrestle with sin, and we live with the weight of the reality of sin. This reality should stir within us a Godly sorrow. What should we do? How should we respond? Have you ever asked, "God, why aren't you doing anything?" Psalm 94 helps us know how to respond to the grievous effects of sin. There are three ways that this psalm helps you respond to the effects of sin.

Sermon Outline

1. Cry out to God for help. Vs. 1-7
2. Clarify God's instruction. Vs. 8-15
3. Be confident in God's promises. Vs. 16-23

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 1 – 7

In this prayer/song of lament, the psalmist was crying out to Yahweh, using the personal name for God. The psalmist had a relationship with God, the One who knew him and knew all about him and his circumstances. When we pray, we are not reaching out into emptiness hoping for help. We are calling on our Heavenly Father. He knows about every need and He will not leave us wanting. Holding onto this truth should transform your prayer life. When you pray, you call upon the God who knows you.

The psalmist called out to God knowing that God is a righteous judge who demands justice. Because God sees injustice happening, He will arise. The psalmist is asking God to be the God whom he knew Him to be. Does a God of vengeance seem "prickly" to you? God is not acting in vindictiveness. He is a good, but righteous judge.

The psalmist was desperate, waiting for God's resolution of the problem. Yet knowing the evil in the world, it was particularly grievous when done by those who claim the name of Jesus. It is always alright to cry out to God when you see such grievous things. You know that God will keep His word, but sometimes you have to wait. Isn't waiting hard for you? Pour out your complaint to God. He hears; He sees; He knows. It's easy to grow weary and overwhelmed. It's hard to be patient when we see sin doing real harm to the most vulnerable among us.

2. Read vs. 8 – 15

The psalmist didn't waste time letting the wicked know about their sin. He began to rebuke them for their stupidity or foolishness. These foolish leaders lacked spiritual perception. They knew the law and what God expected of them, yet they foolishly did what was wrong. The psalmist reminded the leaders that their actions were futile - it would never accomplish the purpose for which they intended it. Who do you with? The psalmist? Or the leaders? If it is the leaders, be reminded that you know God's word and law. You know better, but you aren't regarding your sin as a problem. Do you think that God doesn't see or hear? He does see. He does hear. He cares that you are willfully sinning against Him. This is futile and will not satisfy. It will end with God's right punishment for your sinful actions. However, remember **GOD is not far off**. You can't push Him away or hide from Him. He is ready to forgive. Repent. Run to the Savior. It is then that you will know pure joy, peace, and rest that is in Jesus.

Christians, remember, it can be easy to look at the evil deeds of the leaders and forget that our hearts are inclined to the same evil deeds. God sees and knows our hearts. It is what comes out of our hearts that condemns us. ([Matthew 12:33-37](#)) We should be people whose lives are marked by repentance and faith. Examine your heart. Confess sin. Trust in the work of Jesus.

Psalm One reminded us that there are only two paths in life. We see here in Psalm 94 that the way of the wicked is futile, but blessed is the man who is disciplined for sin. This leads to rest. Have you ever felt like the psalmist? Do you look at the world and become overwhelmed and frustrated over the sin of others and even in your

heart? While we wait for God's justice, continue to clarify for each other God's instructions so that we can find rest in God now.

Delight in God's law. Read God's word. Bring it to bear in another's life. Covenant in membership with a local church that clarifies God's word. Let us be marked as people who will do the same to others - the foolish and other believers.

3. Read vs. 16 – 23

Up until this point, the psalmist's focus was on outside troubles. Here, he began to bring his personal troubles or schemes of the wicked to God. His circumstances were grave. The evil actions of the wicked were meant to kill him. But the LORD alone was his help and sources of strength in his time of need. God's steadfast love preserved his life. It produced in him present joy even in the midst of continuing troubling circumstances. These words can help you as well.

In verse 19, you will see the realities of living in a fallen world. When we experience these realities, the cares of our hearts are many, complex and multifaceted. There isn't just one thing that we can eliminate and move forward. Struggles never come one at a time. Part of being human is suffering. We shouldn't be surprised to see this in our life or in the lives of others. ([1 Peter 4:12-13](#); [James 1:2-4](#)) Remember, your struggles don't take God by surprise. He can and will use them in your life to grow your faith. God is fully in control and has your ultimate good and His glory in mind. Acknowledge your struggles. Cry out to God. Seek godly wisdom from another. Listen as they clarify God's word. Be confident in God's promises.

While the struggles of this life are many, God's consolations are many as well. He gives an abundance of comfort in suffering. While the consolations are not specifically mentioned, we can recall His numerous promises from scripture. Can you bring to mind the ways that God has cared for you in the past? Can you recall the times that He has not let you go when you were stubbornly in sin? Bask in God's word. Remember you are clothed in God's righteousness. Rest in Him, and be at peace. ([Isaiah 26:3-4](#); [Philippians 4:6-9](#))

The difficult circumstances of life are never beyond the consolations of God. We must rehearse these consolations in our lives and remind others of them. While they do not alleviate the suffering, they help us to go on and to keep our eyes on Jesus and for the time when all wrongs will be made right.

You can have confidence in the justice of God. Even when the wicked conspire against you, you can find refuge in the Lord who is a Stronghold and a Rock. The specific struggles of the psalmist are not mentioned. This will help you to identify with him. He had struggles, and you have them too. He found rest. You can too. God graciously invites you into this psalm today and for a lifetime. When the schemes of the devil and the sin in your heart seem never ceasing, your heart might grow weary, overwhelmed, fearful, impatient, angry, etc. But then, along comes a psalm that helps us recognize that you can face these things with unshakable faith. Ask the Lord to help you hold on until He comes or calls you home.

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: Psalm 62 "Wait on God"
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Family Guide for week of July 20th, 2025

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



Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc.)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [The Big Picture Story Bible](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home](#).

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Bible Intake: (Listening to God)

Day 1 – Acts 11:1-18

Day 2 – Acts 11:19-30

Day 3 – Acts 12:1-19

Day 4 – Acts 12:20-25

Day 5 – Acts 13:1-12

*Read **Psalm 62** preparation for church on Sunday, July 27, 2025

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 18 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to remind you that His plans are better than your own plans.

Sing together

"Rock of Ages" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

Memory verses for the month

Jeremiah 10:6 *"There is none like you, O Lord, and your name is great in might."*

John 20:31 *"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in his name."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 1: What is our only hope in life and death?

Answer: *That we are not our own but belong to God.*

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