

Sunday Morning Worship

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

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

Call to Worship — Psalm 135:1-3 (ESV)

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,

give praise, O servants of the LORD,

² who stand in the house of the LORD,

in the courts of the house of our God!

³ Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!^l

Psalm One

Mike Rogers

Verse 1:

Happy is he with cautious feet
he's choosing God's way over the broad way
'cause he fears his king
His great delight, by day and by night—
to make all of God's word
the source of his labors
for all of his life.

Chorus:

There is a way and an end to every man.
On that last day, when Jesus stands
at God's right hand,
He'll gather the righteous
and cast down the wicked
who can't bear to stand.
This is the way, and this is the end
of every man.

Verse 2:

Blessed is he – faith like the tree
planted near water that nourishes onward
and stays ever green.
All of his life bears fruit in time,
while hopes of the wicked
are tossed by the world's winds
revealing their blight.

Bridge:

So lift up your eyes and walk in the light.
Look to the Savior, who delights
To show you the way all of your days.
Do not grow weary. Hold your gaze.
Follow the saints long on the way
walking with Jesus by faith.
He won't deceive. He won't forsake.
Blessed is the path He has ordained.

The Lord Is My Light

Lillian Bouknight

Verse 1:

The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus:

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life.
Whom shall I fear?

Verse 2:

In the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
whom shall I fear?

Verse 3:

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
whom shall I fear?

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried.
On the third day, He rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven,
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy universal church
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

An Explanation of the Apostles' Creed:

From as far back as the 2nd century, Christians have used statements of faith like the Apostles' Creed to make a public declaration of their faith. Therefore, through the centuries, the Apostles' Creed has become a well-known and useful tool to help believers around the world learn and affirm the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith.

At First Baptist Church, we use this brief statement in our public services to declare before God, each other, and the watching world that these are foundational truths of our faith that Scripture has clearly revealed. In doing so, we stand united with Christians around the world and through the centuries by our faith in God, the Father Almighty; Jesus, his only Son; and the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reading — Luke 13:31-35 (ESV)

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nthan 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
“Wait On God” :: Psalm 62

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# My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Keaton Bunting | Bob Kauflin

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Verse 1:

When the enemy surrounds
and my heart grows faint within
When the darkness overwhelms
and my fears are pressing in
I will trust in You, O Lord,
in the silence I will wait
I will stand upon Your Word

Chorus:

You're my solid rock and my salvation
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken
My refuge and my sure foundation
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You

Verse 2:

You're my stronghold and my shield
in the midst of every threat
Though the wicked never yield,
they will vanish like a breath
Yes, I know the outcome's sure,
Satan's evil plans will fail
In Your power I'm secure

Verse 3:

This is love I can't explain,
this is mercy unreserved
Through Your sacrifice so great,
I have peace that's undeserved
For the battle has been won,
and I fear no shame or loss
Now the sting of death is gone

Bridge:

Pouring out our hearts before You
We will trust in You
Perfect Savior, strong defender
We will trust in You

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, July 27

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

Monday, July 28

Tuesday, July 29

Wednesday, July 30

6:30 PM Band Rehearsal

Thursday, July 31

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2

Sunday, August 3

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper

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

Sunday, October 26

Starting Point Seminar — immediately following worship service
(Seminar for those interested in church membership. Contact the church office to register
or use the Digital Communication Card on the back of this bulletin.)

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of July 27

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, Jackie Jones (death of daughter), Lucie Lowe, Melissa Thomaswicks, 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



Bernice McGuire

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. But what if the member has succumbed to an illness that causes them to live in a long term care facility, Home Reach visits them there also. We are committed to love and serve Christ by loving and serving one another. (John 15:12)



Ministry Spotlight: Overview

The Home Reach Ministry team members are vital to this mission of our church. As members of the ministry schedule visits whether to a home or facility to share time together, fellowshiping and catching up with one another, we are demonstrating the love of Christ. We may notice other needs or concerns that may help members through other ministries of our church. Our goal is to love one another as Christ loves the church. This means reaching our members and maintaining a connection wherever they are today, none should ever feel deserted or left out.



So how do you begin, Bernice McGuire has many ideas that may help you break the ice on your first visitation that will encourage you getting to know one another. These tidbits will be held in reserve for those who are seriously considering joining this ministry.

Each month volunteers visit those members unable to attend in our church. These visits are about listening, sharing, reading Gods word and praying. These members miss the fellowship of other believers and we need to bring it to them. Monthly visits and phone calls during the week help to bring both closer together and that bond through the Spirit of the Lord will make an impact in both of members lives. The result is a genuine Christ-centered friendship develops and there is no longer a feeling of serving in a ministry but one of visiting a treasured friend.



Bernice says, at the end of the day, 'Have you felt loved today and more importantly, how have you shared the love of Christ with others?'

If anything you have read today causes you to want more information or to join this amazing ministry, you are encouraged to reach out to Bernice McGuire.

Announcements

1. Church Directory Photo Updates TODAY. Attention all church members! We would love to update your directory photo today following the worship service. 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.

2. Lord's Supper Celebration NEXT Sunday, August 3. We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf. Part of our celebration is reaffirming our unity as the body of Christ. Therefore, if you know of any reconciliation that needs to happen between you and another brother or sister in Christ in the church, we hope you'll take the time to prayerfully do that this week.

3. AWANA Begins Soon — Helpers Needed. We are excited for AWANA to begin in September but are in need of additional volunteers! Volunteers will not need to prepare to teach a lesson, we simply need willing church members to serve weekly. AWANA meets on Wednesdays from Sept—May (except 1st Wednesdays when we have prayer meeting). Volunteers are responsible to supervise a small group of children: listening to their verses and being present with them throughout the evening from 6:20-8pm. If you'd like to be considered to serve please call or text Ronnie Sweetman (410-474-3105).

4. WANTED: Preschool Volunteers. We are in great need of about 4 - 5 more adult volunteers in the nursery to help provide a caring environment for our kiddos during worship. This will continue to allow us to offer a six-week rotation schedule. There are no special skills required except a love for kiddos and their families. Volunteers are expected to serve about every 6 weeks, which works out to only 8 times a year. Positions are available for all age groups. If you would like to find out more, please contact either Pam Jensen or Ashley Meekins-Smith ASAP. We're working out the next two 6-week rotations now.

5. VBS 2025 Recap — "Magnify" is in the books. We saw the bigness of God this year as our church rallied together to serve. Deep gratitude goes to the sixty-eight adults and youth volunteers who made it all possible. Additional thanks for the members of The Kings' Daughters DiscipleLIFE class for providing snacks to keep our volunteers fueled for the task. A final thanks to the whole church family for faithfully praying for and supporting the mission of our Kids' Ministry.

6. 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 62 — Wait On God

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For 2 or 3 days this week, set aside 15 minutes to pray through Psalm 62. For help on how to pray the Psalm, refer back to the bulletin insert from July 6 “Singing and Praying the Psalms Guide”.

**Psalm 62. MY SOUL WAITS FOR GOD ALONE.** <sup>1</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. <sup>2</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

<sup>3</sup> How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? <sup>4</sup> They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

<sup>5</sup> For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. <sup>6</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. <sup>7</sup> On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

<sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. <sup>10</sup> Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, <sup>12</sup> and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

**Praising God:** Reflect on all that Psalm 62 declares to be true about God: our rock, salvation, fortress, hope, glory, refuge, powerful, loving, and just Judge. How have you experienced God’s care and protection? Take time to praise God for who He is.

**Confessing Sin:** Focus on the repeated words ‘alone’ and ‘only’ in Psalm 62. The psalmist burns every bridge that promise refuge but are a delusion or lie. What are God-alternatives you’ve hoped in, trusted in to avoid being shaken? Take time to confess sin to God.

**Following God:** Reflect on the command in v8 “Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.” In light of people, events, or circumstances that threaten your safety, take time to pour out your heart to God in prayer.

## Things to Pray for First Baptist Church:

1. Pray that we preach to ourselves and to each other the truth of Psalm 62 so that our restless souls learn to ‘wait in silence’ (v5) for God. Who can you pray for specifically? Who might you call to encourage with the truth of Psalm 62 today?
2. Pray that we see through the delusion of power, money, or people that promise safety but cannot deliver— “in the balances they go up” (v9). Pray we believe true power, love, and justice belong to God alone (v11-12)

# Singing Psalm 62 — “My Soul Will Wait”

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Having prayed through Psalm 62, now take the time to sing a song that was inspired by the truths of the psalm titled, “My Soul Will Wait”, by Sovereign Grace Music. A recording of “My Soul Will Wait” can be found anywhere you listen to music online. The lyrics can be found in this bulletin.

Singing and Praying the Psalms

[Psalm 62](#)

“Wait on God”— July 27, 2025



Introduction

One of the pivotal events from the Old Testament is the Exodus. Not too long after the children of Israel were released from harsh bondage, they were trapped by the Red Sea. The army of Egypt was coming after them because Pharaoh had changed his mind and wanted them back. They had no earthly way of crossing the Red Sea. It didn't take too long for the children of Israel to start complaining. Moses had to remind them to fear not, stand firm, and that the Lord would fight for them.

As an outsider, it's easy to criticize the children of Israel about their complaining because we know what God is about to do for them. Do you ever grumble? Do you ever complain? Does your heart ever murmur about God's plan and His timing? A complaining heart has been poisoned by pride. Pride leads you to think how you would something better or differently. It's the same poison that Adam and Eve drank in [Genesis 3](#).

While pride may be silent, the resulting fear and anxiety are loud. You begin asking, "what if." Do you ever feel so burdened that you feel you could buckle under the pressure? Do fear and anxiety whisper in your ear that you are not enough? That's why Psalm 62 is helpful. Its message is simple - the unshakable hope you long for is found in God alone. It gives you tools to live in confident hope by exposing the lies and pointing to refuge in God.

Sermon Outline

1. Know the truth. Vs. 1-4
2. Speak the truth. Vs. 5-8
3. Rest in the truth. Vs. 9-12

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 1 – 4

In this psalm, David was on the mountaintop. Not only did he receive salvation from God, but he was trusting in God alone **as** his salvation. There was no plan B for David. Don't forget who God is - the Rock, Salvation, and Fortress. He is unmovable, and He is ready and willing to be a refuge for anyone who comes to Him. There was no other place for David to find a refuge, so the result was to wait in silence. This silence refers to a quiet restfulness of the soul, peace and confidence. He didn't panic. Under the umbrella of "God alone," there is peace. Step out from that umbrella, and your heart will become restless and anxious. Do you trust in God? Do you trust in God ALONE or do you want to keep your options open just in case God doesn't come through like you want Him to?

David faced trials during his life and reign as king. You will face trials as well. You may feel shaken, but you won't get knocked out. We don't know the exact situation David was referring to in this psalm, but often, men were out to get him. (Remember Saul, Absalom?) Their goal was to thrust him down from his high position as King, and their weapon was lies. Outside the umbrella of God's protection is a storm of falsehood and lies meant to ruin you. The enemy will create them. The more you listen, the more you will be shaken. The enemy will not announce that he is telling a lie - he mixes it with half-truths and weaves those lies into music, movies, social media, etc. Sometimes the lie is masked with a layer of religion and piety. Do you want to be unshakable? You must learn to identify lies and the voice of Satan. Today, you may know the truth, but ever since Genesis three, Satan has tried to get people to question what God really said. You must be a person of the Word! Read it. Study it. Meditate on it. Do this regularly. The more you know the truth of God's word, the more you will be able to recognize the lies. Do you have a plan to be in God's word daily?

You must be an active, careful, biblical thinker. You cannot turn off your mind. While rest is good and important after a long day, you must not turn your brain off. You can't be passive. As you take in music, television, movies, etc. you should ask two questions: What is this saying? Is it true according to the standard of God's word? Being overwhelmed and anxious may lead you to feel like David - a leaning wall, a tottering fence that could be pushed over very easily. Have you felt like that before? Go to God!

2. Read vs. 5 – 8

Verses 5-7 are very similar to verses 1 and 2. At the beginning of the psalm David was speaking to the congregation. In verse five, David was speaking to himself. David was modeling the skill of speaking the truth to

yourself.

Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones states that most of your unhappiness in life is a result of you listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself. You must know how to handle yourself. Address yourself. Preach to yourself. Remind yourself of Who God is and what He has done and what He has pledged to do. (From his book, *Spiritual Depression*) Stand up and fight! It is important that we encourage, remind, and help each other to fight.

In verse eight, David instructs us HOW to trust in God at all times! Do you think that your prayers are not good enough? Do you think you have to use the right words or make your heart clean before you pray? No! POUR OUT your heart. Open your heart completely even if your prayer is full of needs. You cannot overburden God. He wants to hear you; He is happy to hear you. You will not shock God.

This psalm was written for us to read, pray, and sing. David had fought to trust God. Then once his soul returned to rest, he could instruct the congregation. We are called to care for and love one another. We are called to carry each other's burdens. Do you find that the burdens of others are too heavy to carry? Maybe you have you stepped out from the umbrella of "God alone." As we care for each other, we must remember that we are not the rock. Our responsibility is to point each other to THE Rock who has no problem carrying those burdens. Do you trust in God as you care for others?

3. Read vs. 16 – 23

David was looking for a reliable, trustworthy refuge. In these verses, David gave us a picture of scales. On one side he put God and on the other, he put three earthly securities - power ([vs. 3](#)), people ([vs. 9](#)), and money ([vs. 10](#)). Power fails and fades. People are a delusion. Wealth is uncertain. ([1 Timothy 6:17](#)) None of these three are a trustworthy refuge.

In verses 11 and 12, we see three reasons to trust God alone - God's power, love and justice. Power belongs to God - governments, kingdoms, people – all belong to Him. His power isn't derived or borrowed. He has an infinite supply of it. God's love is covenantal - He isn't going anywhere. One day, God will sit on the throne to judge. He sees every injustice and one day, will make it right. The scales are overwhelmingly tipped in favor of God. Why do people step out from the umbrella of God alone? They see the earthly things that might satisfy.

You may think that you identify with David – people against you, threats all around, but you are meant to identify with the enemy because they rejected God's rule. In getting David off of the throne, they were trying to get God off of the throne. We all do the same thing. This is the bad news. Left to yourself, you are in trouble. How can God's coming judgment go from bad news to good news? How can we go from identifying with the enemy to identifying with David? We need to look at David as a signpost to a better King - Jesus. The good news of the gospel reminds us that everything is not as it seems. The religious leaders thought they defeated Jesus by crucifying him, but Jesus rose again on the third day in power and victory. His death satisfied the demands of God's justice and shows His steadfast love. We can be forgiven. What will **you** do with God's anointed - Jesus? There are two ways to live. Turn from your sin and self-reliance and trust in Christ. The noise of your guilt and shame will be silenced.

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.

Next week's sermon text: Psalm 33 "Stand in Awe of God"

Family Guide for week of July 27th, 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](#).

Family Guide for week of July 27th, 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 13:13-25

Day 2 – Acts 13:26-41

Day 3 – Acts 13:42-52

Day 4 – Acts 14:1-18

Day 5 – Acts 14:19-28

*Read **Psalm 33** preparation for church on Sunday, August 3, 2025

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 19 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank God for the forgiveness He made available through Jesus. Ask God to guard you from sin and the consequences that come with sin. Ask Him to give you delight in His Word so that it can help you not sin against Him.

Sing together

"O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer" – 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 2: What is God?

Answer: *God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything.*

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