

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 — Romans 6:1-4 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

## There Is a Fountain

William Cowper

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Verse 1:

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

Verse 2:

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I, though vile as he
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Verse 3:

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more,
Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

Verse 4:

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy power to save,
I'll sing Thy power to save
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy power to save

Verse 5:

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing
wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my
theme, And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Lord, Keep Me Day by Day

Eddie Williams

Verse 1:

Lord, keep me day by day
In a pure a perfect way
I want to live
I want to live on
In a building not made by hand

Verse 2:

Lord, keep my body strong
So that I can press on
Lord, give me grace
Just to run - this Christian race
To a building not made by hand

Verse 3:

I'm just a stranger here
Traveling through this barren land
Lord, I know
There's a building,
A building somewhere
A building not made by hand

Responsive Scripture Reading — Isaiah 43:1-7 (ESV)

¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵ Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶ I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

His Glory and My Good

Ben Fielding | Jonny Robinson | Rich Thomson

Verse 1:

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

Verse 2:

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith, I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus:

To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good

Verse 3:

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Verse 4:

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

Sermon Notes

“Joy In Weakness” :: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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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, August 10

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Baptism

Monday, August 11

Tuesday, August 12

6:30 PM Elders Meeting

Wednesday, August 13

6:30 PM Band Rehearsal

Thursday, August 14

Friday, August 15

Saturday, August 16

Sunday, August 17

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Baptism

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

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 August 10

Prayer of the week:

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of 1 Corinthians 1:4-7a 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.

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift..."

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 for our upcoming Members Meeting on August 24 after worship. Pray that God would continually help us to grow in unity and service to one another as fellow believers here at FBCUM and help us work together for kingdom purposes. (Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who are going back to school in the coming weeks. Pray they would depend on God and trust Him as they start a new school year. Pray that learning and teaching would be done with excellence to the glory of God (Prov. 3:5-6; 1 Cor. 10:31). See a list of out-of-town college students toward the back of your church directory.
- 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 that our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray that we would live and interact with one another in a way that reveals God's steadfast love and mercy to the world. (Gal 6:9)
- Pray that we know a profound contentment no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in – a contentment from knowing God is our help. (Heb. 13:5-6)
- 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

“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.*



Dimitri Louis

Hospitality Ministry

First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro desires that everyone has a welcoming experience when you enter this church. The Hospitality Ministry is led by Deacons, Dimitri Lois and Michael Davenport. They are inspired to



Michael Davenport

engage everyone with a heart for the Lord and they share that enthusiasm with their Hospitality team members each Sunday morning.

“Our responsibility is to exhibit the attitude and practice of Christian welcoming, which provides the atmosphere and opportunity in which visitors and guests can feel accepted, included, and loved. We see Greeters as our front line ministers of welcoming, and providing the first official point of contact with this congregation.”

When you consider that these are the people that God draws to our church so that the gospel can be heard, seen, and felt, we want to do everything we can to ensure this experience. We do this by making sure we show care and compassion toward those that God draws. People bond to people, so our role is to help build or bridge relationships and friendships as people enter God’s church. The atmosphere shifts when a person feels welcomed in God's church. If we can make a person feel welcome, comfortable, and loved we know a barrier has been broken and maybe a new relationship can be formed.

The Hospitality team provides members and guests with information about our Sunday service. The team also helps connect members and guests with church staff and makes our members and guests aware of where to find information about the church and its programs and services.

Ministry Spotlight

Typically, Hospitality team members are asked by our visitors and guests for information about the church, Sunday school (DiscipleLIFE) classes, new member's classes, locations of facilities and rooms within the church such comfort rooms, restrooms, and other spaces outside of the sanctuary. Team members are often asked to assist in helping to identify or locate members and/or guests during church services, which makes getting to know members of the congregation an important priority. We consider it a privilege to serve the Lord in this capacity.



Hospitality team members are scheduled to serve one Sunday each month. However, team members may serve as often as they like or are available to serve. Each team member has an assigned duty station during their scheduled week of service. New team members are provided training materials prior to serving and are paired with an experienced team member for their first day of service. We also have an annual team meeting where we refresh on training, point out what we are doing well and what we can do better in serving our members and guests. Though not required, team members may be asked to serve on occasions based on their availability. This might include serving during special church programs or services as requested by church staff for services not typically held on Sundays.

A personal testimony about this ministry.....***"Many of our team members serve outside of their regular schedule which is a testament to how God is using the team for His glory. It has been a blessing to witness what God is doing in the lives of His servants. We are blessed to have men, women and youth serve alongside one another each week and witness the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. It is amazing to watch our youth in particular grow and mature in hospitality especially when they show Christ like care and concern for our elderly and those in need of assistance. It is truly beautiful to watch ."***

If you have been called to serve in the Hospitality Ministry or have questions, please contact Deacon Michael Davenport or Deacon Dimitri Louis.

Announcements

1. **VBS for Senior Saints (VBSSS)- TOMORROW, 9am-12:15pm.** Contact Jason Brown for more information and to register (jasonbrownmusic@msn.com; 240-508-9727).

2. **Church Members' Meeting — Sunday, August 24.** Lord willing, we will have our regularly scheduled Members' Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, August 24. Memberships, revised constitution, prayer needs, ministry reports, and budget update are all on the agenda. Minutes from our previous Members' Meeting will be available on 8/17 in the office.

3. **Mark Your Calendar.** Here are a few upcoming dates to remember (also see pg. 8):

- **August 24** :: Church Members Meeting — immediately following worship service
- **September 10** :: 6:30 PM — Wed. Evening Schedule Resumes (AWANA, Bible Study, Choirs)
- **September 14** :: 5:00 PM — Church Picnic on the Front Lawn

4. **AWANA Registration OPEN.** Awana is a Bible memory program for children age 3 through 6th grade designed to help the church come alongside parents as they disciple their children. Club meetings are exciting times with Bible lessons, energetic game time, and small groups where kids recite verses they've studied at home! We meet weekly from 6:30-8:00pm on Wednesdays (Sept - May) except the first Wednesday of each month when we have church prayer meetings. Fees vary but are generally \$35 or less per child. Questions? Contact Ronnie and Chrissy Sweetman. Register using the QR code.



5. **Preschool Volunteers Needed.** We are in need of a few more adult volunteers in the nursery to help provide a caring environment for our kiddos (aged 0-4) during worship. Volunteers serve on a six-week rotation schedule (about 8x a year). There are no special skills required except a love for kiddos and their families. If you're interested or have questions, contact Pam Jensen or Ashley Meekins-Smith ASAP.

6. **Join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry.** This ministry provides prayer for our leadership, members, and those with whom we partner in ministry. Team members devote one hour a week praying in the prayer room and following up with various requests and updates. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or getting more information, please contact the ministry team leader, Bernice McGuire (301-233-3303).

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

[2 Corinthians 12:1-10](#)

"Joy in Weakness" – August 10, 2025



Introduction

Today's scripture is part of the second letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. In his first letter, Paul addressed several areas of concern for which he "much affliction and anguish of heart" because of how the church was acting. ([2 Corinthians 2:4](#)) Paul wanted to see them in person, but felt that before he went, there were other things he needed to address, especially how the false teachers were portraying him.

Sermon Outline

1. Boasting in weaknesses - vs. 1-5
2. Boasting in sinful pride – vs. 6-7
3. Boasting in suffering – vs. 8-10

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 1-5

At the time of this writing, there were many false teachers who were boasting of a "higher knowledge." They didn't think Paul's teaching was enough. Paul's boasting was in the gospel. He was not ashamed of preaching the gospel even if it sounded like foolishness. The gospel is the power of God to salvation. ([Romans 1:16](#)) He felt that it was his responsible to build up the body of Christ. How are you equipping yourself to discern truth from a lie? How are you helping to build up the body of Christ?

Some were falling away from the faith to follow the false teachers. This distressed Paul because he wanted the Corinthians to grow in their faith. He wanted them to know the truth. The false teachers were in search of recognition then, and they were trying to discredit Paul. Paul would receive his commendation from God and God alone.

Paul had received many visions from the Lord. ([Acts 9:1-9](#); [Acts 18:9-10](#)) Paul moved according to the word of God, as should we. Paul didn't share this vision for a long time, but alluded to it to the church in Galatia. ([Galatians 1:11-17](#)) Now, he felt compelled to share this vision with the church in Corinth, yet he did not focus on himself.

Paul was caught up to Paradise - the third Heaven, whether in body or in spirit, he didn't know. Only God can bring someone to the third Heaven. The thief on the cross knew that Jesus could forgive and bring him to Paradise. ([Luke 23:39-43](#)) It is only through Jesus. (John 14:6) Are you striving for Heaven through Christ, or have you trusted Christ in repentance and faith?

God wants to work through us for His glory. We have to get out of the way. We cannot let pride take over. What did God use to keep Paul from sinful pride?

2. Read vs. 6-7

Paul wasn't interested in celebrity status. He didn't have to make things up to get the praise of man. He spoke the truth. Paul knew that the only way he could make it was through the wonderful grace of God. His visions didn't define him - it was Christ in Him. What defines you? Who you really are and in whom you trust is who you are and how you respond in difficult times. How about you? Who do you trust? How have you responded in difficult times? What is your motivation for Christian service?

It is easy to be drawn into sinful pride. ([Proverbs 16:18](#)) How do you view your accomplishments? Do you give glory to God? Paul was given three things to keep him humble: a thorn, the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass.

The thorn was not a thorn from a rose. It was like a stake driven into a piece of wood. This caused Paul pain – maybe physical, maybe emotional or mental. Is there a "thorn" in your life that causes you pain? The flesh is the unredeemed nature that battles the Spirit of God. ([Galatians 5:16-24](#); [Romans 7:15-25](#)) Paul was at war

with the flesh. In what ways do you struggle with your fleshly nature? The messenger from Satan was actually a demon, tormenting Paul as an indwelling spirit in one of the false teachers. This was a distraction to Paul to keep him from his ministry. Has your Christian service been misunderstood and maligned? What distracts you from Christian ministry? Why did this happen to Paul, and why does it happen to you? In this life, you may not know, but you can be confident that God is sovereign. He knows what is going on, and He has allowed it. What the enemy meant for evil - God meant for God. What have you been going through? (Romans 8:28) You may not know the purpose of the trial, but we must trust Him.

3. Read vs. 8-10

Paul pleaded with the Lord about this. What you might think as God's unanswered prayer might just be His grace in keeping you **from** what might not be best for you. God's grace is His unmerited favor. It is by grace you are saved. Grace is how you receive forgiveness of sin that separates you from a Holy God.

The more you rely on your own strength, the more you will fail. You must get yourself out of the way and come to Jesus. ([Matthew 11:28-30](#)) There is rest in Jesus. The result is contentment in weakness. This is how the Lord may have His will and way through you.

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 bcum.org

Next week's sermon text: we turn to Psalm 51 "Against You Have I Sinned"

Family Guide for week of August 10th, 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 16:16-24

Day 2 – Acts 16:25-40

Day 3 – Acts 17:1-9

Day 4 – Acts 17:10-15

Day 5 – Acts 17:16-21

*Read **Psalm 51** preparation for church on Sunday, August 17, 2025

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 21 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank God for your local church and the people who worship with you each week. Thank God for the Holy Spirit who is God living with and in every person who trusts in Jesus.

Sing together

"There Is a Fountain" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

Memory verses for the month

Proverbs 3:7 *"Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil."*

Colossians 1:15-16a *"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 4: How and why did God create us?

Answer: God created us male and female in His own image to glorify Him.

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