

Sunday Morning Worship

August 24, 2025



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Order of Worship

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“The Lord Is a Great God”

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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 — Colossians 2:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

Verse 1:

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening skies with wonders
The earth it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness - All creation
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Verse 2:

You reached into the dust
In love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

Verse 3:

Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Ending:

You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Glorious Christ

Bob Kauflin

Verse 1:

The radiance of the Father
Before the dawn of time
You spoke and all creation came to be
The molecules and planets
Reveal Your great design
And every one was made
So we could see, So we could see!

Chorus:

You are the glorious Christ
The greatest of all delights
Your power is unequalled
Your love beyond all heights
No greater sacrifice
Than when You laid down Your life
We join the song of angels
Who praise You day and night
Glorious Christ!

Verse 2:

You left the air of heaven
To breathe the dust of earth
And dwell among the outcast and the poor
You came to be forsaken
And died to take our curse
So You could be our joy Forevermore,
Forevermore!

Verse 3:

You're seated now in heaven
Enthroned at God's right hand
You've shattered death
and freed us from our fears
And though we cannot see You
You're coming back again
And all will be made right when You appear,
when You appear!

Scripture Reading — Luke 19:28-40 (ESV)

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

I Will Sing Your Praise Alone

Jon Althoff | Sheri Jones-Moffett | Joseph Pace II

Verse 1:

I am not ashamed
Of the gospel of Your grace that saved me
You called me from the grave
And the power of Your Spirit raised me
Lord, You gave your life for mine

Chorus:

I will sing Your praise alone
I will sing Your praise alone
You're worthy of my highest song
I will sing Your praise alone

I will sing Your praise alone
I will sing Your praise alone
You're seated on the highest throne
I will sing Your praise alone

Verse 2:

I have been redeemed
By the blood You shed to change my story
Your love has set me free
So that I can live to bring You glory
Lord, You gave your life for mine

Bridge:

Be glorified, I will praise You, I will praise You
With all my life, I will praise You, I will praise You

Sermon Notes

“The Lord Is a Great God” :: Psalm 95

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# Rejoice

Keith & Kristyn Getty

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Verse 1:

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again, we rejoice
Delight in the love he has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in his goodness
A family of grace

Chorus:

With each breath He's given praise the Lord
In these times we live in
We will praise the Lord
Throughout every season, I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord

Verse 2:

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at his feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
The shepherd of our lives

Verse 3:

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good he has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending
We say again rejoice

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 24

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Baptism
12:00 PM Church Members Meeting

Monday, August 25

Tuesday, August 26

Wednesday, August 27

6:30 PM Band Rehearsal

Thursday, August 28

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

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

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 24

Prayer of the week:

One way we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from the book of Romans 15:5-6:

*“⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement
grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,
⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

We recognize our need for God’s help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for the preaching of God’s word – for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God’s glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

Prayer items outside our church:

- Pray that our elected officials would fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)
- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)

- Pray for our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we have direct partnerships with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray that good fruit would come from our Members Meeting this afternoon. 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:

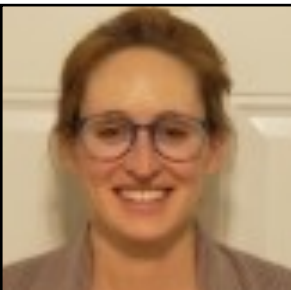
Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Jim and Pat Ernster, Lucie Lowe, Melissa Thomaswicks, Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker

(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.*

Meal Train Ministry



Morgan Neptune

Meet Morgan Neptune, who leads this ministry and is very passionate about the Meal Train Ministry because, she was personally blessed through this ministry not long after joining First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro. Morgan’s personal testimony: *“About a month or two after my husband and I became members of FBCUM, we welcomed our little girl into the world and were recipients of a Meal Train. I know firsthand what a blessing this act of kindness can be by so many church members. We were truly touched. It was also an amazing opportunity to meet our church family that I may not have otherwise met. I was honored when asked to take over heading up the Meal Train ministry. It has been such an incredible privilege.”*

A Meal Train is a ministry for our church family to support each other by coordinating and providing meals for someone who may need extra support during a trying time. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ to members of our church.

What is the Meal Train process? When a request is made, a Meal Train is created. Details are provided regarding any food allergies or any dietary restrictions and desired dates for delivery. Once this information is secured, the Meal Train is formally submitted by email with a link to the page. Meal Train participants open the link and review the details along with the dates that the



meals are to be provided to the family or individual. Meal Train participants may select from the list of dates when they are available to provide a meal, and deliver. This process prevents confusion and both the recipient and the participant will know what is scheduled for that date. There is no obligation to participate on any given Meal Train. The more people we have on the Meal Train, allows a very successful outcome because those unavailable to serve this time may be available to serve next time.

Ministry Spotlight

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If you are a busy person and are looking for a ministry that you can join to help when there is a need, this may be perfect for you. The Meal Train is an, *as needed ministry, which means there are no additional time requirements, no meetings and no training.* There are no requirements to participate on every Meal Train and *you don't even have to like to cook!* The Meal Train also offers an option to send a gift card in lieu of cooking and dropping off a meal.



***Does this sound like the perfect opportunity for you to serve? If you have a caring and giving heart that desires to serve and support our church family, this is a place for you.***

***To join the Meal Train Ministry, contact Morgan Neptune and let her know you are interested, provide her with your email address, then you will be added to her list of participants, and you will be included on the next Meal Train that is circulated. It is that simple!***

# Announcements

1. **Church Members' Meeting — TODAY.** Our regularly scheduled Members' Meeting will begin immediately following the worship service today. We plan to vote on memberships and the revised constitution. Ministry reports and a budget update are also on the agenda.

2. **New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults Begin Sept 7.** See page 15 below for class descriptions and info. DiscipleLIFE classes meet every Sunday at 9am and are available for all ages.

3. **Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule Resumes — Sept 10.** Regular Wednesday evening activities (Choirs, AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study) will resume on September 10.

4. **AWANA Registration OPEN.** Awana is a Bible memory program for children, 3 years old 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.

# Praying Psalm 95 — The Lord Is a Great God

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For 2 or 3 days this week, set aside 15 minutes to pray through Psalm 51. For help on how to pray the Psalms, refer back to the bulletin insert from July 6 “Singing and Praying the Psalms”.

Psalm 95. LET US SING SONGS OF PRAISE. ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

Praising God: Take some time to speak praise to God as you consider the various ways the psalmist deems Him worthy; “the rock of our salvation” (v1), “the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods” (v3), all the earth is under his authority because he made it (vv4-5), he is “our Maker... our God” and he loving cares for us like a good shepherd (v7).

Confessing Sin: Honestly acknowledge to God ways that you have hardened your heart against Him (i.e. tested Him, repressed the truth in order to live your own way, chosen not to trust Him, etc.) (vv8-9). Confess to Him any ways that you have gone astray in your heart (v10).

Following God: Make a choice today to hear God’s voice (v7—line d), through His word, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to follow that truth. Ask for His help to push aside and make quite other voices (the world, the devil, your own inner monologue) that often compete for our heart’s attention with lies or half-truths. Pray that others you know and love would hear His voice for the first time and never know His righteous wrath (v11).

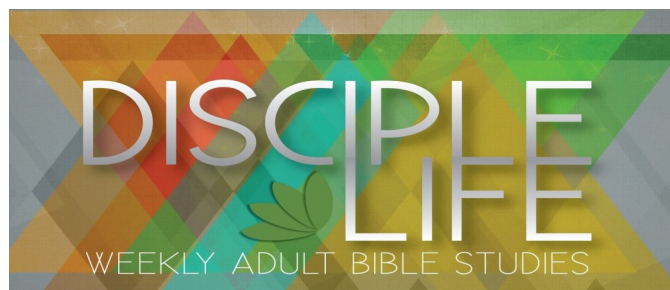
Things to Pray for First Baptist Church:

1. Pray that our church would faithfully exalt and worship God as the King of kings in our public worship and in our family worship. Pray that we would be ever-growing in our desire to sing praise to our glorious God. (vv1-6)
2. Pray that we would continually know and feel God’s presence and care as His beloved people. (v7)
3. Pray that we would be attentive to the voice of the Lord—not hardening our hearts or putting Him to the test, but trusting His Word as those who have seen His work in our own hearts and in the hearts of others. (vv7-10)

Singing Psalm 95 — “Rejoice”

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Having prayed through Psalm 95, now take the time to sing a song that was inspired by the truths of the psalm titled, “Rejoice”, by Keith and Kristyn Getty. A recording can be found anywhere you listen to music online as well as on the church webpage under the resources for this week’s sermon. Lyrics on pg. 7.



## **Fall 2025 (Sept. - Nov.) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:**

**FALL SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPT 7 @ 9AM**

To help us prepare, we are asking that everyone sign up for the class they wish to attend by [clicking here](#).

### **Explore the Bible – Numbers/Deuteronomy:**

As road trips wind down, travelers start thinking about the work waiting for them back home. The ancient Israelites were no exception. The books of Numbers and Deuteronomy recount how the nation of Israel wandered in the wilderness for four decades and how God taught them to be His people as they approached the promised land. He wanted to remind them how much still needed to be done once they got “home.” As you study these final two books of the Pentateuch, ask God to show you what He longs to accomplish in you and through you. Learn how to avoid a life of spiritual wandering and embrace the best He has to offer. (Books available in room 117/118 starting Sunday, 8/24.)

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118 :: Teachers: Bill Lowry & Tony Edwards**
- **Explore the Bible (Women) — Room 115 :: Teacher: Tanya Joy**

*If you are remaining in your current Explore the Bible Class, there is no need to sign up again.*

### **Elective Class — Assurance of Salvation and the Doctrine of Conversion (Coed):**

“Am I really a Christian? How can I know? What if my confidence is based on the wrong thing? What if my despair is misinformed? What is a Christian?” Come join us as we dig into God’s word and look at the doctrine of conversion to understand what it means to be a Christian and how God creates a people for Himself. In looking at the doctrine of conversion, we’ll consider how it applies to our individual lives, families, parenting, and our life together as a church.

- **Room 114 :: Teachers - Zach Schlegel & Zak Kergel**

### **Elective Class — Gospel-Centered Work (Young Adult Coed):**

In this class you’ll discover how the good news about Jesus transforms the way we think about our work in surprising and practical ways. The study guide will be available for \$9.00

- **Room 112 :: Teachers - Tyrone Moorehead and Vaughn Lawson**

**\*\* DiscipleLIFE classes for all ages meet every Sunday morning at 9am. \*\***





# Singing and Praying the Psalms

[Psalm 95](#)

"The Lord is A Great God"— August 24, 2025



## Introduction

Has there ever been a time in your life when God provided for you in such a way that overwhelmed you with praise? Do you take God's provisions for granted? Have you forgotten His truths and promises? Circumstances can change, but the promises of God are sure. To whom do you cry out when in need? To whom do you give praise for provision?

## Sermon Outline

1. A call to worship with joy vs. 1-5
2. A call to reverence vs. 6-7a
3. A call to obedience vs. 7b - 11

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 1 – 5

We all need encouragement. Sometimes it's easier to grumble for what we don't have instead of recognizing the provision of God. The human heart needs intentional work to praise God for all He has done and provided for us instead of being in the weeds of grumbling. Praise is the "weed killer" for our heart.

In the Psalm, David was encouraging all of Israel to praise the Lord based on God's character and promises. God is the unwavering, immovable Savior of His people. When you gather to worship, you come boldly for what He has done and expectantly for what He will do. You can come with joy and thanksgiving instead of fear. For what things are you thankful? Take time to list those things and to thank God.

The LORD is a great God; He is the only God. He is King over ALL. All other kings reign for a short time and are given their authority of God. God has dominion over all things. He reigns forever. You should not make the creation big and the Creator small. He is a great God. You should praise and worship God for His good gifts. He has given them for your enjoyment.

Hear God. Feed yourself on His word. It is His word that will do a work in your spirit. It may not be immediate, but it is working. What is your plan for a regular diet of God's word?

### 2. Read vs. 6 – 7a

As the discipline of praising God digs deep in your hearts, you respond in humility because of Who God is. Bowing down puts you in a vulnerable position, but you declare His authority. You don't come in pride or fear, but in reverence. You should reflect God in all you do, and you were created to know Him and love Him.

Your actions demonstrate what you worship. Is God enthroned in your heart? When God has a proper place in your heart, you are softened to the things of God. His will overrides your own. You will see things as God sees them. What do you see in your heart when your feelings are exposed?

The God of the universe is your God. You have Him, and He has you!! You are part of His flock. He makes a way, provides, protects, and opens doors for you. You have security in God your Shepherd. ([Psalm 23](#); [John 10](#)) You are secure in His hands. As Maker, He knows your need. As Shepherd, He calls. Are you listening?

As you hear His word, be a doer of the word. Examine yourself. Are you doing what God says you are



to do?

### 3. Read vs. 7b – 11

"Today, if you hear His voice" indicates urgency. You are not guaranteed tomorrow. God's warnings are His grace to you. The children of Israel grumbled about what they did not have. ([Exodus 17:1-7](#)) They refused to believe the truth about God who called them out of Egypt. They grumbled to Moses, but they really grumbled to God. When times were not favorable to them, their hearts were exposed.

When times in your life aren't favorable, what is exposed in your heart? Do you think that you would never be like the Israelites? They were without water for five days. How are you without some of the conveniences of life - the internet, media, etc. God provided. They did not believe. Praise and thanksgiving are an antidote for grumbling and unbelief.

Your actions and words have power. They influence the next generation. Don't grumble and complain. Speak the truth – the truth about God and His word. One day, you will give an account of every word you speak. How has God proven Himself faithful to you in the past?

God desires to save. ([2 Peter 3:9](#)) God wants you to hear and respond in obedience. He is faithful. He is patient. He cared for the children of Israel in the wilderness, yet they questioned His motives. Have your motives ever been inquisition by those to whom you have been kind and faithful?

God is faithful. He speaks the truth. He has sent His Son to pay the price for our sin and given living water that satisfies. He rose to conquer sin and death. Don't waste your life in another way. He is the only way. Come to Jesus now. Enter His rest.

#### 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.

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> <a href="#">Psalm 68</a> "Our God Scatters His Enemies" |
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## Family Guide for week of August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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



### 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 August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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



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

Day 1 – Acts 19:21-41

Day 2 – Acts 20:1-16

Day 3 – Acts 20:17-38

Day 4 – Acts 21:1-16

Day 5 – Acts 21:17-26

\*Read **Psalm 68** preparation for church on Sunday, August 31, 2025

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 23 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to give you wisdom for the situations you will encounter today. Thank God for the wisdom of His Word, the Bible.

## **Sing together**

"Praise the Lord" – 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 week<sup>1</sup>**

**Question 6: How can we glorify God?**

**Answer:** We glorify God by loving Him and by obeying His commands and law.

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