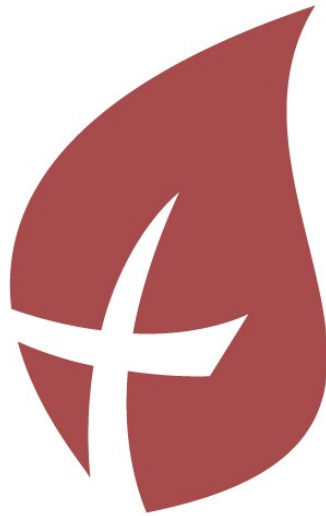


Sunday Morning Worship

October 19, 2025



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Order of Worship

October 19, 2025

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

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

Call to Worship — 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (ESV)

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<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

## There Is a Fountain

William Cowper | Ryan Foglesong | Brian Steckler

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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.

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

Scripture Reading — Malachi 4:1-6 (ESV)

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

J.L. Borthwick | J. Ingram | J. Sibelius | K. Jobe | K.A. von Schlegel

Verse 1:

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul, thy best thy heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Verse 2:

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Chorus:

In You I rest in You I find my hope
In You I trust
You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still my soul

Verse 3:

Be still my soul the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

Sermon Notes

“God Takes Away Our Disgrace” :: Luke 1:5-25

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# Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Johnny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Michael Farren

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Verse 1:

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2:

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3:

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4:

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, October 19

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
3:00 PM Children's Harvest Party

Monday, October 20

Mission Team in Thailand

Tuesday, October 21

Mission Team in Thailand
10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 22

Mission Team in Thailand
5:45 PM King's Kids Choir
6:30 PM AWANA
Elder-led Bible Study

Thursday, October 23

Mission Team in Thailand

Friday, October 24

Mission Team in Thailand

Saturday, October 25

Mission Team in Thailand

Sunday, October 26 (Reformation Sunday)

Mission Team in Thailand
9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
6:00 PM Youth Night

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Sunday, October 19

3:00 PM — Children's Harvest Party

October 20 — 28

Mission Team serving at Bangkok City Baptist Church — Thailand

Sunday, November 9

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.)

Sunday, December 7

Budget Review Meeting — immediately following worship service

Sunday, December 14

Church Members' Meeting — immediately following worship service

Wednesday, December 24

6:30 PM — Christmas Eve Worship

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of October 19

Prayer of the week:

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Philippians 1:3-6 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. This is a great prayer to use as you pray through the church directory for your church family this week.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of 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:

- Praise God for making us members of one body, fellow heirs, fellow citizens, and partakers of God's great promises. (Eph 2:19; 3:6)
- Pray for the Mission Team going out from our church to Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand, Oct 20-28; Pastor Zach Schlegel, Jason Brown, Nikki Butler, Kirsten Butler, Gay Laxton, and Erin Messing. Pray that our team would be helpful and an encouragement to the local church and pastors they are serving and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry.
- Pray for members of our church who are homebound due to illness—for physical healing and unfailing hope in God. Pray also for those in our church who are caretakers—for strength, patience, and love. (2 Cor 4:16; Gal 6:9-10)
- Pray that good spiritual fruit would come from discipleship efforts in small groups, one to one meetings, and as people show hospitality to others in our church. (1 Pt 4:9; Gal 6:2)
- 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 our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray 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 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, Heather Bradbury (death of mother), Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Jim and Pat Ernster, Family of Cleda Lawson (died Oct 2), Lucie Lowe, Greg Spraul (death of father), Bonnie Trott, Janice Tyler (death of sister), 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.

Praying & Crocheting Ministry



Tanya Joy

Praying and Crocheting is a labor of love that began as a result of the title of our DiscipleLife class quarterly, 'The Scarlet Thread.' Our class-members each received a skein of scarlet (Cherry Red) yarn and a crochet hook, a pattern followed with the blessing of some (very patient) crafters in the class that taught us how to create a Granny Square (6 inches). This Granny square was duplicated by each member in the class and then combined to create a two large af-

*ghans that were donated for a silent auction where the proceeds were given to the Global Hunger Fund. We were delighted to see the work of our hands, by God's grace be transformed into something profitable for the body of Christ. Some that were new to crocheting started talking and pursued continuing the crocheting. Thus the beginning of **Praying & Crocheting**.*



We started meeting once a month on the second Tuesday and slowly learned how to do a little more than Granny Squares. We decided to start with reading a Psalm each month and as we read the Psalms we would discuss what the Lord was revealing to us and how we could apply the wisdom, joy, encouragement and faithfulness of God to situations in our lives. We were encouraged. Our craft leaders desired to stretch us to pursue new stitches and to focus on the obedience that it takes to follow a pattern, just as we walk with Christ.

Our growth continued as we provided crocheted hats and scarves to the Christmas Store, which was an outreach for our Church. This was quite a challenge for some of us. But by faithfully following the patterns and wrestling through ripping out stitches and trying again, we were able to produce some beautiful sets that were shopped for during the Christmas Store. Well, activities increased and we were crocheting for a pregnancy center and World Vision we were told which countries received our products. We continued to study God's word and spend time seeking support from others in the group to learn new patterns and trusted God that with Him we could do it. The joy it brought to us to meet a challenge and to see how God provided things right on time.

Ministry Spotlight

Today we continue our journey of bringing hugs through our creations. Some of you may not seek to work with your hands, but we hope you will pray for us as we serve. If you would like to support our efforts through crocheting, but are not able to attend a meeting once per month, just let me know. Most of our creativity happens when we are away. So, we look forward to meeting crafters that can crochet, cross-stitch, and knitters are welcome also. We have set some lofty goals this year, such as hats and scarves for those in need, prayer shawls, afghans for our grieving church members and seniors going away to college, stuffed animals for Operation Christmas Child, baby blankets, and book marks.



Meetings will resume in January 2026 - as we come together to share the Word, plan future projects, and challenge one another to grow spiritually and in our crafts! If you are interested and want to give this a try, join us! All of the items that we create, we give honor and praise to the Lord and we pray for the recipients. Please pray for our efforts and give us a call if you have any questions. **If you are interested in learning more about Praying and Crocheting, please reach out to Tanya Joy, Randy Fishter, Deborah Harding or Marjorie Griffin (pictured below).**



Announcements

1. Children's Ministry Harvest Party (K-6th and their families) — TODAY, 3-5pm. Children grades K-6th and their families are invited to a Harvest Party at the church. There will be games, S'mores, races, pumpkin patch, pumpkin decorating, and more! Bring a friend! Rain date 10/26.

2. Christmas Tea Information Luncheon. FBCUM will host a Ladies' Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 6th. If you are interested in hosting or co-hosting a table or learning more about how to support/volunteer for this event please join us for a light luncheon after the service on October 28th in Room 117. The Christmas Tea is an evangelistic and fellowship event for women of FBCUM to invite non-Christian family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to enjoy a time of festive fellowship, food, and a short gospel message.

3. Operation Christmas Child. The King's Daughters' class is inviting church members to add the finishing touches to their Operation Christmas Child boxes. Boxes are filled with some school essentials like paper and pencils but there is so much more that can be added. The boxes are labeled for Boys & Girls ages 2-4; 5-9; and 10-14 and have a list of acceptable items. Please visit the table in the Fellowship Hall if you would like more information. If you have done this before you may go to room 115 and sign for your box/es. All boxes must be returned to room 115 by Sunday, November 9. If you have questions, please see, Tanya Joy.

4. Pray for Church Mission Team to Bangkok, Thailand :: Oct 20-28. Pray for the Mission Team going out from our church to Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand, Oct 20-28; Pastor Zach Schlegel, Jason Brown, Nikki Butler, Kirsten Butler, Gay Laxton, and Erin Messing. Pray that our team would be helpful and impactful in their service. Pray their presence would be an encouragement to the local church and pastors there and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry.

5. Interested in Church Membership? Attend Starting Point :: November 9 after worship.

Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting following the worship service open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. Approximately 12-2:30pm. A light lunch will be served. Register by contacting the church office or using the digital communication card below.

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.



FBC Children's Ministry invites you to a:

Harvest Party

Sunday, October 19, 2024 from 3 - 5 pm
for grades K—6 and their family, at the church.

(Rain Date Sunday, October 26)

Games—S'mores—Races—
Pumpkin Decorating —Pumpkin Patch

Bring a Friend!!

The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 1:5-25](#)

“God Takes Away Our Disgrace”—October 19, 2025



Introduction

As Martin Luther was walking home from college, there was a thunder storm. A lightning bolt struck too close to him, and he cried out in fear, declaring that he would become a monk. Fifteen years later, while standing before a council that would decide his fate, he bravely declared, “I must walk in the fear of the Lord. Here I stand; I can do no other.” Over the course of those 15 years, he changed. What brought about his transformation?

Do you have this confidence? You want it, but then tragedy strikes, and life doesn't turn out how you had hoped, after a while, you may ask, “God, are you here? Do you care? Are you in control? Do you see?” We want to believe that God is in control, but when people round us are drowning in disappointment and discouragement, we question.

Dr. Luke has made a complete and accurate account of Jesus, so that you may have certainty. ([1:4](#)) He wanted to create a rock solid confidence that overcomes the storms of life. How can you have certainty in uncertain times?

Sermon Outline

1. Trust God's Plan. Vs. 5-12
2. Trust God's Word. Vs. 13 - 18
3. Trust God's Loving Discipline. Vs 18 - 25

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 5 - 12

Luke began with a time marker - “In the days of Herod” who was a ruthless tyrant, but Luke moved quickly to this humble couple - Zechariah and Elizabeth. They were a godly couple, but they had no children. This was devastating. Children provided security as well as carrying on the family name. A room full of children was a blessing to the Lord. This left Elizabeth disgraced. She was a nobody. What made things worse, people may have thought that she was cursed due to her barrenness, bringing reproach.

Luke invites us in the pain and experience of this couple. He wants us to look at how they feel. They would have prayed and tried and waited to have a child, but the years passed by. The timetable of God's plan was longer than the one they had for themselves. Now, they were advanced in years which meant the death of a dream. Life had not turned out as they expected, and it wasn't as a result of any blatant sin. Sometimes we don't know why something is happening or not happening in the lives of people. Sometimes, it isn't for us to know the reason. It is just best to sit with someone in their grief. Even though they had this disappointment, they didn't give up. They kept following God, obeying day by day. In this process of mundane obedience, the unexpected happened. In your despair and disappointment, are you tempted to give up?

Many priests waited all of their entire life and never had a chance to do what Zechariah was about to do. It was a big deal. It wasn't luck or chance. Every decision is from the Lord. It was the providence of God. ([Proverbs 16:33](#)) God was about to do something new.

There was Zechariah in the Holy of Holies. It was a once in a lifetime moment. It was intensely private, yet the people were waiting outside the curtain. The tension was building. The people had not heard from God for 400 years. Then an angel appeared at the right side of the altar of incense. This was not what Zechariah expected. After all of these years of waiting, they may have felt forgotten by God. Waiting is hard. In the pain of your trials, do you feel as if God has forgotten you? Just as God had not forgotten this couple, He had not forgotten His people. He has not forgotten you! You may be confused and have questions, but God has not forgotten you.

Do you want certainty? You will not find it in political leaders or even a king. They come and go. Kingdoms rise and fall. The king could not help this couple have a baby or the bring redemption to God's people. There are a lot of voices in the world that try to offer certainty, but even the best advice cannot offer the certainty for which our hearts long. You can only find certainty in a sovereign God.

2. Read Vs. 13 - 18

God blessed the couple with a son, but John the Baptist would open the door for Jesus who would redeem the world from sin. While this was a personal story, it is also a global story. The angel Gabriel represented God's word. You don't need an angel to show up for you to be frightened by God's word. If you are a Christian and take God's word seriously, do His words to you about money, friendship, sex, power may make you nervous? You must hold all that you hold valuable with an open hand and keep walking with Jesus.

How can you follow God's word when sometimes, it can be costly? Following Jesus demands counting the cost, but you shouldn't think about begrudgingly. Jesus describes it this way in [Matthew 13:44](#). There is joy in the all-surpassing worth of following Jesus. When you give up everything to follow Jesus, you get something better. You get the better deal. This should motivate you to keep you going.

John the Baptist would be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit. The only way that we can live this Christian life is by God's word and through the Spirit. John the Baptist would prepare the way for Jesus, calling people back to God. Just like the prophet Elijah called a wayward nation to repent and choose who they would believe and serve, ([1 Kings 18](#)) John's mission was to get people ready for Jesus. ([Malachi 4:6](#)) God's righteous and rightful judgment was coming. John was to call people back, to repent and trust Christ. The message is the same for you today. We have all sinned. ([Romans 3:23](#)) We are headed for destruction and judgement. ([Romans 6:23](#); [Isaiah 53:6](#)) Jesus came, lived a perfect life, died for sin and rose again so that you might have a fresh start. You must turn from your rebellion and sin. Repent and come to Jesus. Be reconciled to God.

The hearts of the fathers would turn to the sons. Young people can make a difference. God can and will use the life of young people such that it turns lives around. Young people, will you go all in for Jesus?

3. Read Vs. 18 – 25

God chose Zechariah to serve in the temple and sent an angel to bring the news, yet Zechariah didn't believe it because of his age. Senior saints, are you tempted to believe that ministry is for the young? The elderly should not be on the sidelines. God's design is that older men and women can pour into others for eternal purposes. Call someone and check in on them. Open your home for lunch or coffee. Listen to their story. Offer them encouragement. Write an encouraging note. Pray. God didn't put Zechariah and Elizabeth on the shelf. He had a plan, and He has a plan for you.

Because Zechariah refused to believe, he couldn't use his words until he could see until God's promise was fulfilled. Was this harsh? (Hebrews 12:6) God's discipline is not His hatred. It expresses His love and care for you as His child. God's discipline would help Zechariah. (Hebrews 6:11) God's discipline was His love to help him believe. It is the same for you. God's discipline builds faith. Can you recall times when God's discipline helped you grow in faith and trust Him?

Do you feel the reproach of sin? God not only removed Elizabeth's reproach. He was also preparing a way to remove the shame and reproach of all of God's people. Come to Jesus. He can take away the same and give you a new life.

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: Malachi 4:1-6 "Make Ready for the Lord a People"

Family Guide for week of October 19th, 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 – Daniel 1:1-7

Day 2 – Daniel 1:8-21

Day 3 – Daniel 2:1-16

Day 4 – Daniel 2:17-30

Day 5 – Daniel 2:31-45

*Read **Malachi 4:1-6** in preparation for church on Sunday, October 26, 2025

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 31 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you listen to His voice and trust in His plan for your life.

Ask God to give you a compassionate heart that remembers how we are all in need of His love and grace.

Sing together

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

Memory verses for the month

Deuteronomy 13:4 *"You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him."*

Colossians 1:18 *"And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 14: Did God create us unable to keep his law?

Answer: No, but because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, we are all born in sin and guilt, unable to keep God's law.

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