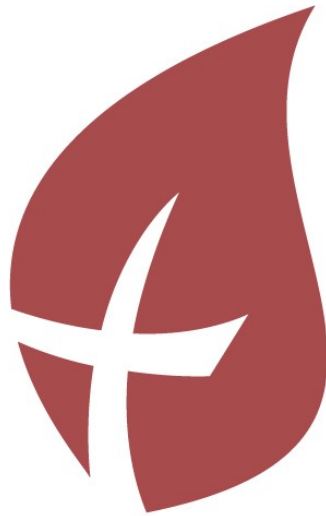


Sunday Morning Worship

October 26, 2025



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October 26, 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 — Psalm 121:1-2 (ESV)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi | William Draper | Jonathan Baird | Ryan Baird

Verse 1:

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2:

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3:

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 4:

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 5:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise Him above Ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Let Your Kingdom Come

Bob Kauflin

Verse 1:

Your glorious cause O God
engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
but for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
"Your kingdom come"

Verse 2:

Give us Your strength, O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
our dying breath

Chorus:

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that everyone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Scripture Reading — Matthew 11:1-19 (ESV)

¹ When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Come, Ye Sinners

Joseph Hart

Verse 1:

Come ye sinners
Poor and needy
Weak and wounded
Sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love and power

Chorus:

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me
In His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are
Ten thousand charms

Verse 2:

Come ye thirsty
Come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

Verse 3:

Come ye weary heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

Verse 4:

View him prostrate in the garden
On the ground your maker lies
On the bloody tree behold Him
Sinner will this not suffice?

Verse 5:

Lo! The Incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him
Venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude

Verse 6:

Let not conscience
Make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him

Sermon Notes

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

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# Where Shall I Be?

Charles Jones

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Chorus:

O where shall I be
When the first trumpet sounds,
O where shall I be
When it sounds so loud?
When it sounds so loud
As to wake up the dead,
O where shall I be
When it sounds?

Verse 1:

When judgement day is drawing nigh,
Where shall I be?
When God the works of men shall try,
Where shall I be?
When east and west the fire shall roll,
Where shall I be?
How will it be with my poor soul;
Where shall i be?

Verse 2:

When wicked men His wrath shall see,
Where shall I be?
And to the rocks and mountains flee,
Where shall I be?
When hills and mountains flee away,
Where shall I be?
When all the works of man decay,
Where shall I be?

Verse 3:

When heaven and earth
As some great scroll,
Where shall I be?
Shall from God's holy presence roll,
Where shall I be?
When all the saints
Redeemed shall stand,
Where shall I be?
Forever blest at God's right hand
Where shall I be?

Verse 4:

All trouble done, all conflict past,
Where shall I be?
Our enemy o'ercome at last,
Where shall I be?
When Christ shall reign
From shore to shore,
Where shall I be?
And peace abide forever more,
Where shall I be?

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, October 26 (Reformation Sunday)

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

Monday, October 27

Mission Team in Thailand

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 30

Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 1

6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp
 8:30 AM Titus 2

Sunday, November 2 (DST Ends - clock back 1hr)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
 10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper
 6:00 PM Youth Night

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Saturday, November 8

8:00 AM — Men's Breakfast

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, November 23

6:00 PM — Thanksgiving Prayer and Dessert Fellowship

Saturday, December 6

11:00 AM — Ladies Christmas Tea

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 26

Prayer of the week:

One of the ways 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 15:13:

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”*

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 from our church currently serving at 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 our ministry leaders, deacons, and elders during this budget season as they pray and prepare a budget to present to the church. Pray for wisdom and a God-centered vision for how to use the resources that God has given our church. (James 1:5)
- 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), Melissa Thomaswicks, 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.*

Widows Care Ministry

The New Testament in (Act 6 and I Timothy 5:3-10), provide direct instructions on why it is necessary to tend to widows, how to minister to widows, and establish structure such as the first deacons to oversee their care making it one of many important mandates the church should prioritize. Our church is no different, through the pastoral leadership understanding of the importance of Widow care and continuing to honor this biblical mandate through scriptural leadership training, bible teaching and preaching; and by identifying a need for support and assistance where necessary. Widow care is prioritized in the FBCUM annual budget and organized by church leadership, members who are widows, and members who have observed the unique challenges widows face.

FBCUM has established diaconate oversight of the Widows Care Ministry (along with other ministries in the church) to observe, stay in touch with our widows, and regularly communicate back to church leadership any practical needs, one-on-one support, physical or emotional challenges, and other support assistance. The ministry’s leads work hand-in-hand with other church leaders/ministries to coordinate any overlapping support services necessary for our church widows. The widows of FBCUM have also taken up the mandate to support one another through gatherings, fellowship, scripture/prayers, one-on-one support, visitations, transportation assistance, and other light touch needs to help sustain the three aspects of encouragement, fellowship, and support for daily living principles of the ministry.

The focus and ministry mission is to establish care through a loving sense of awareness, promote and sustain spiritual growth, joy of life, and commitment to serving; emphasizing the importance of fellowship and staying active in the church, providing support and communication with those experiencing similar grief and loneliness; and offering spiritual, emotional, and physical support services as needed. For example:

- Encouragement – whether through outreach, prayer, meal deliveries, gentle care and hugs, sharing time and fond memories during holidays, emotional or family grief and loneliness periods, and sending cards or appropriate uplifting scriptures or reading materials.

Ministry Spotlight

- Fellowship – which involves staying active and involved with church ministries and functions, staying in touch with church members and other widows, or providing outreach/mentoring to our youth and young adults. This may also include periodic phone calls, visitation, and outreach to other widows to solicit support for new widows of the church.
- Support – identify immediate support needs, referral for benevolence assistance, personal care and emotional support, and solicit volunteers to help with home and yard care, auto/transportation needs, and other special needs as determined.

The bible mentions in I Timothy 5 “true widows” where Paul gives instructions to honor and care for those of certain age, qualifications, and with no other family support. The bible first instructs family members to provide care for the widow which our church is very blessed to have, but in absence of family support is when the church is called to help in any way.

The Widow Team discusses responsible budget and spending efforts according to scripture to ensure the focus is clearly aligned to support *true widow* care needs.

The team is structured to oversee and periodically outreach (as necessary) to those widows assigned to them and to report back to the Team leads on well-being and any specific needs for the awareness of FBCUM Elders/church leadership. The Team coordinates quarterly, and the Leads assess accomplishment of goals semi-annually.

The Widow Care Ministry is committed to the work of the Lord and as the name stresses, *care* for the widows and widowers of this church. The fact that each widow and widower is being prayed for by this team and given the time to reach out to provide help through service and social connections means the world to some. We are so thankful for this ministry and know that God will continue to bless their efforts and obedience to His call to look after His people.

If you would like to learn more about getting involved and serving on this team, please contact Deacon Norris Tyler, III for details. Next week we will learn how the Lord has moved in the lives that they have touched.



Announcements

1. Pray for Church Mission Team in Bangkok, Thailand :: Oct 20-28. Pray for our team that is currently serving at Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand; Zach Schlegel, Jason Brown, Nikki Butler, Kirsten Butler, Gay Laxton, and Erin Messing. Pray our team would be helpful and impactful in their service. Pray their presence would be an encouragement and help to the church, the pastors, and their families. Pray the Gospel would flourish through the ministry of Bangkok City Baptist Church.

2. Ladies' Christmas Tea Information Luncheon :: TODAY (Room 117). FBCUM will host a Ladies' Christmas Tea on Dec. 6. This 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. 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 service TODAY in Room 117.

3. Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday, Nov 2. We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper together and to seek out any reconciliation that needs to happen between you and another brother or sister in Christ before we gather.

4. 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, but there is so much more that can be added. Boxes are labeled for boys and girls of various ages and have a list of acceptable items. Please visit 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.

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.

Christmas Preparations

[Malachi 4:1-6](#)

"Make Ready for the Lord a People" – October 26, 2025



Introduction

Malachi was a prophet who was preparing the people for the Kingdom of God. His message is as important today as it was in his day. The exiles had returned. It seemed as though God's people were on the right path, but they were developing a hard-heartedness. Malachi was giving them a stern warning to return to whole-hearted worship.

The worship of God's people had become hollow. You, too, can go through the motions of worship and yet not truly worship. Has your worship become mechanical? Religion without reverence was common at that time. It can be common today as well. They got comfortable and forgot God. What about you? Are you too comfortable? Have you forgotten God's place in your life?

God is a holy God. He will exact His perfect judgement on those who reject Him. If you are a believer, God has chosen you.

Sermon Outline

1. The righteous and the unrighteous - ready yourselves. Vs. 1-3
2. A lifeline for hope vs. 4
3. A promise and a warning from God. Vs. 5-6

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 1 – 3

Following [verse six](#), God will remain silent for 400 years. He will remain active, but there will be no new word from Him. Malachi prophesied for about 90 years. The remnant had returned to Judah, and the temple was rebuilt. In spite of the warnings, the people became defiant. In [chapter one](#), the people kept asking, "How?" God, through Malachi, was telling them their sins, but the people kept asking, "How?"

God loved them. He loved them completely. He had chosen them. ([1:2](#)) In His love, He disciplined them. They doubted God's love. They corrupted worship. They didn't believe that judgement was coming. They stopped giving back to God.

Do you really understand what God is saying to you in the scripture? God is unchanging. The things that concerned God about Israel, are concerning Him now. He is the Lord of Hosts, perfect, sovereign and deserving of true worship. You fail in keeping God's commandments, but One will come who will follow the Law perfectly. The Israelites were blind to their disobedience. ([Proverbs 19:3](#))

Is God enough for you? Do your eyes wander to other things that you think are more important? What do your calendar and checkbook say about you? The Israelite priests considered their service a burden. Is service to God a burden to you? God wants your worship, your love and to be first in your life.

In spite of their defiance, God was merciful. In [chapter three, verse one](#), the Lord told them that He was sending a messenger. This messenger (John the Baptist) would prepare the way for the coming of the Lord, and in spite of their disobedience, God did not destroy them. God wanted them to return to Him. ([3:7](#)) The first three chapters of Malachi help us to understand why the book ends the way that it does. In [chapter three, verses 16-18](#), we see the mercy of God. If you could look into the future and you knew when Jesus would return, would there be a difference in your life? Who do you know that needs to hear the message of the Gospel? The day of judgement is coming. ([4:1](#)) Are you ready? You don't need to clean yourself up to come to Jesus. Come as you are. Come in repentance and faith. God's warning of judgment is a message of grace and mercy. ([Proverbs 24:24](#); [Revelation 20:15](#); [Matthew 13:41](#))

Then in [verse 2](#), we see the word "but." What a wonderful word! For those who reverie the Lord, He makes things right. He will right all the wrongs. He is the Great Healer and Comforter! The response of God's

people will be pure joy.

2. Read Vs. 4

God knew that this was His last word to the people. He told them to hold on to what He has said to them. Remember!! Remember Who God is. Remember His Word. In the midst of suffering and trial, remember Who God is and what He has done for you! Take time today or this week to recount some of the things that God has done for you and how He has been faithful.

3. Read Vs. 18 – 25

God promised a prophet who would come. This prophet would come to call people back to God. The Israelites were waiting. God was moving in the life of Israel. They were being disciplined, ending up under Roman authority.

True revival brings reconciliation, first with God then others. The Messiah was coming. God would speak again - through Jesus. He is calling you to come to Him. In His mercy and grace, He is calling.

Malachi called the people to repentance. After 400 years of silence, John the Baptist called the people to repent. He didn't flatter or entertain. John the Baptist told the people the truth. He wasn't the Light, but he bore witness to the Light - Jesus. God's promise fulfilled. God is calling you to come to Him. Will you come? He is coming soon. ([Revelation 22:20](#)) Are you ready?

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: Luke 1:26-38 "Nothing is Impossible with God"

Family Guide for week of October 26th, 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 2:46-49

Day 2 – Daniel 3:1-7

Day 3 – Daniel 3:8-30

Day 4 – Daniel 4:1-18

Day 5 – Daniel 4:17-27

*Read **Luke 1:26-38** in preparation for church on Sunday, November 2, 2025

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 32 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Pray for the leaders of your city, state, and country. Ask God to give them knowledge to do their work and wisdom to obey Him.

Thank God for His promises and His faithfulness to always keep those promises.

Sing together

"All Creatures of our God and King " – 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 15: Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

Answer: *That we may know the holy nature of God, and the sinful nature of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior.*

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