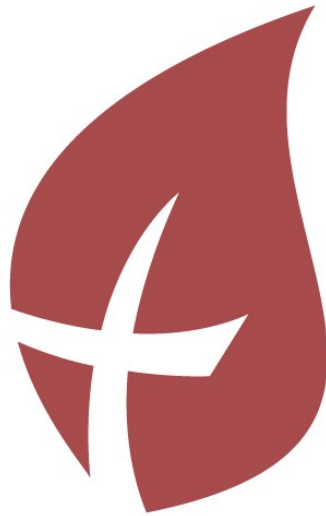


Sunday Morning Worship

November 2, 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 — Genesis 1:1-3 (ESV)

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Isaac Watts

Verse 1:

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey

Verse 2:

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

Verse 3:

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Your glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Your throne
While all that borrows life from You
Is ever in Your care
And everywhere that we can be
You, God are present there

Only a Holy God

Michael Farren | Jonny Robinson | Dustin Smith | Rich Thompson

Verse 1:

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2:

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus:

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3:

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Verse 4:

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!

Scripture Reading — Genesis 18:1-15 (ESV)

¹ And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

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Scripture Reading — (continued)

⁹ They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰ The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

Rock of My Salvation

Mike Rogers | Erskine Berridge

Verse 1:

O Lord, You empty those You fill
and quicken those You slay.
My hope in works You kindly kill
to teach me gospel praise.

Verse 2:

You wrap in frowns as well as smiles
some tokens of Your love.
And if you wound or heal
in both, Your grace You prove.

Chorus:

You are my God.
There's none like You.
You are the rock of my salvation.

Verse 3:

No sooner we begin to mourn
in brokenness we start.
But Jesus cries
“Return, and let me heal your heart.”

Verse 4:

All hope in self may Jesus kill
and make my heart alive.
My guilty wounds may Jesus heal
and make my spirit thrive

Sermon Notes

“Nothing Is Impossible With God” :: Luke 1:26-38

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## Church Covenant

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Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will engage in assembling ourselves together while praying for one another. We will strive for and promote the spiritual growth and advancement of the church by; sustaining worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; contributing cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

As a body of believers, we agree to maintain family and personal devotions, to educate our children in the Christian faith, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances. We will seek to avoid all practices or speech which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We will walk together in Christian love by faithfully caring for, watching over, and admonishing one another as occasions may require. In conflict, we will seek to follow Christ's example of reconciliation without delay. We will always strive to be humble and courteous in our speech and slow to take offense. We agree that should we leave this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Jesus, Messiah

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

Verse 1:

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself
and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Verse 2:

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus:

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

Bridge:

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen!

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, November 2

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

Monday, November 3

Tuesday, November 4

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 PM Elders Meeting

Wednesday, November 5

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

Thursday, November 6

Friday, November 7

Saturday, November 8

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, November 9

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Starting Point Seminar
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.)

Saturday, November 22

9:00 AM — Church Security Training

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 November 2

Prayer of the week:

We often learn to pray 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:

- 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)
- Praise God for a fruitful mission trip Bangkok, Thailand (Bangkok City Baptist Church). Our team was able to care for and serve the local church and pastors there, as well as identify potential ways we can continue to serve in the future. Continue to pray God would strengthen the leaders and members of this church and their ministry to other churches and pastors in Thailand, and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)
- Pray for the federal workers in our church who are not receiving a paycheck due to the current shutdown. Pray that God will provide for their needs. Pray that they will sense and know God's caring presence in the midst of uncertainty. Pray that our church family will come alongside them to help care for them. (Heb 13:5; Rom 12:13)
- 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 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, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Jim and Pat Ernster, Lucie Lowe, Family of Melissa Thomaswicks (died Oct 29), 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.*

Widows Care Ministry



Norris Tyler, III

Meet **Deacon Norris Tyler, III**, who has been called to lead this ministry. FBCUM has established diaconate oversight of the Widows Care Ministry 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 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.***

FBCUM has over 25 widows, who are vibrant, active in the church/community, committed to staying in touch, fellowshiping, praying, and caring for one another; and providing Team Leaders and church leadership with information or insight for those who cannot help themselves. Since all of these individuals have friend/family support, they have not had to reach out to the church for significant support. The team graciously provides soft touch services, encouragement, home and yard care, calls and visitation, meals when needed, prayers, etc.

Team members are very thankful for how God has been faithful to sustain the women and men of our church family who have lost their spouses to death. We witness daily how those with family members come to the aid and support those who have suffered loss and continue to provide support. We have not seen any abandonment or True Widow circumstances – thank God! Those that have lost spouses continue to be faithful and attend church and bible study where they are actively involved; and minister and encourage Team members. As we have also witnessed how God has placed on the hearts of these folks the spirit to serve others, visit, administer to and pray for those who are sick and shut-in. This is this blessing for our ministry.

Ministry Spotlight

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.

Our Team enjoys striving to help each widow/er maintain a sense of joy through Christ Jesus by offering committed care, readiness to be there and to lovingly help address existing physical, emotional or spiritual needs. The main joy the team has experienced is to see the commitment the Widows have for one another.

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. When you spend quality time with others it brings a special relationship which God intends. Jesus instructs that we are love one another as He loves us. This ministry chooses to see those we serve with this in mind.

If you would like to learn more about getting involved and serving on this team, please contact Deacon Norris Tyler, III for details. Team Members: Chris Guera, Nina and James Jones, Janice and Norris Tyler, and Rachel Tyler.

Many have said they lack nothing, but are grateful to God for the church's ministry, knowing they can rely on our Team if real support is ever needed.



Announcements

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**1. Church Prayer Meeting and Fellowship Meal— THIS Wednesday, Nov 5.** Join us for prayer, testimony, and encouragement from God's Word this Wed. at 6:30pm. Come early at 5:30pm and enjoy a simple meal and fellowship. If you would like to help with the meal, contact Jess Almy.

**2. 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.

**3. Operation Christmas Child :: Box Drop-Off Deadline Nov 9.** Anyone who picked up a box to be filled can drop them off today in room 115. Remember, all boxes must be returned to room 115 by next Sunday, November 9. If you have questions, please see Tanya Joy.

**4. Church Security Training.** The church is hosting a security training led by our own Bill Lowry on Saturday, November 22 from 9 am - 10:15 am. This is open to anyone who would like to attend, especially hospitality team members and children's ministry volunteers.

**5. Reminder of Upcoming Events:**

- Nov 8 :: 8am — Men's Breakfast
- Nov 22 :: 9am — Church Security Training
- Nov 23 :: 6pm — Thanksgiving Prayer and Dessert Fellowship
- Dec 6 :: 11am — Ladies Christmas Tea
- Dec 7 — Budget Review Meeting following worship service
- Dec 14 — Church Members Meeting following worship service
- Dec 24 :: 6:30pm — Christmas Eve Worship

**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.



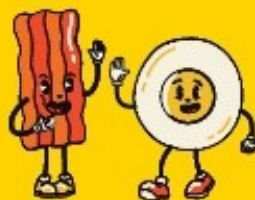
Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.



## **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.

# Men's Breakfast



## November 8<sup>th</sup>

**Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and testimony!**

*All men are welcome to attend*



**8:00 a.m.**

**First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro**

7415 Crain Hwy, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

“Nothing is Impossible with God” – November 2, 2025



## Introduction

You may have heard of Joni Erikson Tada and the tragic injury that changed her life forever making her a quadriplegic. For a time after the accident she wrestled with anger and suicidal thoughts. She didn't understand why God had allowed the accident to happen. She even cried out to God telling Him that she couldn't and didn't want to live that way. However, rather than staying stuck in self-pity, she came to trust the Lord and have a joy filled life. She has been an encouragement to those with disabilities, and God has used her in ways she never expected.

Has life taken an unexpected turn for you? Do the uncertainties feel overwhelming? In our text today, Mary received some unexpected news that put her in an impossible situation, yet she found life and joy. How did she get there? How can you find life and joy in impossible situations?

## Sermon Outline

1. Let God's word challenge your desires. Vs. 26-33
2. Trust and obey God for today. Vs. 34-38

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 26 - 33

This birth announcement to Mary connects to the one to Zechariah earlier in the chapter. We are to compare and contrast these announcements. Gabriel brought the announcement to both. Both pregnancies would be miracles. Yet Zechariah doubts, and Mary believes.

Big news is to be expected from an important location. Zechariah received the news from an angel in Jerusalem - the place where the temple was. But Mary received the news that she would give birth to the Messiah while living in Nazareth - a no-name town that was held in contempt. Zechariah was a priest with an important background. Mary was a "nobody." She was a teenager, a virgin from an insignificant family.

God's word came to Mary, and she was troubled by the saying. She was trying to figure out what God was going to do. But notice how she responded when it didn't make sense - she tried to discern it. She meditated on it and wrestled with it. What do you do when you read God's word, and it doesn't make sense?

One minute Mary was planning a wedding and the next minute her life was changed. She would have to deal with the rumors and questions of her pregnancy. How would she explain this to her family, to Joseph, or to the neighbors? Mary had to wrestle with God's word. It wasn't the plan that she had for her life.

God's word would also challenge the entire nation of Israel. What they expected of the Messiah was different than what they would see. God promised David offspring whose kingdom would never end. ([2 Samuel 7](#)) Isaiah foretold of the coming Messiah in [Isaiah 9:6-7](#), promising a king whose reign would never end. The people of Israel expected a King who would reign with justice, in peace, and with mercy and free them from the rule of the Roman Empire. In Jesus' day, they were essentially slaves. The Israelites assumed that their biggest problem was the Roman Empire; they expected a king with military might from a royal family.

However, God had a different plan. The King came quietly, modestly to an unexpected girl, in an unexpected town, to an unexpecting world. Both Mary and Israel had a decision to make. Would they let God's word challenge their desires or recalibrate their hopes? Or would they be blind to the coming of the Messiah? The nation of Israel thought Jesus was a threat to them, so they killed Him.

What about you? Life can and often does take an unexpected turn. In a moment, life doesn't look like you thought it would look. What do you do? Do you delay your decision to trust God's word because there are

other things that appeal to you? After you've tried these things, is it your plan to submit to Him? What do you do when God's word challenges you and your desires? Do you recognize that God's word and His plan are better for you than yours? Are you far too easily pleased by the things that the world has to offer?

Mary became the mother of Jesus - the Son of God. She let God's word challenge her, and down through the ages, people would call her blessed. If you let God's word recalibrate your own idea of greatness, you will see Jesus as great and infinitely better than anything this world has to offer. He is the King who will fix the eternal problem of your sin.

Sometimes adjusting your plans is difficult because those plans have become an idol. The roots of an idol can go deep. Pulling it out will bring chunks of our heart with it. When you turn from the idol to God, you will find something much better - life, joy, peace. Can you trust God with your future?

## **2. Read Vs. 34 - 38**

Mary asked the angel how she would conceive since she was a virgin. Her question was not a question of doubt but one of clarification. The angel explained. ([vs. 35](#)) The emphasis here is on the creative power of God. ([Genesis 1](#)) God spoke the world into existence. Luke is not saying that God created Jesus. The Holy Spirit is bringing about the incarnation of Jesus who was fully God and fully man - the uncreated Son of God. Luke writes this so that we may be certain that our God does the impossible.

Are you tempted to gloss over this? Have you read it or heard it so many times that you don't see the magnificence of it? Take the time to sit in amazement over the incredible. When we face something impossible, we must remember that NOTHING is impossible with God. Why? The King is come. He is mighty to save. The blood of Christ cleanses from ALL sin. There is no difficulty too overcome. In faith, you can rest because God is OMNIPOTENT!

You must remember that sin is your greatest problem. It leads to death. Jesus came to call sinners to repentance. Are you suffering under the shame of sin and guilt? Do you hear the invitation of Jesus to come? ([Matthew 11:28](#)) He gives rest to the sinner. Don't put it off. Turn from your sin, and trust in Christ.

Mary found favor with God. She didn't need to fear. Favor is God's grace. God chose Mary because of His grace and not because of who she was or anything that she did. God was **for** her - who could be against her. God's grace set her free to surrender herself to Him. God can do the same thing for you. Mary trusted and obeyed. ([Vs. 38](#))

It's tempting for you to want to know what will happen in the future. You want to be in control. It's okay to make plans, but you shouldn't be so preoccupied with those future plans that you don't obey God today. God wants you to trust Him daily. What does it mean to obey God today? You have God's word. You need to read the Bible, search the scriptures, seek Godly council, meditate on God's word. Ask Him what it means for you to obey today and do that. Trust and obey.

### **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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| Next week's sermon text: <a href="#">Luke 1:39-56</a> "My Soul Magnifies the Lord" |
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## Family Guide for week of November 2nd, 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 4:28-33

Day 2 – Daniel 4:34-37

Day 3 – Daniel 5:1-12

Day 4 – Daniel 5:13-30

Day 5 – Daniel 6:1-13

\*Read **Luke 1:39-56** in preparation for church on Sunday, November 9, 2025

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 33 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you trust in Him in all situations today.

### **Sing together**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God " – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

### **Memory verses for the month**

**Psalms 145:9** "The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all He has made."

**Luke 1:37** "For nothing will be impossible with God. "

### **Catechism question for the week<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Question 16: What is sin?**

**Answer:** Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created and not being or doing what he requires in his law.

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