

Sunday Morning Worship

November 23, 2025



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Order of Worship

November 23, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

King's Kids Choir:
Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — Psalm 107:1-3

Song — Bless the Lord Medley
Song — Happy in Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Scripture Reading — Isaiah 12:1-6

Song — Rejoice

Prayer of Thanks

Worship Through Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Message — Zach Schlegel
“Give Thanks... When?”
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Song — Jesus, Thank You

Benediction

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 107:1-3 (ESV)

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Bless the Lord Medley

Andrae Crouch | Esther Watanabe | Jason Brown

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord:

I will bless Thee, O Lord!
I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With a heart of thanksgiving,
I will bless Thee, O Lord!

With my hands lifted up,
And my mouth filled with praise
With a heart of thanksgiving,
I will bless Thee, O Lord!

Bless the Lord:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

He has done great things,
He has done great things,
He has done great things,
Bless his holy name

Happy in Jesus

Eric McAllister

Verses 1&2:

Are you happy in Jesus?
Does the news leave you thrilled —
That He carried the burden of sin
That we rightly deserved to feel?
Would you rather have Jesus
Than the praises of kings —
for you rest in the sweet commendation
of knowing you've been redeemed?

Chorus:

Happy in Jesus!
Forgiven and free —
He means more than this
Whole wide world to me;
Wonderful Jesus
The One that I call
My life, my peace, my joy
My all in all!

Verses 3&4:

When temptation is calling
Do you flee to His side —
As the pleasure of sin is eclipsed
By the beauty of Jesus Christ?
Have you made Him your treasure?
Have you counted the cost —
And consider the life that He offers
Is worth any early loss?

Bridge:

Grace to cover all my sin
My life made new in Him
I'm happy in the Lord
Peace to ease my anxious mind
Upheld by love divine
I'm happy in the Lord

Verse 5:

Do you long for His presence
Just to be where He dwells
For a day with the Savior is better
Than thousands anywhere else
Hope invincible and sure
Is mine forevermore
I'm happy in the Lord
God and heaven are my own
My Father and my home
I'm happy in the Lord

Responsive Scripture Reading — Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV)

¹ You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

² “Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of
salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done glori-
ously;

let this be made known in all the earth.
⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Rejoice

Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty

Verse 1:

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

Chorus:

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

Verse 2:

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

Verse 3:

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

Sermon Notes

“Give Thanks... When?” :: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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# Jesus, Thank You

Pat Sczebel

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Verse 1:

The mystery of the cross
I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Chorus:

Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy
Now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You

Verse 2:

By Your perfect sacrifice
I've been brought near
Your enemy, You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of
Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Bridge:

Lover of my soul
I want to live for You

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, November 23

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
6:00 PM Thanksgiving Prayer and
Dessert Fellowship

Monday, November 24

Tuesday, November 25

Wednesday, November 26

Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Day)

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30

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

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

TODAY, 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 23

Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as an inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul in Colossians 1:9a-10:

“9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you...

10 to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:

bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;”

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

Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:

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

Prayer items outside our church:

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

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

Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray 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, Henderson Family (death of Anne Sasscer), Family of Lucie Lowe (died Nov 15), Katie Schlegel (death of grandmother), Family of Melissa Thomas-Wicks (died Oct 29), Bonnie Trott, Latasha Wilson

(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.*

Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Ministry has a mission to see young adults grow and develop as disciples of Jesus Christ. The ministry consists of Christian adults ages 18 - 35 who will gather at least once a month or a minimum of 12 times a year. Coming together on purpose to pour into the lives of one another. Scripture tells us that Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, observe and apply His teaching. Pastor Zach Schlegel has encouraged the leaders of the Young Adult Ministry to follow Christ’s example through gatherings with mature believers that the young adults may explore how a life richly immersed in God’s word transforms into the desire to seek Christ likeness.

This was at the heart of why Treonte (Trey) Fields and Manase Langi united to serve in this ministry. In fact, Trey shared his personal story, that when the Lord saved him, he did not have a spiritual mentor that could understand the pressures confronting young adults. Although he was able to learn from mature Christians, he also felt that there was a need to have someone that was in the same status in life, dealing with the same struggles that confronted him as a young adult. Proverbs 27:17– Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. When Pastor Zach presented the opportunity to Trey, he felt it was blessing to be able to encourage the young adults and point them to a community of people who were experiencing the very same things in life.



The first step of the plan was to get to know one another. Gathering to introduce members to one another, to share a little about themselves and learn about their spiritual areas of interest. Time is invested sharing experiences with one another and praying for one another. This ministry hopes to promote developing relationships that will lead to members reaching out to one another, if only to share an encouraging word or praying for one another. The goal is to lead them to strengthen one another as ‘irons sharpens iron.’

Ministry Spotlight

The foundation of this ministry is to encourage young adults to know God through exploring His word, praying through good times and challenging ones, and meditating on scripture daily. Habitually, digging deeper into the Word will develop an unshakable faith and relationship with God. This will help each member to grow and seek to serve the body of Christ in different ways.

Gatherings are an essential part of our growth in the Young Adult Ministry. Gatherings are opportunities to have fellowship with members of the ministry and some of our mature Christian church members around a comforting meal and just spending time sharing. There is always something inspiring about hearing how God has impacted a person's life. Some of the benefits of the gatherings includes, kindling new relationships, the ability to gain understanding and witness how God impacts many lives for His glory. Sharing a testimony impacts both the listener and the speaker because for the listener learns and the speaker is reminded about a special event in their lives which testifies about God's impact in their life.



The Young Adult Ministry requests your prayers that they will continue to stay focused on helping young adults grow as disciples, pray for other young adults in the church to join this group so that they may develop strengthening relationships. Pray for our hosts as they consider opening up their homes to share a time of fellowship. Pray also that we will continue to honor God with our service to Him.

Next week we will hear from one of the hosts of the gathering and the impact fellowshiping with the Young Adult Ministry had on them. We may also have a testimony from a member of the Young Adult Ministry.



Announcements

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**1. Thanksgiving Prayer and Dessert Fellowship :: TODAY, Nov 23, at 6pm.** Join us for this special prayer meeting as we dedicate our time of prayer to giving thanks to God for His many blessings. Afterward, stay and enjoy a time of fellowship with one another over dessert and a warm beverage. The church will provide drinks. We ask that each family bring a dessert to share that is ready to serve.

**2. Advent Resources for Families.** As we approach the season of advent, our Children's Ministry would like to provide every family with a resource to help your family focus on the reason for the season. The Christmas Promise Advent Calendar and Family Devotional is available as a gift to families with children ages 3 - 11. Please see Pam Jensen at the Welcome Desk to get your free copy.

**3. Ladies' Christmas Tea.** On Saturday, December 6th, FBCUM will host a Ladies' Christmas Tea from 11:00AM-12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. 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. See Camille Hawit in the Fellowship Hall for information and invitations after the service.

**4. New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults Begin Dec 7.** See insert for class descriptions and info.

**5. Young Adults to CrossCon :: January 5-7.** The Young Adults are planning a trip to CrossCon in Louisville, KY, on January 5-7. If you're interested in joining call or text Tre Fields (301-357-2675). Visit [www.crosscon.com](http://www.crosscon.com) to learn more about the conference.

**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.

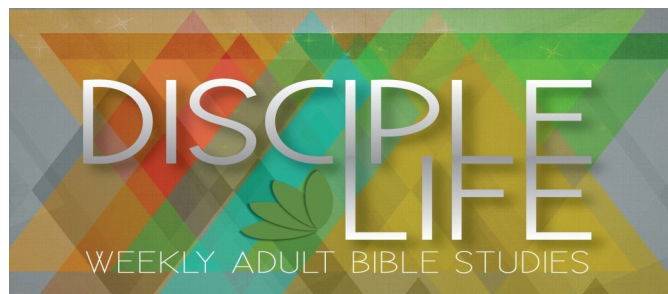


Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.



## **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.



## **Winter 2025-26 (Dec. - Feb.) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:**

**BEGINNING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 9AM**

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

### **Explore the Bible – Matthew Chapters 1-13:**

For Christ followers, we have no greater example than what we see in the life of Jesus. By listening to His words and watching His actions, we learn the do's and don'ts of living out our faith. As you study Matthew 1–13, you'll get a firsthand account of what it's like to walk with Jesus each day—and learn what it means to become a citizen of God's kingdom. (Books available in room 117/118 starting Sunday, 11/23.)

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

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

### **Elective Class — How People Change (Coed):**

"How People Change" is a video-based seminar that helps participants understand the motivations behind their actions and provides a biblical framework for changing long-standing patterns by focusing on the gospel of Jesus Christ and the importance of the cross. Join us as long-time pastors and biblical counselors, Paul David Tripp and Tim Lane, explain how understanding Christ's life, death, and resurrection help lead to lasting personal and behavioral change.

- **Room 114 :: Teachers - Mike Rogers and Zak Kergel**

### **Elective Class — Discover Stewardship (Young Adult Coed):**

This class invites you to explore how our money, time, health, and skills can be used for God's glory. Together, we'll move beyond the false promises of the "prosperity gospel" and embrace the joyful truth that God owns everything, and we are His stewards. This isn't about more rules. It's about discovering how every part of life, what we say, what we do, how we spend, can be done in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Col. 3:17) Join us as we uncover what Scripture says about living purposefully and joyfully as stewards of all God has entrusted to us.

- **Room 112 :: Teachers - Tyrone Moorehead and TBD**

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





# Christmas Preparations

[1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)

**"Give Thanks...When?"** – November 23, 2025



## Introduction

If you had a choice to spend an entire day with someone who is a grumbler or complainer or someone who is marked by thankfulness, 10 out of 10 times you would choose the thankful person. Gratitude is more than politeness; it is a matter of life and death.

After God's deliverance and blessing to the children of Israel, they complained about many things including the possibility of conquering the land based on the report of the 10 spies. They thought it would be better to go back to slavery in Egypt. This complaining spirit threatened to derail them and deluded their minds to think that slavery would be better.

Thanksgiving is not just something that we do once a year. For the Christian, thanksgiving is something that you are called to do all of the time, in all circumstances. You may tend to think of complaining as benign because everyone does it. Yet complaining about God amounts to a rejection of God. In your pride, you think you can do something better. You honor God as you express thanks. It shows trust in God even in difficult times. How can you stand firm in your faith and not get derailed by complaining?

Paul wrote this letter to the church in Thessalonica to strengthen them and encourage them so that their faith in the midst of affliction is not derailed. He gave them three tools or weapons.

## Sermon Outline

1. Rejoice always. Vs. 16
2. Give thanks. Vs. 18
3. Pray without ceasing. Vs. 17

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 16

The tricky part here is the "always" part. Do you find it hard to rejoice when life is hard? There will be times when you will grieve, but not like the world. You will grieve with unshakable hope. ([1 Thessalonians 4:13](#)) You can grieve with real tears and still have real joy with hope at the same time. Can you identify with that? Christian joy is more than the emotion of happiness. It is an abiding contentment regardless of the circumstances.

Joy-filled contentment equips you to stand against temptation. You are not tempted to follow the things of the world if you are content with God. Are you wrestling with discontentment? Like Paul, you can learn that God is enough. ([Philippians 4:11](#))

### 2. Read Vs. 18

To be able to apply this verse you should ask, "When," "Why," and How.

First, **when** do you give thanks? You give thanks in all circumstances. You can learn to give thanks. On the elementary school level, you give thanks for the provision of our material needs - food, shelter, employment, etc. When God provides these things, it is natural to give thanks. As you move on and grow, you can give thanks for people. People can be difficult and can also be taken for granted. Kids, will you take time this week to give thanks to your mom, dad, teacher? Be specific, thanking them for all the specific things they do for you. Men, thank God, out loud, for your wives and to your wives and wives likewise to your husbands. We should thank our deacons, our nursery workers, our ushers, musicians, etc. Take some time to thank anyone who serves you in some way outside the church - store clerks, the mailman, etc. Will you commit to lean into the awkwardness and say, "Thank you." Prideful people do not say "thank you." Finally, the "graduate" level of gratitude is giving thanks in affliction and sorrow. What are some of the things for which you are thankful? Are you thankful even in affliction?

Second, **why** do you give thanks? You give thanks because it is the will of God. You may often ask and think about what God's will for your life is - but here it is. It is an expression of your trust in a God who is writing your story and the story of history. Even though it hurts and you don't understand it, you can give thanks. Paul told the

Thessalonians twice in this letter what the will of God is. In [1 Thessalonians 4:3](#), Paul instructed the church to abstain from sexual immorality. Do these two instances relate? Yes! Following the world's views and actions regarding sexual activity reveals a dissatisfaction in your heart. When you look at all that God has given to you and done for you, you will cultivate gratitude. You will not look elsewhere for satisfaction. You will be grateful and satisfied with what God has provided. Do you struggle with finding satisfaction? Do you look for it in the world or in Christ?

Third, **how** do we give thanks? That is the million dollar question! You are now in Christ! There was a time when you were outside of His promises and covenants because of your sin. By grace alone through faith alone, you have been brought in. Jesus rules over everything - big things, little things, good things and even bad/tragic things. ([Ephesians 1:11](#)) God is in control. He is sovereign. His providence is His sovereignty aimed at your good. Everything that comes into your life is from His Fatherly hand. He is committed to the good of His children. Trusting God's providence, even when life is bitter, is expressed in giving thanks. If there is a righteous way to get rid of discomfort, you should do it. Jesus modeled this in the garden with His honest prayer - if it is possible for this cup to pass, let it pass - but He was willing to do God's will. Are you willing to trust God in the trial? Sinful shortcuts make things worse!

Gratitude expresses your joyful commitment to God. You have to know and believe that God is good and sovereign. You can see His goodness and sovereignty at the cross - Jesus' body broken for you. At the Last supper, Jesus offered thanks to God for the bread and the cup, knowing exactly what they meant. Jesus knew His Father was good, that is why He could give thanks. ([Hebrews 12:2](#))

You can learn about how to give thanks in all circumstances from other Christians. Paul modeled it in [1 Thessalonians 3:9-10](#). Have you ever noticed how complaining and grumbling is a lot like a virus? It is contagious. Thanksgiving is ALSO contagious. Have you spent time with someone who is genuinely grateful and giving thanks? How did that impact you?

Are you looking for something to be thankful about? Give thanks for Jesus, birth, life, death, and resurrection. Give thanks for His saving grace, mercy and forgiveness. Give thanks for God's plan of salvation. In your sin and rejection of God, you deserve death. Yet God in His love and mercy did not give up on His people. Don't let pride keep you from coming to Jesus.

### 3. Read Vs. 17

To rejoice always and to give thanks in everything are impossible commands. How do you do it? You go in humility to God in prayer. He will give grace. Only God can work the miracle in you. You go to God the Father through Jesus, in the Spirit, and you pray without ceasing. God is faithful to complete the good work in you to bring you all the way home to Heaven.

#### Prayer of Response

- 1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?
- 2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe*, *desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at.

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> <a href="#">Isaiah 42:1-9</a> "A Bruised Reed He Will Not Break" |
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## Family Guide for week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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



### Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc.)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [The Big Picture Story Bible](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home](#).

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

Day 1 – Matthew 3:1-12

Day 2 – Matthew 3:13-17

Day 3 – Matthew 4:1-11

Day 4 – Matthew 4:12-17

Day 5 – Matthew 4:18-22

\*Read **Isaiah 42:1-9** in preparation for church on Sunday, November 30, 2025

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 36 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Take a moment to confess sin. It could be getting angry at a sibling, lying or disobeying your parents, or other ways you've failed to do what God has asked you to do. Ask God to help you turn away from those sins and walk with Him.

Thank God for His patience and grace, even when we fail.

### **Sing together**

"Rejoice in the Lord " – 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 that He has made."

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

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

**Question 19:** *Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?*

**Answer:** *Yes, God reconciles us to himself by a Redeemer.*

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