

# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

***January 11, 2026***



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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 29:1-2 (ESV)

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- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

## You Have Called Us

Mike Rogers

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### **Verse 1:**

Our broken hearts we bring  
With humble words we sing  
Of how You took our place  
Sin's debt forever paid  
You set us free  
Your praises we will sing

### **Chorus:**

You have called us, Lord  
Saved us by Your grace  
As we honor You  
The angels watch and praise  
You will sustain us, Lord  
And guide us in Your ways  
Until You bring us home  
To see You face to face

### **Verse 2:**

Reveal now as we sing  
Those things to which we cling  
Remind us of the cross  
Your blood has washed us clean  
You set us free  
Your praises we will sing

### **Bridge:**

Because of You we sing  
We sing in unity  
We lift our praise to you  
We sing of grace so sweet

# Lord, Keep Me Day by Day

Eddie Williams

## Verse 1:

Lord, keep me day by day  
In a pure a perfect way  
I want to live, I want to live on  
In a building not made by hand

## Verse 2:

Lord, keep my body strong  
So that I can press on  
Lord, give me grace  
Just to run - this Christian race  
To a building not made by hand

## Verse 3:

I'm just a stranger here  
Traveling through this barren land  
Lord, I know, There's a building,  
A building somewhere  
A building not made by hand

## Scripture Reading — Isaiah 52:7-12 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of  
happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup> The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their  
voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>11</sup> Depart, depart, go out from there;  
touch no unclean thing;  
go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves,  
you who bear the vessels of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall not go out in haste,  
and you shall not go in flight,  
for the LORD will go before you,  
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

# Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook

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## **Verse 1:**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

## **Verse 3:**

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

## **Verse 2:**

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

## **Sermon Notes**

### **“Jesus at the Temple” :: Luke 2:21-52**

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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm | William Runyan | John Piper

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## **Verse 1:**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

## **Chorus:**

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

## **Verse 2:**

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling  
Covenant promises fell not to me.  
Then without warning, desire or deserving,  
I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.

## **Verse 3:**

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,  
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;  
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me,  
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.

## **Verse 4:**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

## **This Week at First Baptist Church**

### **Sunday, January 11**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Night

### **Monday, January 12**

### **Tuesday, January 13**

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

### **Wednesday, January 14**

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir  
6:30 PM Elder-led Bible Study (1 Cor)  
AWANA  
Choir / Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, January 15**

### **Friday, January 16**

### **Saturday, January 17**

### **Sunday, January 18**

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**

### **Wednesday, January 14**

Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule Resumes (AWANA, Bible Study, Choirs)

### **Sunday, January 18**

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, January 24**

10am — Ladies Morning Fellowship for Life

### **Saturday, February 7**

9am — Service to Celebration Event

### **Friday, February 27—March 1**

Youth Winter Retreat



# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of January 11

### **Prayer of the week:**

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Hebrews 13:20-21 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're a church member praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to use as you pray for your church family this week.

*<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace... <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will,  
working in [you] that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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 the new members recently brought into our church family; Tanner Bradbury, Lisa VanGee, Will Shugart, Jamie Shugart, Grace Osilesi, Jamon Dick, Jacob Foster, and Jack Janes. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42).
- Praise God for the recent baptisms of our brothers, Jamon Dick, Tanner Bradbury, Jacob Foster, and Jack Janes. May God continue his work of sanctification in their lives and help us as a church family to walk along with him. (Rom 6:4)
- Pray that God would help us face the new year with the hope that the gospel provides and with an attitude that gives glory to God in all things. (Rom. 11:36)
- Pray that we would honor God in how we use technology (smartphone, computers, etc): to have self-control, to use it to grow in Christ and not sin, and prioritize its use according to godly wisdom for our relationships. (Prov. 25:28; Rom 13:14)
- Pray for those in our church family who are suffering through illness. Pray their faith would be strengthened and they would hope in Christ in the midst of suffering (Lk. 22:32; 3 Jn 2)
- Pray that our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray that we would live and interact with one another in a way that reveals God's steadfast love and mercy to the world. 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. (Gal. 6:9; John 13:34-35)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Tony Edwards (Death of Father), Jim and Pat Ernster, Marjorie Griffin, JoAnne Proctor, Bonnie Trott**

(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

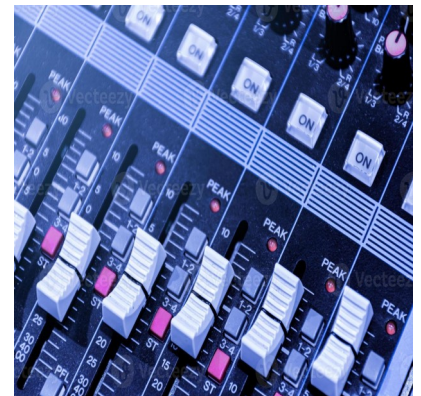
“Ministry Spotlight” is meant to bring to your attention active church ministries and programs at FBC Upper Marlboro. We hope that each month you will pray for all those serving and consider how you may support their efforts. *You may notify us if you would like to learn more about the ministries at 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.*

## Audio/Visual Ministry

**Mosi Winder :: Deacon of A/V Ministry**

The Audio/Visual Ministry Team helps facilitate the sharing of the gospel, the gathering of the saints and fellowship with one another, all for the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by providing A/V support to the church.

Imagine the sound in our sanctuary without the assistance of microphones. Think about the convenience of having lyrics, scriptures and other video supports projected to encourage congregational participation. The Sunday morning worship service is also livestreamed to YouTube which enables those unable to attend in person to benefit from being able to hear the songs of praise and the Word of God being preached. We also provide closed circuit TV access for those needing to sit in our comfort rooms.



We have been so blessed through the professionalism of our A/V ministry team that we always expect to have a cohesive service. However, our worship experience would be very different if this dedicated team of volunteers did not show up early with a heart to glorify Christ each Sunday and obediently perform the necessary equipment checks to ensure that everything is working properly.

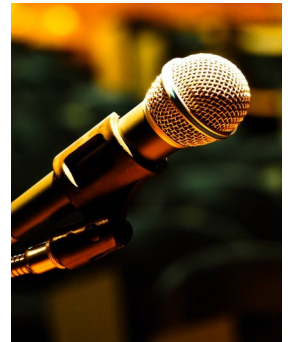
This brief description gives you a small glimpse of what it takes to be a member of this dynamic team.

## Ministry Spotlight

We greatly appreciate and are blessed to have such a dedicated A/V ministry team serve this congregation each week.

In order to have a synchronized team working, it takes a leader that is dedicated to the Lord and is able to communicate well with his team and equip them with the knowledge and training to achieve their tasks.

Potential team members will be trained to use all of the equipment and this includes the sound-board, lights, microphones, computer, cameras, YouTube livestream and monitoring, projectors and software. Techniques will be taught. Practice, practice, practice, is so important to develop a rhythm when following the lyrics and focused listening to a speaker's prompts to cue images that may enhance the speaker's presentation. The team has an opportunity to practice with during Choir and Band rehearsals and you may be able to shadow team members from time to time. We seek faithful members that are willing and able to commit to arrive early to do the necessary equipment checks before events begin.



Those interested in joining our team, do not need prior experience, just a willingness to serve. This ministry would like to maintain 8 –12 people to serve on a rotating basis. **If you are interested in serving on the Audio/Visual Ministry, please contact the Deacon of the A/V Ministry, Mosi Winder.**

# Announcements

**1. Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Resume on January 14.** Our regular Wednesday evening activities (King's Kids Choir, AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study in 1 Corinthians, Adult Choir & Band Rehearsals) will resume this Wednesday evening, January 14. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**2. Interested in Church Membership? Attend Starting Point :: January 18 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. Ladies Morning Fellowship for Life :: Jan 24th :: 10-11:30am.** Ladies, please join us as we gather to fellowship, pray, and learn about the life affirming work that's being done at Wellspring Life Ministry. With the Gospel as their foundation, Wellspring Life Ministry has been serving Annapolis, Bowie Crofton, Severna Park, and the surrounding communities since 1982 providing free medical services, options counseling, education, and community referrals to women and families. Attendees are asked to bring 1/2 dozen muffins or other pastry to share. Questions? Contact Trish Crandell.

**4. "From Service to Celebration" Event :: February 7 :: 9AM.** You're invited to join us for a morning of celebration and vision as we reflect on God's blessings and look ahead to exciting things in 2026. See the bulletin insert for more information. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

**5. 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.

# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 2:8-20](#)

“Jesus at the Temple”— January 11, 2026



## Introduction

At Christmas, we celebrate the incarnation - the Son of God taking on flesh. This doesn't suggest that Jesus stopped being God. It was the two natures in one person - a mystery. Jesus became fully man while remaining fully God. If you traveled back to the first century, you probably wouldn't recognize Him. He looked like every other person. His deity was veiled in His humanity which was a stumbling block to belief. People didn't understand; they were offended.

In the same way and over time, it is easy for all of us to lose sight of Jesus' true identity and the difference His being God can make. How can you avoid losing sight of the wonder of the incarnation? Jesus is God in the flesh. In the rest of chapter two, you see three snapshots of Jesus.

## Sermon Outline

1. Remember, Jesus' parents lived by the book. Vs. 21-24
2. Remember what reliable witnesses confirmed. Vs. 25-39
3. Believe what Jesus reveals about Himself. Vs. 40-52

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 21-24

Jesus grew up in a godly home. Joseph and Mary could have named Him anything, but they didn't. They named Him Jesus in obedience to God's command. If someone tells you that God told them something, it must be consistent with God's word. If it isn't, then God didn't tell them. Jesus' parents lived by the book. God's law prescribed that Jesus be circumcised on the 8th day, that an offering be made at the temple, and what the specific offering was. Christ was born under the law. ([Galatians 4:4](#)) He was subject to all the regulations of the Mosaic law. In following the Law, Jesus was identifying with His people - the Israelites.

At the time of Jesus' birth, the Israelites were living in exile under Roman rule. This is important. God was showing us that He came, not as a stranger to our suffering. He came as a man, under the Law as an Israelite to rescue those in need. Rome was not Israel's biggest problem. Sin was their biggest problem. The law acts as a mirror to expose that. Reading the law can hurt. When Jesus reads the law, it reveals the Savior. He came to redeem those under the law. Remember the purpose of the book of Luke? He wrote this to help us to be certain about Jesus. So, how can we be certain that this is true?

### 2. Read Vs. 25-39

The focus now is on Simeon and Anna. When they are introduced to us, Luke starts with their credentials. Simeon was a godly man who had faith. He trusted God to keep His promise. He knew and believed that consolation was coming. The Holy Spirit was at work in his life. Anna was a wonderful godly woman, devoted to God. She was a godly senior saint, devout in prayer, and had a crucial role in the assembly of God's people. These are reliable messengers.

The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon that before he died, he would see the Christ. We don't know how long he waited. Can you imagine Simeon going to the temple day after day with this anticipation? How would you act if you were in Simeon's shoes? How would you feel if you had to wait? Would you doubt God's faithfulness? When he saw Jesus, he knew!! The Spirit of God confirmed it. He was overjoyed and at peace. What about you? Waiting is hard. Can you say, "come what may, I'm at peace?"

The people were waiting for consolation. This means that they were hurting and in pain. What about you? What are you waiting for? Are you discouraged? Are you tempted to think that God has forgotten you? Trusting God in a fallen world involves waiting. By faith, lay hold to an unseen Savior and rest in the promises of and unseen God. Simeon is a reminder that no one who waits on God will be put to shame. Look to God and wait on Him. He is faithful and will keep His promises.

Jesus is the Savior for ALL people. He was to be a light to the Gentiles. Jesus is THE Savior - the ONLY Savior for ALL. But this doesn't mean that everyone is automatically saved. Simeon turned to Mary with a prophecy of what Jesus came to do. The child that He held in his arms was the Light of the world. When you turn the light on, things are exposed. Jesus reveals the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Do you like to have your sin exposed? Do



you like being told, “no?” Jesus would be hated, rejected, mocked and killed. That is the sword that would pierce Mary’s heart.

There are people who know that they are opposed to God, but there are many that are indifferent to Him. They know about Jesus but have more important things that they focus on. Jesus was appointed to the rise and fall of many. There is no neutral ground. You either reject Him and fall, or you trust Him and rise to eternal life. Where do you stand? How have you responded to Jesus? The default posture of every person is to be opposed to God. We want to do what we want. We sin. Jesus sheds the light on your sin to show you that you need Him. He bore the righteous wrath of God on the cross. In exchange, those who believe are given His righteous robes. This is how much He loves you. On the third day, He rose to show that the work was complete. Where do you stand with God? Turn from your sin and self-reliance. Trust in Christ.

One of the marks of new life in Christ is gratitude. Have you ever noticed that the older you get, the grumpier you become? Notice Anna. She is old - a senior saint. She doesn’t complain but is filled with gratitude. The opposite of gratitude is grumbling which can blind you to the truth about God. You can become self-centered. When you are thankful, your focus is on God. No matter how difficult your circumstances, if you are a Christian, you have reason to give thanks. Giving thanks is contagious.

Anna also spoke of Jesus to ALL. Everywhere she went, she told people about Jesus. She was an evangelist. She saw the redemption of Israel, and she couldn’t stop talking about Him. She had been waiting - now He was here. Knowing Jesus should make all of us relentless evangelists. We are all called to GO and make disciples.

### **3. Read Vs. 40-52**

Notice the structure of the section - it has bookends. [Verse 40](#) and [verse 52](#) refer to Jesus growing. He grew up physically, relationally, emotionally, and intellectually. Think about that for a moment - Jesus, the eternal Son of God - learned. He is simultaneously omniscient, but at the same time learning to read, count, etc.

Here 12 years have passed. Jesus and His family got to the temple to celebrate the Passover. Can you imagine Jesus watching all of this - the Passover lamb being sacrificed? It was all about Him. He is the Lamb of God coming to take away the sins of the world.

After the feast, they are returning to Nazareth and have left Jesus behind. When they realize it, they rush back to Jerusalem. After three days, they find Him in the temple. Mary must have been frantic. When she found Him, she scolded Him. Remember, Jesus never sinned, even in this event. He was here, at the temple, showing His knowledge in the word of God. Then, we have Jesus’ first recorded words as He referred to His heavenly Father. No other Old Testament character referred to the temple as their father’s house. What Jesus was saying was significant. The statement was a proclamation of His true identity. He is the Son of God. He was committed to doing His Father’s will. Jesus was reminding Joseph and Mary that His duty and primary allegiance was to God.

They didn’t understand. They were puzzled. Why? After all those years, all of the things that had occurred surrounding the birth of Jesus had become vague. Can you relate to that? Is the sense of God vague to you? How did Jesus come to know who He was? It was by God’s word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. How can you come to know who Jesus is? The same way!

God’s word is brought into your life in many ways. Godly parenting is just one of the ways. Gathering together with other believers is another typical means of grace for you to come to the knowledge of Jesus. Be faithful to come together. Read your Bible throughout the week. Pray that God, by His Spirit, gives you understanding of His world and helps you to walk in obedience to Him.

### **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="#">Luke 3:1-22</a> “Bearing Fruit with Repentance” |
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## Family Guide for week of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*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 8:1-13

Day 2 – Matthew 8:14-22

Day 3 – Matthew 8:23-27

Day 4 – Matthew 8:28-34

Day 5 – Matthew 9:1-8

\*Read Luke 3:1-22 in preparation for church on Sunday, January 18, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 1 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you feel His presence today, and Thank God for sending His Spirit to all who trust in Jesus.

## **Sing together**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Isaiah 25:9** *"It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'"*

(For families with younger children)

**Isaiah 25:9b** *"This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*

**Luke 2:52** *"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."*

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

**Question 25: What else does Christ's death redeem?**

**Answer:** Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good..

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