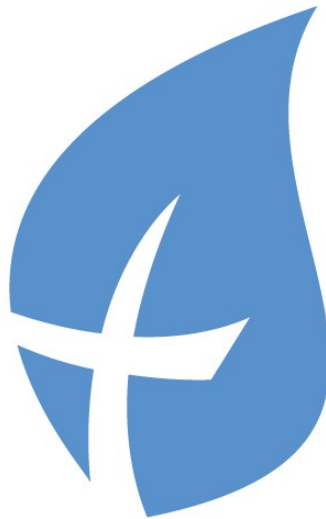


Sunday Morning Worship

February 1, 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 — Romans 6:1-4 (ESV)

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff | Jason Brown

Verse 1:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

Verse 2:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

Verse 3:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

My Victory

David Crowder | Ed Cash

Verse 1:

You came for criminals
and ev'ry Pharisee
You came for hypocrites
even one like me
You carried sin and shame,
the guilt of ev'ry man
The weight of all I've done
nailed into Your hands

Chorus:

Oh Your love bled for me
Oh Your blood in crimson streams
Oh Your death is Hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill is my victory

Verse 2:

Oh Your amazing grace,
I've seen and tasted it
It's running through my veins,
I can't escape its grip
In You my soul is safe,
You cover ev'rything

Bridge:

Behold the Lamb of God
Who takes away our sin
Who takes away our sin
The Holy Lamb of God
Makes us alive again
Makes us alive again

Scripture Reading — Genesis 3:1-7 (ESV)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Jordan Kauflin | Keith Getty | Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Matthew Merker

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## **Verse 1:**

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone!  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand.

## **Chorus:**

O sing, hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing, hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

## **Verse 2:**

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good!  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

## **Verse 3:**

Unto the grave what will we sing?  
Christ He lives, Christ He lives!  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord.  
Then sin and death will be destroyed.  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

## Sermon Notes

### **“Jesus, the Second Adam” :: Luke 3:23-4:13**

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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.

# Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleecher

## Verse 1:

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

## Verse 2:

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

## Verse 3:

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

## Verse 4:

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave Could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes

## 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, February 1

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

### Monday, February 2

### Tuesday, February 3

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

### Wednesday, February 4

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, February 5

### Friday, February 6

### Saturday, February 7

9:00 AM Service to Celebration Event

### Sunday, February 8

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

## Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

### Wednesday, February 4

6:30pm — Church Prayer Meeting

### Saturday, February 7

9am — Service to Celebration Event

### Friday, February 13

12noon-5pm — Red Cross Blood Drive

### Friday, February 27—March 1

Youth Winter Retreat

### Sunday, March 8

Church Members Meeting — immediately following worship service

### Sunday, April 12

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.)

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of February 1

### **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 for good spiritual fruit to come from the Youth Winter Retreat at the end of the month. Continually pray that the students of our church would hear and understand the gospel and be saved. Pray for their families and other faithful Christian adults in the church to faithfully teach and show them how to live out God's commands. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray that God would strengthen and encourage our Deacons and Ministry Team leaders as they work to meet the practical needs of our church family and those in our community (1 Samuel 12:24; Deut. 31:6)
- 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, Cathy Baskins (death of father), Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Kai Dawson-Fischer (death of grandmother), Jim and Pat Ernster, Jaimee Friend (death of mother), Marjorie Griffin, Faris Hawit (death of father), 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.*

### Youth Ministry

**Jason Brown :: Youth Ministry Director**

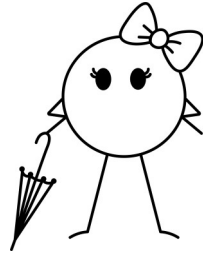
For many, winter weekends are a time for snuggling up by a fire with a good book, the Bible perhaps, and maybe a cup of hot chocolate. However, this is not the case for those that participate as parents, volunteers, or students in the Youth Ministry. This ministry is in hustle mode, it's crunch time. They are preparing for a three-day opportunity to pour into our youth the glory of the Lord. This takes a great deal of planning and a willingness to recognize how important it is to invest in our youth today.

Activities are being created to ensure that the students, aka, 'Marbs' will have the weekend of weekends while being immersed in the Word. Not to over sell it, but I have seen pictures of some of the activities that have been used to demonstrate a concept that speaks to how much God has given of Himself, so that we might truly know Him. However, for those that are not sure or still have questions about Christ, this weekend may be the experience that will answer those questions for them.

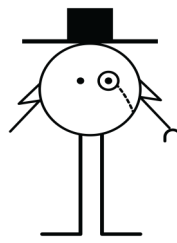
The Youth Winter Retreat, has a theme and is entitled 'Behold the Glory of God,' with 2 Corinthians 3:18 as the key verse. The ministry has secured a date and location for the retreat. Which will be held on Feb. 27 - Mar. 1 at the beautiful Camp Wabanna, located at 101 Likes Road, Edgewater, MD. The invitations and registration forms have been made and sent to students, volunteers and parents. That's right - Parents are invited to join! If parents can get away, it is well worth it! As soon as the registrations and fees have been received the ministry will be able to fully prepare for the number of participants that will be present. Early registrations helps the team to turn their focus on preparation. (The cost is \$225/student and \$125/parent.)

# Ministry Spotlight

## MEET THE MARB'S MASCOTS—Created by our Youth



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### What will happen at the camp?

1. Teaching sessions helping to focus attention on the Lord, BEHOLD! We sing, we pray & we play a bit as we get to know one another.
2. Large group sessions are followed up with small group/team discussions.
3. Relationships will be strengthened through team building and "friendly" competition. There are multiple games within the game that plays out throughout the weekend. Students vs Parents, Students vs Students, Parents vs Parents - and it culminates with a night of fun you will be talking about for a while!
4. There are various fun activities the campus provides from high flying swings and climbs to archery tag and gym games depending on the weather, and enough down time to hang out with friends or make new ones.
5. The rooms are nice and the food is great. *Sleep is over-rated.*

Students are challenged, and are given opportunities to be kids while learning how to lean into the Bible as they develop Christian values. The talent of the leaders to use activities to support biblical concepts are masterful. Students are encourage to recognize their God given abilities and this builds confidence as they learn and seek the Lord.

Leader quote from previous article: *Renata Janes said, "The most rewarding thing in this Ministry is seeing them fall in love with Jesus. When they understand and grasp the love of Jesus, you see their entire person change and that makes all the craziness worth it."*

*How you can help? If you do not have a student attending but would like to support others, please consider donating to the Youth Department, indicating: "Youth Winter Retreat." This is a tremendous way to help families especially those with multiple children attending.*

# Announcements

1. **Church Prayer Meeting — THIS Wednesday, Feb 4, at 6:30pm.** Join us as we gather for a time of praying together, hearing testimony, and encouragement from God's Word. Come early at 5:30 pm to enjoy a simple meal and fellowship.

2. **"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!

3. **Community Blood Drive at FBCUM :: February 13 :: 12noon—5pm.** We have partnered with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive here at FBCUM on Friday, Feb 13, from 12-5pm. You can register to donate by scanning the QR code, contacting our own Gay Laxton or Ben Wagner for a time slot, or simply stopping by during the blood drive hours on Feb 13.



4. **Young Adults (18-34) Let's Connect! — Sunday, February 22 :: 5pm.** You're invited to a relaxed night with food, games, and easy conversation at the Mooreheads' (Pastor Tyrone & Sharon) home on Feb. 22 at 5:00 PM. No agenda—just a chance to exhale after a long week, share some laughs, and feel at home as we connect and get to know each other. Dinner is provided! Please send an RSVP to [tmoorehead@fbcum.org](mailto:tmoorehead@fbcum.org) so we can plan the meal. Friends are always welcome.

5. **Save the Date — Women's Spring Retreat :: March 27-28.** Ladies, save the date for the upcoming spring retreat, March 27-28, at the Solomon's Inn on Solomon's Island, MD. Our own Monica Kergel will be teaching on the important topic of rest. **Registration will open on February 8 and will close on March 16.** The cost of the retreat will be \$75, which includes materials and a buffet lunch on Saturday. This does NOT include lodging. Lodging may be reserved separately at a rate of \$159 (2 queen beds) or \$149 (1 King). You can choose to book a room for yourself, split with friends or commute from home and sleep in your own bed. Looking forward to a wonderful time together!

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.



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## **You're Invited!**

Join us for a **morning of Celebration & Vision:**

- Delicious breakfast
- Celebration: reflecting back and looking ahead to 2026
- Fun activities highlighting our ministry teams
- Discover upcoming service opportunities

**Ministry Leaders:** Take time this week to reach out to your team and invite them to the celebration.

**Want to help serve breakfast?** Contact Pastor Tyrone.

**We can't wait to celebrate with you!**

Scan the QR code below with your mobile device to register online OR fill out the form and drop it in the designated box on the Welcome Desk.

**Yes, I can't wait to attend!**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# in my family/group:** \_\_\_\_\_



# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 3:23-4:13](#)

"Jesus, the Second Adam" – February 1, 2026



## Introduction

There is no end to the concerns that surround us. They may lead you to ask: "Will my marriage make it? Will my depression ever lift? How will my kids turn out? Will I have a job tomorrow? Will I recover?" This doesn't even take into account what is going on in the world: war, crime, housing, the economy and on and on. The world is broken. The root problem of the chaos in the world is a direct result of sin. The sin in our hearts is revealed in our actions. We are born with a sin nature, inclined toward evil. When the world is broken, many look for solutions in the world: politics, science, sports, entertainment, etc. Power and fame look like salvation. While these things, in and of themselves, are not bad, you cannot trust in them for hope and salvation. All mankind is flawed

In Luke chapter three, we see a list of names. This is Jesus' genealogy. These people are long gone, but they have left a legacy. We see familiar names like David, and Abraham that go all the way back to Adam, who was the representative for mankind. Adam sinned, and it was passed down to all. By the time Jesus came, the people were longing for a Savior. A Savior had come – Jesus. ([Luke 2:11](#)) His mission was to seek and save the lost. ([Luke 19:10](#)) The "lost" is **ALL** of mankind. He is the Savior for all who come to Him in repentance and faith.

The Big Idea of Chapter 4 is: Jesus' victory over Satan proves He is qualified to save.

When we look at each of the temptations of Jesus, we need to look at the context. Luke traced Jesus' genealogy back to Adam right before Jesus' temptations. We are meant to read this with the backdrop of the temptation of Adam as well the wandering of the children of Israel in the wilderness. Both Adam, mankind's representative, and the children of Israel, God's chosen people failed. Jesus would not fail. Jesus, the Second Adam, comes as a better representative. Jesus is revealed as the God-Man. He laid aside the rights and privileges of being God, not using those rights and privileges to His advantage. In His humanity, Jesus obeys God and relies on the Holy Spirit to overcome temptation as an example for us. ([Galatians 5:16](#))

## Sermon Outline (From Luke chapter 4)

1. Trusting God for His needs. Vs. 1-4
2. Trusting God in His timing. Vs. 5-8
3. Trusting God for His care. Vs. 9-13

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 1-4

After being in the wilderness for forty days, Jesus was hungry. Remember how God provided the manna for the children of Israel? For forty years, God provided manna to see if they would obey. They grumbled and complained. Jesus' hunger represents any legitimate need that you may have. Satan wanted Jesus to meet His own legitimate need (food) with an illegitimate means. Satan wants you to do the same thing.

Satan starts by questioning whether or not Jesus is really the Son of God. He is; at His baptism, that was proclaimed by God Himself. Satan wanted Jesus to doubt the God's goodness, and he wants you to do the same when you experience needs. This temptation lurks in all of our hearts. You may think that the path God wants you to take is pain free. It will not be. Don't justify sinful shortcuts by thinking that God wants you to be happy. The believer can have joy in the midst of painful circumstances.

Jesus could have turned the stones into bread, but He doesn't. He responds with God's word. Jesus didn't need to prove Himself to Satan. He didn't need to prove Himself to Himself. He knew Who He was; God told Him. ([Luke 3:21-22](#)) God's word to Jesus was enough, and Jesus believed His Father's word. What about you? Do you know who you are in Christ? Do you believe it? You must know and trust what God says about you.

### 2. Read Vs. 5-8

Satan showed Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world - ALL of them. Satan promised Jesus all of this authority and glory. However, the focus here is not just on the offer of authority and power. It is on the immediacy – right away; that moment. However, these things had already been promised to Jesus. ([Psalm 2](#))

At Jesus' baptism, He had already devoted Himself to a different path to identify with mankind so that He could take the punishment for sin. First the cross - then the crown. Satan was offering a shortcut. Jesus knew the cross was coming, but He didn't back down. In love for us and the for the glory of His Father, He walked toward it.

Jesus didn't take anytime to answer Satan. He didn't weigh His options. He didn't see how close He could get to the line without crossing it. He immediately said, "No!" Then He backed it up with scripture. You must remember, temptation is dangerous. When temptation hits, how do you respond? Don't linger. Flee. Run. You have about five seconds to decide before you lose the battle.

Waiting on God is hard. It is especially hard when life is hard. Temptation promises a short cut. To be a Christian means to be a follower of Jesus. If Jesus' path was first the cross, then the crown, that is your path as well. Relief cannot come at the cost of obedience. You are set free from gaining the whole world and lose our soul **now** because you will inherit the world. Hold on. Don't take the bait.

### 3. Read Vs. 9-13

Have there been times when you just knew that God protected you? In this passage, Satan didn't just want to prove that God would protect Jesus; his plan was more diabolical. He wanted Jesus to doubt God's love and tempted Jesus to demand more of God's word. Jesus knew God's word. He didn't need anything else prove God's word and love.

What about you? Do you doubt God's love for you? The Bible is clear. God loves you. If you are in Christ, He is well-pleased with you. You shouldn't base your thoughts about that on your comfort level. What demands are you placing on God before you believe His character? God's word is true. He loves you and is well-pleased with you.

The main application of Luke 4 is that Jesus won a battle against sin and Satan that had already been lost. Remember, the Lord will fight for you. He did fight for you and won! Believe! You must fight against temptation and sin, but you fight from a position of victory already won by Jesus. We fight against sin and temptation now as people loved, forgiven, and justified by God. Trust Him.

What if you are not a Christian? Do you believe that Satan actually exists? He believes in you. He doesn't want you to listen to God's word. He'll let you think you are a good person and that you don't need this. He will distract you. On the day of judgement, you will either be represented by the first Adam who failed, or by the Second Adam who won. Jesus upholds the righteous demands of justice by standing in our place. He lives today to offer representation. Will you trust 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 4:14-30</a> "Dishonor at Home" |
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### 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 11:1-19

Day 2 – Matthew 11:20-24

Day 3 – Matthew 11:25-30

Day 4 – Matthew 12:1-8

Day 5 – Matthew 12:9-14

\*Read Luke 4:14-30 in preparation for church on Sunday, February 8, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 4 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank God for His power and His love.

## **Sing together**

"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

## **Memory verses for the month**

**John 20:31** *"But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and by believing you may have life in his name."*

**Psalms 145:8** *"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."*

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

### **Question 29: How can we be saved?**

**Answer:** Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross.

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