

Sunday Morning Worship

February 15, 2026



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Order of Worship

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Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

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Prayer of Thanks

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“Grace, Envy, and Generosity”

Matthew 20:1-16

Song — Surrender All

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 105:1-3 (ESV)

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

Verse 1:

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening skies with wonders
The earth it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness - All creation
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Verse 2:

You reached into the dust
In love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

Verse 3:

Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Ending:

You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Congregational Scripture Reading — Psalm 100:1-5 (ESV)

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Verse 1:

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

Verse 2:

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

Chorus:

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Verse 3:

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
at the cross

Verse 4:

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

Verse 5:

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid
At the cross

Christ Is All in All

Kristyn Getty | Dwan Hill | Ben Shive

Verse 1:

Sons and daughters of the King, rise up and sing
that Christ is all in all.
Sing the glories of His name, together proclaim
that Christ is all in all.

Chorus:

See how He loves us; children of God!
Now let us love each other.
If He has called us children of God,
That's who we are, His chosen and beloved.

Verse 2:

Brothers, sisters, build upon this cornerstone for
Christ is all in all.
Worship Him with lives renewed, in Spirit and
Truth for Christ is all in all.

Verse 3:

Bound together by His blood, rooted in love
where Christ is all in all.
Standing in one faith, one Lord, one holy accord
where Christ is all in all.

Bridge:

Look at what the Lord has done;
Made us one by the blood of Jesus!
Look at what the Lord has done;
Now we love with the love of Jesus!

Sermon Notes

“Grace, Envy, and Generosity” :: Matthew 20:1-16

Surrender All

Rick Dalmas

Verse 1:

Take all I am Lord and all that I cling to
You are my Savior I owe everything to
Take all the treasures that lie in my storehouse
They cannot follow when I enter Your house

Chorus:

So I surrender all to You
I surrender all

Verse 2:

Take all my cravings for vain recognition
Fleshly indulgence and worldly ambition
I want so much Lord to make You the focus
To serve You in secret and never be noticed

Verse 3:

Take all my hunger for all that's forbidden
Every desire and sin I keep hidden
Search me and know me I want to bring to You
A life that is holy and sanctified through You

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16 (President's Day)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18 (Ash Wednesday)

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

Thursday, February 19

Friday, February 20

Saturday, February 21

6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp (Men)
8:30 AM Titus 2 (Ladies)

Sunday, February 22

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

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Friday, February 27—March 1

Youth Winter Retreat

Wednesday, March 4

6:30pm — Church Prayer Meeting

Sunday, March 8

Church Members Meeting — immediately following worship service

Friday, April 3

7pm — Good Friday Worship

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 15

Prayer of the week:

It's often helpful to pray the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. As you pray for yourself and others this week, consider praying the wisdom of Proverbs 3:5-7:

*⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.*

*⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

*⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.*

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 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 that God would help our church family to radically love others in the way the Bible teaches us to love. Pray that our love would reflect the sacrificial love that God has shown us through Jesus Christ. (Mt 5:43-48; John 13:35)
- 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)
- Pray that God would renew our strength when we're weary and use our weakness to display His power. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Pray that a culture of discipleship, joyful hospitality, and care grows in us as a church family (1 Pt 4:9; Col. 3:16)
- Pray for those in our church family who are going through a significant time of suffering—physically or mentally. Pray for peace. Pray for a keen awareness of God's presence and a desire to draw near to him. Pray for experiences of joy in Christ and in fellowship with church family. (Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 34:18, Ps. 30:1-5)
- 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 Ernster, Jaimee Friend (death of mother), Marjorie Griffin, Faris Hawit (death of father), James Jones Sr. (death of mother), Bonnie Trott, Belinda Vasquez (death of sister)

(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.*

Disaster Relief Ministry

Tanya Joy :: Disaster Relief Ministry Leader



Disaster hits suddenly. The aftermath always brings urgent needs for those effected, which means there is opportunity for ministry. Disaster Relief is a Christian ministry organized through state Baptist conventions like ours (Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware) that seeks to meet those urgent needs through effective preparation, planning, and coordination of volunteers from local Southern Baptist churches.

The Disaster Relief Ministry here at FBCUM engages trained volunteers from our church to provide help, healing, and hope to those affected by disasters within our region (MD/DE), across the nation, and beyond. We work in partnership with the BCM/D and other organizations active in disaster response to do this work effectively.

FBCUM hosts the BCM/D “Laundry Unit.” This unit was built by members of FBCUM to provide support for volunteers and first responders working in the field during a deployment. These pictures give you a look at both the exterior and interior of the Laundry unit, which contains 3 commercial washers and dryers.



Laundry Unit



Laundry Unit

When volunteers go on deployment, there are space limitations so we are encouraged to minimize the amount of clothing we bring. This enables more people to be housed at the local church utilizing the space under your cot for storing your personal belongings. Therefore, having the Laundry Unit at any long term deployment is quite a blessing. After being on assignment for several days working with flood recovery, tarping roofs, chain sawing, and hauling, volunteers welcome both the shower and laundry units as vital to the operation.

Ministry Spotlight

Our Laundry Unit has traveled to several states; Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Vermont, New York and has served many times locally. When we roll out to serve, our unit is manned by volunteers from all over. We provide a complete diagramed operational manual that shares how to equip, transport, and operate the unit. This unit has handled more than 75 loads in one week-long deployment. Also, as volunteers report to pick up their laundry, it becomes a place for fellowship and spiritual encouragement after a physically and spiritually exhausting day.

As a DR volunteer you may serve in any of these areas; Mass Feeding, Chainsaw & Flood Recovery, Laundry, Emergency Communications, Administration, Shower Units and/or the Chaplaincy.

BCM/D Training is coming to First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 9AM. Please see the announcement on the back of this bulletin. Disaster Relief ministry requires that volunteers are 18 years or older, a member of a local BCM/D church, take the Disaster Relief Training class to become certified, and submit to a background check. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please reach out to Tanya Joy.



Mass Feeding Supplies



Clearing Fallen Trees



Mass Feeding Distribution



Feeding Unit Training



A Prayer to Prepare for a Day of Service

Announcements

1. **New Connect Groups for 2026.** A new round of Connect Groups is kicking off for 2026. Take a look at the bulletin insert for group information and how to register. Feel free to contact group leaders for group-specific information and Mike Rogers (mrogers@fbcum.org) with general questions.

2. **Women's Ministry "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign.** As a follow up to the recent "Women's Fellowship for Life" event, all are invited to participate in supporting the Wellspring Life Ministry by taking home a baby bottle to fill with spare change, cash, or check. All proceeds go to Wellspring Life Ministry. To learn more about Wellspring and the Baby Bottle Campaign, see Trish Crandell at the table in foyer. Filled bottles should be returned to Trish no later than Feb 22.

3. **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) 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 so we can plan the meal. Friends are always welcome.

4. **New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults Begin March 1.** See insert for classes and registration info.

5. **Save the Date — Church Members Meeting :: Sunday, March 8.**

6. **Disaster Relief Training :: March 14 at 9am.** FBCUM is hosting Disaster Relief Training for the BCM/D. Training is for first-time volunteers and those needing to update credentials. The training will consist of: Introduction to DR, Feeding Unit, Laundry Unit, and Recovery Unit. Scan or click the QR code to register. Contact Tanya Joy with questions.



7. **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.

8. **Note of Thanks.** The Hawit family would like to express our gratitude for the prayers, love and support shown to our family as we grieve the loss of Faris' father. Your care has been a blessing to each of us during this time.



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.

GROUPS

:: 2026 Connect Groups ::

Connect groups seek to connect participants with others in the church on an ongoing basis. The objectives are threefold: 1) meet together, 2) speak together, and 3) pray together. As participants meet together, leaders will guide discussion around Gospel themes/topics and lead a time of group prayer. We hope these groups will be simple, flexible, and relational. **Please contact the host for group-specific information. Registration information on reverse side.**

Jay and Trish Crandell

Group Information: 3pm // 4th Sunday of each month

Host/Location: Crandell's Home — Shady Side

Contact: Jay: 301-466-7420; jcrandell@aresconsulting.biz

Trish: 410-279-1610; jcrandellfam@gmail.com

Tom and Renata Janes

Group Information: 1pm // Sundays (twice a month after worship)

Host/Location: Janes' Home — Upper Marlboro

Contact: Tom: 202-430-9381; tomwjanes@gmail.com

Renata: 301-659-6974; janes.renata@gmail.com

Tyrone and Sharon Moorehead

Group Information: 2pm // Sunday (once a month)

Host/Location: Moorehead's Home — Huntingtown

Contact: Tyrone: 301-252-5579; tmoorehead@firstbaptistum.com

Sharon: 301-335-4050; sharon.moorehead123@gmail.com

Mike and Crystal Whittaker

Group Information: 6:30pm // 2nd and 4th Thursdays

Host/Location: Whittaker's Home — Cheltenham

Contact: Mike: 301-500-8819; mwhittaker@firstbaptistum.com

Crystal: 301-385-8472; lareewhit@aol.com



Your Name Goes Here! We would love to offer additional groups. If you're a church member and are interested in leading or hosting a Connect Group, contact Mike Rogers (mrogers@fbcum.org) for more information.

Group Information: Day and time that works best for you

Host/Location: Your home or partner up with another church member to host

:: How to Register ::

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

Sign me up for a Connect Group!



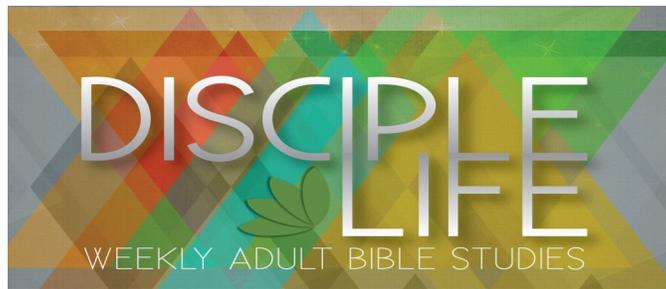
Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Group: _____





Spring 2026 (March - May) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:

SPRING SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 1 @ 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 14—28

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 14–28, you'll understand what it means to live out your faith each day—and how you can move forward to make disciples of all nations. (Books available in room 117/118 on Sunday, 2/15.)

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118 Teacher :: Bill Lowry**
- **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 — Gospel-Centered Marriage

Most of what the Bible has to say about marriage does not come flagged up under a heading of “marriage”. It's not just the famous “marriage passages” that should shape a marriage, but the whole Bible-story of God's good creation, humanity's wicked rebellion and God's gracious redemption. To understand why marriages struggle—as they all do—we need to understand the nature of our sin. To make marriages work, we need to understand how to apply the truth about God and his salvation. This class focuses on how the gospel shapes the practical realities of everyday life. Many of the common pressure points that modern couples face, and how a proper understanding of the gospel can shape a response will be discussed. Books will be available in class on 3/1 for \$8.00.

- **Room 114 Teachers :: Tyrone Moorehead & Tim Smith**

Elective Class — Evangelism (Young Adults 18-35)

"Though the gospel is good news, it can be difficult to share because of the fear of man, personal insecurity, or lacking a clear grasp on the message. Join us as dive into better understanding the message of the gospel and being equipped to share it with family, friends, and people of other faiths."

- **Room 112 Teachers :: Vaughn Lawson & Tre Fields**

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



Living in Light of the Good News

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

“Grace, Envy, and Generosity”– February 15, 2026



Introduction

Have you ever taken time to consider what your great-grandparents or grandparents did that led to where you are today? Did you know of their sacrifice? What did they do to provide for their families? Think back to your encounters and conversations with them. Do you see God's faithfulness and grace? Many in our own congregation are where they are today because of the hard work and faith of the generations that came before.

Today's message is about laborers in the field. The work they did provided for their families. They were counting on a daily wage just to live. Do you know people like that? How do you think God might be calling you to help care for and help those who have less than you?

The theme of today's sermon is : Salvation is not based on man's efforts, but on God's grace and generosity.

Sermon Outline

1. God's people come to repentance by His grace. Vs. 1-7
2. God's thoughts and God's ways are not like ours. Vs. 8-12
3. God's generosity extends to all believers as He sees fit. Vs. 13-16

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 1-7

Jesus used parables to teach His disciples a variety of subjects. A parable is a comparison of two objects side-by-side. In your Bible, the heading above this passage is probably “ Laborers in the Vineyard.” The sub heading or title to this passage could be “The Compassionate Landowner.” This parable would help the hearers understand how to be a part of the kingdom of God.

The laborers here worked very hard, often from sun up to sun down. The Old Testament gave specific rules about how to treat these laborers. ([Deuteronomy 24:14-15](#)) God was and still is concerned about how laborers or the working poor are treated. There are people in our county who are poor and in need. Some are sojourners in the land. Many are fearful about how they will provide for their families and keep them together. The Lord hears their cries. The children of God are to show grace to others. We are one by the blood of Jesus. We need to live out the reality of [Revelation 7:9-10](#) by reaching out to others in our community who come from every tribe and nation.

As the landowner returned to the marketplace four times, he was concerned about those who didn't have work. They needed money to feed their families. What is your biggest concern? Do you worry about how to put food on the table? Are you concerned about the future? Do you think about those outside your family (the community) whose biggest concern is caring for their families? These laborers were waiting for work because they needed the money to feed their families. Even though it was the end of the day, the landowner hired them, and they worked hard. They had to trust the Lord for the outcome. Have you ever experienced moments when you have had to trust God and God only? Be faithful. Trust in His word. Pray. It's hard to see the light when you are shrouded in darkness. Remember [Proverbs 3:5-6](#), [Psalms 119:105](#)!

God is still calling people to Himself. ([Revelation 3:20](#)) An invitation from God may come at various times. It may come at an early age if you are born into and grow up in a Christian home. It may come later in life, but the invitation to come to Jesus is for ALL to trust and believe the gospel while there is still time. Each of us are born as sinners that lead to death. ([Romans 6:23](#)) God sent Jesus to die in the

sinner's place, paying the price for salvation. To prove that the debt is paid, Jesus rose from the dead. One day, He will come to reign. You must accept His invitation. Today is the day of salvation. Come to Jesus TODAY!

2. Read Vs. 8-12

All of the workers received the same amount of pay regardless of when they started and how long they worked. The ones who worked the longest thought they would receive more, but they didn't. They received what was agreed upon. As a result, they went from admiring the generosity of the master of the house to envying the workers who were hired last. Envy is self-destructive. It is rooted in all of our hearts. ([Proverbs 14:30](#)) In various places in the book of 1 Samuel, you can see many examples of envy in the life of King Saul toward David who was successful. Envy can start as a small thing but can grow into something very destructive. Are you aware of envy in your own heart? If you find yourself envious of people in this life, meditate on what the Apostle Paul wrote in [Colossians 3:2-4](#).

The workers who were hired first wanted "fairness." What they received was and what we receive is "grace." Fairness means we get what we deserve. Grace is better - we get more than we deserve. God's economy is different from the world's. His ways and thoughts are not like ours. They are higher and better!

3. Read Vs. 13-16

The phrase "do not begrudge my generosity" can be translated "is your eye bad because I'm being good?" Jesus can heal spiritual blindness so that we "see" rightly. Jesus is on our side only if we come to him, repent of sin, and trust in Him. How is your spiritual vision?

The phrase "the first will be last and the last will be first" means that **all** who believe in Christ for salvation will end up together when Christ returns. It doesn't matter if you have been a Christian for 50 years or 5 minutes, it is by God's grace that we come to Him. This is God's grace and generosity. This is why we can joyfully say, "look at what the Lord has done."

Prayer of Response

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

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

Next week's sermon text: Luke 4:31-44 "Jesus' Astonishing Authority"

Family Guide for week of February 15th, 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 13:1-9

Day 2 – Matthew 13:10-17

Day 3 – Matthew 13:18-23

Day 4 – Matthew 13:24-30

Day 5 – Matthew 13:31-35

*Read Luke 4:31-44 in preparation for church on Sunday, February 22, 2026

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 6 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Pray for the strength to obey God today. Praise God for the ways you've seen His faithfulness today.

Sing together

“My Worth is Not in What I Own” – 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 week¹

Question 31: What do we believe by true faith?

Answer: Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe. (See page 3)

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried.
On the third day, He rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven,
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy universal church
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

An Explanation of the Apostles' Creed:

From as far back as the 2nd century, Christians have used statements of faith like the Apostles' Creed to confess their faith. It was common to use these statements prior to one's public declaration of faith at baptism. Therefore, through the centuries, the Apostles' Creed has become a well-known and useful tool to help believers around the world learn and affirm the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith.

At First Baptist Church, we use this brief statement in our public services to declare before God, each other, and the watching world that these are foundational truths of our faith that Scripture has clearly revealed. In doing so, we stand united with Christians around the world and through the centuries by our faith in God, the Father Almighty; Jesus, his only Son; and the Holy Spirit.