

# *Sunday Morning Worship*

*March 8, 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 — 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (ESV)

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<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Edward Perronet | John Rippon | Judah Groveman

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### Verse 1:

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

### Verse 2:

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you  
by His grace and crown Him Lord of all  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

### Chorus:

His name is Jesus,  
Risen Lamb, for sinners slain  
His name is Jesus  
All creation sings the praise  
His name is Jesus  
Risen Lamb, for sinners slain  
His name is Jesus  
All creation sings the praise  
Of Jesus name

### Verse 3:

Let every kindred every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all

### Verse 4:

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all

# King Forevermore

Aaron Keyes | Pete James

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## Verse 1:

God the uncreated One,  
the Author of salvation  
Who wrote the laws of space and time  
Who fashioned worlds to His design  
The One whom angel hosts revere  
Hung the stars like chandeliers  
Numbered every grain of sand  
Knows the heart of every man  
He is King forever,  
He is King forever  
He is King forevermore

## Verse 2:

God our fortress and our strength  
The Rock on which we can depend  
Matchless in His majesty  
His power and authority  
Unshaken by the schemes of man  
Never changing Great I am  
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall  
He is faithful through it all  
Crown Him King forever,  
Crown Him King forever  
Crown Him King forevermore

## Verse 3:

Mighty God in mortal flesh  
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss  
The curse of sin and centuries  
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace  
Lifted high the sinless man  
Crucified the spotless Lamb  
Buried by the sons of man  
Rescued by the Father's hand  
Reign as King forever,  
Reign as King forever  
Reign as King forevermore

## Verse 4:

King eternal God of grace  
We crown You with the highest praise  
Heaven shouts and saints adore  
You're holy, holy, holy Lord  
What joy in everlasting life  
All is love and faith is sight  
Justice rolls and praises rise  
At the name of Jesus Christ  
King of kings forever,  
King of kings forever  
King of kings forevermore

## Scripture Reading — Psalm 95:1-11 (ESV)

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- <sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.
- Today, if you hear his voice,
- <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- <sup>9</sup> when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen  
my work.
- <sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, “They are a people who go astray in  
their heart,  
and they have not known my ways.”
- <sup>11</sup> Therefore I swore in my wrath,  
“They shall not enter my rest.”

## Completely Done

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Jonathan and Ryan Baird

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### Verse 1:

What reason have I to doubt  
Why would I dwell in fear  
When all I have known is grace  
My future in Christ is clear

### Verse 2:

My sins have been paid in full  
There's no condemnation here  
I live in the good of this  
My Father has brought me near  
I'm leaving my fears behind me now

### Chorus:

The old is gone the new has come  
What You complete is completely done  
We're heirs with Christ the vict'ry won  
What You complete is completely done

### Verse 3:

I don't know what lies ahead  
What if I fail again  
You are my confidence  
You'll keep me to the end  
I'm leaving my fears behind me now

## Sermon Notes

### “Lord of the Sabbath” :: Luke 5:33-6:11

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# What A Savior

Philip Bliss | Devon Kauflin

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## **Verse 1:**

Man of Sorrows what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah!  
Bearing shame and scoffing rude  
In my place condemned He stood  
Sealed my pardon with His blood  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## **Chorus:**

Savior, You showed Your love  
Defeated our sin  
Poured out Your blood  
So we praise You  
Lamb that was slain  
We offer our lives to proclaim  
“What a Savior”

## **Verse 2:**

Guilty vile and helpless we  
Spotless Lamb of God was He  
Full atonement can it be, Hallelujah!  
Lifted up was He to die  
“It is finished” was His cry  
Now in heav'n exalted high  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## **Verse 3:**

When He comes our glorious King  
All His ransomed home to bring  
Then anew this song we'll sing  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

## This Week at First Baptist Church

### Sunday, March 8 (DST Begins)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
12:00 PM Members Meeting  
6:00 PM Youth Night

### Monday, March 9

### Tuesday, March 10

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, March 11

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

### Thursday, March 12

### Friday, March 13

### Saturday, March 14

9:00 AM Disaster Relief Training

### Sunday, March 15

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

## Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

### Sunday, March 8

Church Members Meeting — following worship service

### Sunday, March 14

9am — Disaster Relief Training

### Sunday, March 22

Church Potluck — following worship service

### Saturday, March 28

9am—2pm — Women's Ministry Event on the topic of Rest

### 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 March 8

### 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, we encourage you to consider the brief prayer of the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 3:5:

*“May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God  
and to the steadfastness of Christ.”*

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

### Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:

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

### Prayer items outside our church:

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

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

**Particular prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Pray for good spiritual fruit to come from the Youth Winter Retreat this past weekend. Continually pray that the students of our church would hear and understand the gospel and be saved. Pray for their families and other Christian adults in the church to faithfully teach and show them how to live out God’s commands. (Luke 8:8)
- Praise God for the recent births of little ones to families in the church: Jack — Fraser and Betsy Henderson; Eliana — Bertrand and Cynthia Njoya. (Psalm 127:3-5)
- Pray God would grant our congregation wisdom as we pray and make important decisions in our upcoming Members’ Meeting (March 8). (Acts 14:23; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Heb 13:17)
- 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). See “Ministry Spotlight” pages for highlights and prayer requests
- 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)
- 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)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Jim Ernster, Marjorie Griffin, James Jones Sr. (death of mother), Isabelle Mouketo (death of brother), 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” aims to highlight active church ministries and programs at FBC Upper Marlboro. We hope these highlights help us all support each ministry in prayer, and also spark interest in your personal involvement in a particular ministry. *Please contact us to learn more about the ministries at FBCUM using the Digital Communication Card on the last page of this bulletin. We also encourage you to pick up a copy of “Places to Serve” in the magazine racks near the exits for information on all the church ministries.*

## ChildLIFE Ministry

**Ashley Meekins-Smith :: Ministry Leader**

The ChildLIFE Ministry is a wonderful, happy place to serve, particularly if you enjoy working with Babies-PreK-4. Further, we strive to provide a nurturing, safe childcare and teaching/learning experience for children through PreK-4. As a member of this ministry, you will provide service to your fellow members and guests to our church. And if you are a parent of a preschooler, you will likewise benefit from this ministry.



Behind the scenes... ministry members eagerly arrive at 9:45am to care for our babies thru PreK-4 during the worship service. Then, depending on the age group, you will engage children using structured teaching material. We use the Gospel Project© lesson plans, which is Christ-centered and adapted for these young children. This plan goes through the entire Bible chronologically in three -years. Attending ChildLIFE also prepares children for their next step into DiscipleLIFE (Sunday School).

## Ministry Spotlight

For the safety and security of our children we have a security policy that provides:

- *All volunteer workers will have a security background check and must not work alone with any child/children.*
- *Secure Check-in/out. Identification lanyards or wristbands are provided to parent which has a corresponding number with the children's name tag also serves as a means for contact during the worship service;*
- *Children will only be released to the parent/guardian with the appropriate lanyard or wristband;*
- *Should a concern arise during worship service, an electronic bulletin board alerts parents via number to report to the classroom to address the matter;*
- *Doors are locked appropriately to prevent entrance after worship begins;*

As a member of ChildLIFE, you will be expected to commit to serve approximately *8 times per year*. Great care is given to accommodate members with scheduling service dates. All members receive advanced notice of upcoming service dates.

As you consider serving in ChildLIFE, know that you are able to help children to learn about Jesus. A famous quote, *'Children don't keep you from the important work, children are the important work.'*

Join this ministry as we partner with parents who want to raise their children to grow to love God and obey His Word. **If you are interested in serving in this ministry please contact the ministry leader, Ashley Meekins-Smith or Pam Jensen.**



# Announcements

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1. **Church Members Meeting :: TODAY after worship.** Church members are encouraged to join us for our regularly scheduled Members Meeting immediately following the worship service. We will vote on memberships and ministry leaders, hear ministry updates, and pray together.

2. **Disaster Relief Training :: March 14 at 9am.** FBCUM is hosting Disaster Relief Training for the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D). Training is for first-time volunteers and those needing to update credentials. Scan or click the QR code for more info and to register. Contact Tanya Joy with questions.



3. **Church Potluck :: Sunday, March 22 after worship.** See the bulletin insert for more information.

4. **Women's Event.** Ladies, join us at the church on Saturday, March 28th, for a time of teaching on the topic of Rest and to enjoy fellowship and brunch. The event starts at 9am and wraps up around 2pm. Registration is \$25, which includes materials and a catered brunch. Registration opens today and closes March 22. Friends are welcome! Please, do not let the cost keep you from coming! Contact Katie Schlegel with questions.



5. **Preschool Ministry Opportunity.** Our precious preschoolers need YOU! We have a few spots to fill for the next two 6-week rotations in the church nursery. If you're available to serve our families by caring for children during worship, please see Ashley Meekins Smith or Pam Jensen.

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.

# Potluck *Church*

Join us for food & fellowship on Sunday, March 22 immediately following the service!

- Bring a dish that feeds your family plus 3-4 more.
- Last names that start with A-M also bring a dessert to share.



Sunday, 22  
March 2026



Fellowship Hall

More Info : Contact Camille  
[sarahcamille22@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahcamille22@yahoo.com)

# Potluck *Details*

- Everyone brings a dish to feed your family plus 2-3 more.
- Last names that start with A-M also brings a dessert to share. This is in addition to a main dish.
- Bring a dish ready to be reheated in the oven or kept warm in warming drawers.
- Crockpots are great!
- We are unable to handle any frozen food items.

## **When to drop off your dish**

- Before Disciple Life (8:45am-9am)
- Before Worship Service (9:45am-10am)

## **Have a question or interested in helping?**

Following service today, Camille will be in the Fellowship Hall to answer questions and have sign-up sheets if you are interested in helping with specific potluck needs.

- 6-8 families to sign up to bring food for a kid friendly potluck table.
- 10 volunteers for kitchen duty (putting out food, plates, etc.).
- 5-7 volunteers for the clean-up team.



## Disaster Relief Training

### First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro

March 14, 2026 :: 9am - 4pm

When disaster strikes, trained volunteers make the difference. **BCM/D Disaster Relief** equips ordinary people to bring help, hope and healing through the love of Christ to communities in crisis.

#### Classes offered:

**Introduction:** This class is required for all new volunteers. The class will give an overview of the work of Disaster Relief, it's role in the larger context of disaster response, and ministry with disaster survivors. We will also cover what to expect on a disaster response, what to bring, etc.

**Feeding:** This class will provide an overview of mass care feeding, whether using a church kitchen to prepare meals to support volunteers responding to a disaster or using a kitchen trailer unit to prepare meals for the impacted community. Emphasis will be given to operating procedures and food safety. This class will include classroom and hands-on kitchen work as well as online videos to be viewed prior to training day.

**Flood Recovery:** The mission of recovery teams is to make a dwelling safe and healthy for the residents to live in until permanent repairs or rebuilding can take place. This class will overview the work of the flood recovery and chainsaw teams beginning with what we do when we arrive on site to when we depart, with emphasis given to safety. Although this is a physical ministry, many tasks do not require physical strength.

**Laundry Unit:** The shower/laundry team provides important support to our volunteers, other responders and the community during disaster response. Volunteers will learn procedures for all stages of the laundry process from initial guest contact to returning clean laundry, with an emphasis on safe operation of equipment and spiritual care ministry.

**You are invited to join our team! Scan or click the QR code to register today!**



# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 5:33-6:11](#)

“Lord of the Sabbath”– March 8, 2026



## Introduction

“Don't miss the forest for the trees!” Have you heard that expression before? It reminds us to go beyond the big picture and open our eyes to details. Jesus' miracles revealed His identity, showing He has authority over sickness, disease, and people. People heard Jesus preach. They saw the miracles, but they were blind to Jesus' true identity. Is it possible to make the same mistake today? How many sermons have you heard about Jesus? Do you know about Jesus, or do you KNOW Jesus? How can you avoid missing the forest for the trees when it comes to Jesus?

## Sermon Outline

1. Trust the living God and turn from blind idols. 5:33-39
2. Realign your heart to the Person you are created for. 6:1-11

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read 5:33-39

The Pharisees were upset that Jesus' disciples were not fasting but eating and drinking. Since fasting was done in relation to grief over sin, they thought that maybe Jesus didn't take sin seriously. The Pharisees were ascetics who refrained from food or drink or anything enjoyable thinking that, in refraining, they were made more spiritual. What was the basis of that thinking? They were making themselves and their tradition the authority. They expected Jesus to do the same. They were being self-righteous. Jesus was a threat to their way of doing things. They didn't want to lose their authority.

Jesus' response is interesting. Jesus used the metaphor of a marriage feast to show the Pharisees why His followers weren't fasting. God created marriage to show how He would relate to His people. ([Isaiah 62:5](#)) Jesus' response to their objections was to point to Himself. He is the Bridegroom. He was saying, “I am God!”

The Bible begins with a wedding and ends with a wedding. Jesus' arrival had been long-awaited. He has come for His bride! It was time to celebrate, but there would be a time for fasting when the Bridegroom was taken away - to the cross to die for the sins of mankind. ([Isaiah 53:8](#)) Jesus knew what was to come, so why was He willing to be taken away to be killed? Because of His love for His bride - the church. The Pharisees didn't get it. Jesus does care about sin. He willingly laid down His life for the Bride - those who trust in Him. Do you see the love of God in what Jesus did? Jesus is inviting you to the wedding feast. Will you respond? If you turn from your sin and self-reliance, you will be accepted. Come to Jesus!

The Jews were accustomed to a certain way of life. When Jesus showed up, things changed. To illustrate that, Jesus tells a parable in [vs. 36](#). Fasting at a wedding is not fitting. Notice the phrase, “it will not match.” The old will not mix with the new. He expanded the metaphor in [vs. 37-38](#). New wineskins can stretch allowing for fermentation. Putting new wine into old wine skins will cause the old to burst. The old wine skin represents Judaism in the Old Testament. Then, the Israelites went to the temple to fellowship with God, and there were animal sacrifices to atone for sin. Both were sign posts that pointed forward to Jesus. Now that Jesus has come, the old isn't needed. Jesus **IS** the temple. ([John 2:19](#)) Jesus **IS** the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Did the Pharisees see the Bridegroom for Who He was? Did they join the celebration? Sadly, “you can't teach an old dog new tricks.” The Pharisees were stubborn and proud. They had done things the same way their whole life. Thinking that the old was good was a rejection of Jesus' offer of something better - joy, pardon, and eternal life in Him. The Mosaic law was a shadow. The substance belongs to Jesus. ([Hebrews 10:1-18](#)) The Old Testament law was given to prepare the people for Jesus. Now He was right in front of them, but they couldn't see Him. Why? ([Psalm 115:4-8](#)) You become like the idol you worship - deaf and blind. The Pharisees made an idol out of their religious practices. Their legalism turned the spiritual discipline of fasting into a requirement for everyone else. Are there ways that you turn your example of preference or spiritual discipline into a requirement to others?

We must remember that there are **necessary** applications and **possible** applications to Scripture. Necessary ones rightly apply to everyone. We need to guard against thinking that the commands of scripture are legalism. ([John](#)

[14:15](#)) The command, "Do not covet" is a necessary application. How you keep that necessary command may vary. It is possible that another person would keep it differently than you. Legalism is associated with self-righteousness. Are there ways that you rely on your performance rather than Jesus? Bible reading, prayer, and attending church are all necessary, but they are not saviors. If you rely on your performance, you will be riding a rollercoaster of success and failure. Are you on that rollercoaster? You don't have to be. The gospel declares that in Jesus, you are fully loved by God, an adopted son or daughter! When you understand that, your motivation for obedience will transform. You won't be looking for points with God anymore. You can obey out of gratitude and love.

## **2. Read 6:1-11**

In the first section, Jesus told the parable about wine and wineskins. Here we see another "old wineskin" issue - The Sabbath. In Genesis 1 and 2, you read about creation. On the seventh day, God finished His work and rested because His creation was complete and good. He was enjoying it. Adam and Eve were able to enjoy that completeness as well. We all long for completeness.

The seventh day has symbolic significance. This day of rest, in a perfect world, is meant to be a day without end. Perfect fellowship. Perfect rest. That is the Sabbath rest. While this rest was interrupted by sin, it remains and points forward to the rest for which we were created. Do you have a longing for rest and fellowship with God? Do you feel disjointed when you are out of fellowship with God?

The Sabbath was a day given by God for the Israelites as a signpost. It was made for man. Again, Jesus' response was surprising. He reminded them of the time David ate the bread of the presence in the temple. ([1 Samuel 21](#)) Did the Pharisees know this story? Yes! Did they understand it? Not really. Where was Jesus going with this? His response is Christological, as well as the answer to their argument. Just as the anointed king was authorized to eat then, Jesus was authorized to eat. He is greater than David. He is the Lord of the Sabbath. He is GOD! That was a massive claim, which was then backed up by a miracle - the healing of the man with the withered hand. However, the Pharisees had already made up their mind to accuse Him. They weren't listening. The Lord of the Sabbath, confirmed by past miracles, was standing right in front of them, but their hearts were hardened. They had already made up their mind. Jesus asked them a question about what was lawful to expose their hearts. They didn't respond. The Pharisees were filled with fury.

As you consider the claims of Christianity, you must consider Jesus' demands. You may not like it and stop listening. Are you listening now? Are you ready to give up sin? Are you ready to follow Him? Or are you looking for a way to discredit Him so you don't have to listen? May we all have eyes and ears to see and hear Jesus. He came to do good and give us life. He came to bring rest.

We live in a restless world - longing for rest and satisfaction. Where do you look for it? Your bank account? The praise of man? Doom scrolling? Binge watching TV? A relationship? These are all lies. You were made for God, and Jesus is the One who brings the Sabbath rest. He alone can make you complete and satisfies your soul. ([Matthew 11:28](#)) Do you hear Him? Do you see Him? Come 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 [www.fbcum.org](http://www.fbcum.org).

<b>Next week's sermon text:</b> <a href="#">Matthew 18:15-20</a> "Helping Each Other to Heaven"
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## Family Guide for week of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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*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](#).

## Family Guide for week of March 8<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.



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

Day 1 – Matthew 15:29-31

Day 2 – Matthew 15:32-39

Day 3 – Matthew 16:1-4

Day 4 – Matthew 16:5-20

Day 5 – Matthew 16:21-28

\*Read Matthew 18:15-20 in preparation for church on Sunday, March 15, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 9 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you obey Him today, even when it feels hard. Pray for a heart that listens and wants to follow God's ways.

### **Sing together**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

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

**John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life,"*

**Psalms 145:9** *"The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made."*

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

**Question 33:** *Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?*

**Answer:** *Yes, so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.*

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