

Sunday Morning Worship

March 15, 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 — Exodus 20:1-17 (Ten Commandments) (ESV)

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Psalm One

Mike Rogers

Verse 1:

Happy is he with cautious feet
he's choosing God's way over the broad way
'cause he fears his king
His great delight, by day and by night—
to make all of God's word
the source of his labors
for all of his life.

Chorus:

There is a way and an end to every man.
On that last day, when Jesus stands
at God's right hand,
He'll gather the righteous
and cast down the wicked
who can't bear to stand.
This is the way, and this is the end
of every man.

Verse 2:

Blessed is he – faith like the tree
planted near water that nourishes onward
and stays ever green.
All of his life bears fruit in time,
while hopes of the wicked
are tossed by the world's winds
revealing their blight.

Bridge:

So lift up your eyes and walk in the light.
Look to the Savior, who delights
To show you the way all of your days.
Do not grow weary. Hold your gaze.
Follow the saints long on the way
walking with Jesus by faith.
He won't deceive. He won't forsake.
Blessed is the path He has ordained.

Happy in Jesus

Eric McAllister

Verses 1 & 2:

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

Chorus:

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

Verses 3 & 4:

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

Bridge:

Grace to cover all my sin,
My life made new in Him
I'm happy in the Lord
Peace to ease my anxious mind
Upheld by love divine
I'm happy in the Lord
Hope invincible and sure
Is mine forevermore
I'm happy in the Lord
God and heaven are my own
My Father and my home
I'm happy in the Lord

Verse 5:

Do you long for His presence
Just to be where He dwells
For a day with the Savior is better
Than thousands anywhere else

Congregational Scripture Reading — Psalm 145:1-5 (ESV)

¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall commend your works to
another,

and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Where Shall I Be?

Charles Jones

Chorus:

O where shall I be
When the first trumpet sounds,
O where shall I be
When it sounds so loud?
When it sounds so loud
As to wake up the dead,
O where shall I be
When it sounds?

Verse 1:

When judgement day is drawing nigh,
Where shall I be?
When God the works of men shall try,
Where shall I be?
When east and west the fire shall roll,
Where shall I be?
How will it be with my poor soul;
Where shall i be?

Verse 2:

When wicked men His wrath shall see,
Where shall I be?
And to the rocks and mountains flee,
Where shall I be?
When hills and mountains flee away,
Where shall I be?
When all the works of man decay,
Where shall I be?

Verse 3:

When heaven and earth
As some great scroll,
Where shall I be?
Shall from God's holy presence roll,
Where shall I be?
When all the saints
Redeemed shall stand,
Where shall I be?
Forever blest at God's right hand
Where shall I be?

Verse 4:

All trouble done, all conflict past,
Where shall I be?
Our enemy o'ercome at last,
Where shall I be?
When Christ shall reign
From shore to shore,
Where shall I be?
And peace abide forever more,
Where shall I be?

Sermon Notes

“Helping Each Other to Heaven” :: Matthew 18:15-20



Our guest preacher this morning is Omar Johnson. Omar grew up in Temple Hills, MD. He has served as Senior Pastor at Temple Hills Baptist Church since September 2019. He is married to Stephanie, and they have three children: Cameron, Leah, and Chloe.

All Will Be Peace

Erik Dewar | Glory and Gladness Music

Verse 1:

A kingdom is coming where all will be right
Injustice and suff'ring will end
For God will deliver the poor and contrite
The meek of the earth He'll defend
Then Jesus the Righteous
will speak forth his word
And none of the wicked will stand
He'll answer our cries
that we thought went unheard
And all will be peace in that land

Verse 2:

The nations will fashion their swords into shears
No longer preparing for war
New plows will be made
from the last of the spears
And no one will fear anymore
The mountains will sing as we go out with joy
While trees of the field clap their hands
And no one in Zion will hurt or destroy
For all will be peace in that land

Verse 3:

Instead of the briar the flower will grow
The cypress instead of the thorn
And so living water forever will flow
When all that was cursed is reborn
The beasts will not kill but be led by a child
The wolves will lie down with the lamb
The calf and the lion will graze in the wild
For all will be peace in that land

Verse 4:

From least to the greatest
we'll all know the Lord
And ever his people we'll be
The earth will be filled with the knowledge of God
Like waters that cover the sea
And Jesus will wipe ev'ry tear from our eyes
As God makes his dwelling with man
Then death pain and ev'ry last sorrow will die
And all will be peace in that land
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This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 19

Friday, March 20

Saturday, March 21

6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp (Men's Study)
8:30 AM Titus 2 (Women's Study)

Sunday, March 22

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Church Potluck

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

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

Baby Dedication during 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.)

Saturday, May 2

9am — From Service to Celebration Event

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of March 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, 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:

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family: Rayce and Sarah Blair, Kirk and Carly Conway, Vivian DeSantis, Matthew & Kanika Willis. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray for good spiritual fruit to come from the recent Youth Winter Retreat. 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; Oliver — Faith Brown. (Psalm 127:3-5)
- Pray for our young adults ministry. Pray our young singles would be encouraged and strengthened in faith. Pray that godly friendships would flourish. (Heb. 10:23-24)
- 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 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, 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.*

Home Reach Ministry

Bernice McGuire :: Ministry Leader

The Home Reach Ministry supports our church by providing care through regular visitation with those unable to attend church. This ministry brings gentle kindness and keeps members aware that their church family is concerned and cares about them. We believe this is vital to keep us connected. It provides an avenue by which the team can minister through a godly approach of sharing God’s word, having a time of prayer, listening and laughing. Members receiving calls for visits, know that they are very important to the life of our church and we are intentional about keeping the lines of communication open at all times.



Let’s take a look at a couple of visits that were shared by members of the Home Reach Ministry.

A church member that has been regularly visited for more than seven years had a recent visit where she seemed to perk up, just a bit. Sometimes when ministry members plan to visit, they wonder what to expect especially with those having long term health challenges. However, this visit brought ministry members so much encouragement because she was up. The love of Christ is demonstrated through these gestures of caring and allowed ministry members to witness how God’s grace can give those that are physically challenged renewed strength and bring hope during any visit.

Ministry Spotlight

Another visit shared was about a church member that is a true delight. She may have some mobility limitations, she is not idle because she manages to keep several crafting projects going. During that visit she presented to the ministry members beautiful brightly colored crocheted hats and scarves for the children that would receive Operation Christmas Child boxes. She also loves making beautiful quilts and supporting others through prayers and encouraging words. This church member praises God for His loving kindness and although unable to be here in person, she delights in the love that she experiences through her church family, visits, and phone calls.



God's word tells us to *love one another as He has loved us*. My heart sees this in the Home Reach Ministry.



If you are wondering how this ministry works or would like to get involved, please reach out to Bernice McGuire. She will share all of the details to serve as a member of the Home Reach Ministry. Out of sight is *not* out of mind or heart in this ministry. The Home Reach ministry reaches out to church members and maintains the family connection as the body of Christ such that everyone knows just how much they are truly loved and appreciated.

Announcements

1. **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 closes March 22. Friends are welcome! Please, do not let the cost keep you from coming! Contact Katie Schlegel with questions.



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

3. **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.

4. **Easter Preparation Resource for Families.** As we approach Easter, our Children's Ministry would like to provide every family with a resource to help focus on the reason for the season. The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross calendar and devotional (based on the children's storybook of the same title) is available as a gift to families with children ages 3 - 11. See Pam Jensen at the Welcome Desk to get your free copy.

5. **Baby Dedication on April 12.** There will be a Baby Dedication held during the worship service on Sunday, April 12. Parents interested in dedicating their child must be a member of the church and must **RSVP to Mike Rogers in the church office (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com) no later than April 5.**

6. **Interested in Church Membership? Attend the Starting Point Seminar — April 12.** Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. Join us immediately following the worship service on April 12 in rooms 120-125 (youth rooms). A light lunch will be served. Fill out the Digital Communication Card below or contact the church office to register.

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.



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

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.

Living in Light of the Good News

[Matthew 18:15-20](#)

“Helping Each Other to Heaven”– March 15, 2026



Introduction

This passage of scripture has often been referred to as a passage on Church Discipline. While it does talk about that, in a broader sense, it talks about discipleship - watching over each other and caring for each other's faith. God has given the church both the privilege and responsibility to watching over each other's lives. This involves three things.

Sermon Outline

1. Loving confrontation Vs. 15
2. Loving collaboration Vs. 16
3. A loving congregation

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 15

These two terms may seem contradictory, but love confronts. When you love someone, you warn, intervene, and say, “stop” for the sake of their safety both spiritually as well as physically. This is a conditional statement - “If” your brother sins, “go and tell him.” Now, Christians aren't perfect, but sin shouldn't be the norm. This is a reminder that Christians are no longer enslaved to sin. They are a new creation. Do you still live like you **were** (An unbeliever) or what you **are**? If you are saved and set free by the cross of Christ, you are not “just a sinner.” You are a sinner saved by grace and the blood of Christ.

So what should your response be when someone sins? Go and tell them. If they are blocked in unrepented sin, you must go, in love, to tell them. Why? Sin destroys relationships. It puts us at odds with God. We are deserving of His just wrath. Sin against others and personal sin have corporate effects. Sin is never just between “you and me.” It affects all of us - together. You must care enough to confront and call them to repentance.

This is contrary to our world today. We are told to stay out of each other's business or you might just “cancel” them. That way, you don't have to deal with them. But that will allow bitterness to grow in your heart. We are brothers and sisters. We must watch over each other's souls. We can't let them linger long in sin. Make sure what you are confronting them about is sin. Differences of opinion shouldn't lead to confrontation. Their stance isn't sinful if they are still thinking biblically about matters of conscience. Confrontation happens when there is clear sin. We should do all we can to root it out.

What does this confrontation involve? It requires five things. First, it requires love - caring enough to tell them their fault. It is unloving to let them live in sin. Is there anyone in your life who cares enough about your life to confront sin in your life? Will they pry into your life and pull you out of sin? Love leads you out of sin and toward Jesus. If someone is leading you away from Jesus, they don't love you.

Second, it requires boldness. You are to go alone, in person - not send a text. This takes courage and boldness. Sit with them, across from the dinner table or living room, while clearly and compassionately calling out their sin and call them back to the Lord. Keep the matter private, if you are able.

Third, it requires wisdom regarding timing - when to say something. Every sin doesn't require confrontation. ([1 Peter 4:8](#)) We also need wisdom regarding the tongue - how you say something. ([Proverbs 15:1](#))

Fourth, it requires trust. They must know that you have their best interest in mind. That comes with relationships. These situations are best taken care of in a church relationship, but trust takes time to build.

Fifth, it requires hope. We don't just hurl charges of sin against people. Hold out hope that they will turn from it. The purpose is to win your brother back. God wants them to have victory over that sin.

To do this, you must ask yourself, “Am I a comfortable person?” “Do people know more than the “Sunday morning” me?” “How do you respond now when someone confronts you?” “Do you blame others or get defensive?” We need God to help us initiate and receive loving confrontation.

2. Read Vs. 16

Sometimes, that first conversation doesn't work. In this scripture, we are instructed on how to handle that. If that first conversation doesn't result in repentance, take one or two others with you to take the brother or sister back.

It is the goal that going to them alone brings repentance. If there is a refusal to repent then you involve others - trusted brothers and sisters who love the Lord and His people. You might involve one of the elders. They might go with you or suggest others who might be of help. ([Deuteronomy 19:15](#)) Another person might be able to discern whether or not they are actually being accused rightly and/or are truly unrepentant. Alone, you may be calling something a sin that isn't or have a too idealistic view of repentance. There is wisdom in numbers. Every believer is responsible for every other believer in the church and should be equipped to care and confront.

3. Read Vs. 17-20

If these first two instances of confrontation don't produce repentance, the matter must be taken to the entire congregation. The church isn't just the gathered people of God who proclaim the profession of faith, they must **guard** that profession.

In Jesus' family (the church), if the individual is still unrepentant, it must go to the church. Remember, the goal is to win the person back - restoration. Jesus will go to any length to draw back a sinner. For every church member, regardless of ethnicity, social standing, financial status, etc.,

What does this look like? In this church, information is given at a Members' meeting and time is given to pray for and plead with that person to repent. Remember, Hell is real, hot and coming. We must plead earnestly for people to be reconciled to God. We don't just tell them to stop, we plead with them, reminding them of the Gospel. It is not God's design that we stay in sin. He sent Jesus to pay the price for us to be redeemed. The power of the cross can unshackle the greatest bondage of sin. Remind them that Jesus loves them. Do you need that reminder today? Is there a sin that has a grip on you today? Come to Christ the King. Whatever the sin, you can be saved from it. Turn from the bondage of sin and trust in Christ.

If repentance is not the outcome, even after the church gets involved, God views them as an outsider, and they should be treated as such. Excommunication is the result. If there is no repentance then there is no evidence that they are actually a believer. They can still come to church, but they would no longer be considered members because of unrepentant sin. Love tells the truth about the person and their sin. Love tells them there is danger. Love protects other members. Love upholds the Lord. This love should mark the church. God has given the church this authority. Jesus' presence is with His people when they act. His name is on the line.

Have you been living your life apart from others? How have churches served you? We are all seeking community, not shallow relationships. We need a deep, loving, caring community who will give loving oversight to our souls. The local church should be the place to find that kind of love.

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 6:12-49](#) "Living In God's Kingdom"

Family Guide for week of March 22nd, 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 18:15-20

Day 2 – Matthew 18:21-35

Day 3 – Matthew 19:1-12

Day 4 – Matthew 19:13-15

Day 5 – Matthew 19:16-30

*Read Luke 7:1-17 in preparation for church on Sunday, March 29, 2026

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 11 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Sing together

“Happy in Jesus” – 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 week¹

Question 36: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

Answer: That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son.

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