

# *Sunday Morning Worship*

*March 22, 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 — Hebrews 12:28-29 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> ...let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

## All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi | William Draper | Jonathan & Ryan Baird

### Verse 1:

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Verse 2:

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three in One  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Verse 3:

All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Verse 4:

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Verse 5:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above Ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Name Above All Names

Pat and Joel Sczebel

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### Verse 1:

From the brightness of His glory  
Jesus, the Son of God descends  
Takes on the nature of a servant  
Jesus, obedient to death  
The Father willed to crush Him  
As a sacrifice for sin  
He satisfied God's justice  
And in vict'ry rose again

### Verse 2:

The tomb is empty Christ has risen  
Jesus the Lamb once crucified  
The angels never cease to worship  
Jesus in heaven glorified  
To Him belongs the power  
The wisdom might and strength  
All glory and dominion  
To the Lord of every age

### Chorus:

You are highly exalted  
Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
You are reigning in glory  
Jesus You're the King  
Over everything  
Exalted to the highest place  
Given the name above all other names

### Bridge:

Our knees will bow  
Our tongues proclaim  
That You are Lord of all

## Scripture Reading — Genesis 12:1-8 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

# Christ Is All in All

Kristyn Getty | Dwan Hill | Ben Shive

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## **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

### “Living in God’s Kingdom” :: Luke 6:12-49

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# The Solid Rock

Edward Mote | William Bradbury

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## **Verse 1:**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

## **Chorus:**

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

## **Verse 2:**

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

## **Verse 3:**

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

## **Verse 4:**

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

## This Week at First Baptist Church

### Sunday, March 22

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

### Monday, March 23

### Tuesday, March 24

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

### Wednesday, March 25

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

### Thursday, March 26

### Friday, March 27

### Saturday, March 28

9:00 AM Women's Retreat Day @ FBCUM

### Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)

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

## Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

### 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.)*

### Sunday, April 19

5pm — Young Adult Gathering at the home of Tim and Ashley Smith

### Saturday, May 2

9am — From Service to Celebration Event

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of March 22

### 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)
- 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 federal workers in our church who are effected by the DHS shutdown. Pray that they would trust God to provide for their needs. Pray that God would help them to bear good spiritual fruit even in the midst of difficult circumstances. (John 16:33; Ps. 23:1)
- 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)
- 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:

**Brenda Addison, Margaret Austin, John Buchheister, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Jim Ernster, Marjorie Griffin, Kim Haskell, Isabelle Mouketo (death of brother), JoAnn Proctor (death of nephew), 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.*

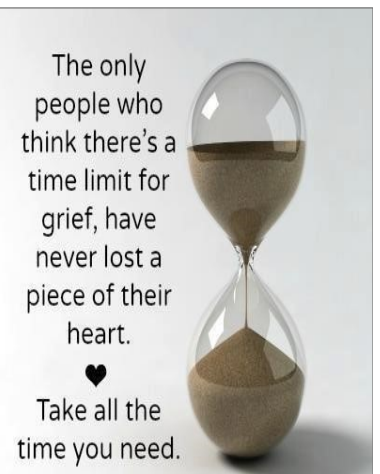
## Grief & Bereavement Ministry

**Deacon Norris Tyler III & Rachel Tyler :: Ministry Leaders**



The Grief and Bereavement Ministry is organized to support the ministry of the church by providing for the needs of those who are grieving the loss of a family member or loved one. The pain of loss and the process of healing can be overwhelming and a very difficult path to walk alone. Bereavement is defined as the state of sorrow, loss, and grief following the death of a loved one. It represents an entire emotional, physical, and psychological experience of coping with loss, often unfolding in stages like denial, anger, and acceptance.

When a loss happens whether unexpectedly or following a long-term illness, it can be overwhelming. Sometimes the initial reaction is shock, and in others it may be a sense of relief that your loved one is no longer suffering through the pain associated with their illness, however, there is also sadness. Making decisions during an emotional time is so much easier when you have support. The process of making arrangements, writing obituaries, making notifications with family members and the rest can be very challenging.



## Ministry Spotlight

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The Grief & Bereavement Ministry is very helpful during these times, they work alongside the church leadership, they also act as a conduit to meet the needs of the grieving member connecting and utilizing other ministries in the church on their behalf. Even on the day of the service, they provide care and support before and during the funeral service.



Isn't it good to know that once the funeral is over, that the Grief & Bereavement Ministry does not stop supporting the grieving member. This ministry continues to keep in touch with our grieving members for about a year. They are there to help through prayer and sharing scripture to encourage those grieving to lean into their faith, to trust in the Lord 's presence when they go through those days that the emotional toll of this loss seems difficult to bear.

Grief is unique to each person. The Grief and Bereavement ministry is able to meet folks where they are in the grieving process . They respect when there is a need to listen and encourage or to give you space. This ministry provides what is needed through loving support while praying with you and for you while grieving.

The Grief & Bereavement ministry is greatly appreciated by those that have experienced their love encouragement and support. I was one that benefitted from their loving support when my mother passed in Sept. 2024. It was a very difficult time for me, and they offered the support that I did not know I needed. I am so thankful.

Norris shared, "Our ministry strives to be a source of love, comfort, encouragement and support to those going through the grieving process." **If you are interested in learning more, please contact the ministry leader, Deacon Norris & Rachel Tyler.**

# Announcements

1. **Church Potluck Lunch — TODAY.** All are welcome to join our potluck lunch after worship today.

2. **Women’s Event :: Sat. March 28 :: 9am-2pm.** Ladies, join us at the church for fellowship, brunch, and a time of teaching on the topic of Rest. Cost of \$25 includes materials and a catered brunch. **Today is the last day to register!** Questions?... contact Katie Schlegel.



3. **Good Friday Worship — April 3 at 7:00pm.** Mark your calendar and join us for worship on the evening of Good Friday as we remember the atoning work of Christ on the cross for us. There is no childcare for the service, but we encourage our families to bring their little ones along to worship.

4. **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.**

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **Easter Preparation Resource for Families.** Families with children ages 3-11, see Pam Jensen at the Welcome Desk for a free copy of the devotional book, The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross.

8. **Young Adult Gathering :: April 19 at 5pm :: Home of Tim and Ashley Smith.** Young Adults are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments. Contact Tre Fields for more info or questions.

9. **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.



## **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  
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# 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.

# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 6:12 - 49](#)

“Living in God’s Kingdom”– March 22, 2026



## Introduction

Our world operates with a performance based mentality. They ask, “how can you succeed in school, sports, business, etc.?” Do you have what it takes - talent, money, knowledge? The world says that you must perform with excellence to have the “good life.” Jesus shares a radically different path than what the world suggests which shocks and even angers the world in these verses of His Sermon on the Plain.

On the heels of three different conflicts that Jesus has just had, we see Him on His knees in prayer. How much more should we depend on God in prayer? Jesus is about to choose the twelve apostles. A disciple is a follower of Jesus. In that sense, every Christian is a disciple. An apostle is a messenger sent by God, holding a special office in the New Testament. They would be the foundation of God’s people, called by God to write the New Testament and establish the church. Who would you choose for this task? What is remarkable about these men is that they unremarkable. Do you feel weak and underqualified for the task God is calling you to? If you do, that’s a good thing, because you will depend on God and not self.

In verses 17-19, Jesus heals the sick. The purpose of these miracles is to validate His identity and prove His authority. It’s important to understand this because when He starts preaching, He will flip the world’s view of success. He is flipping it “right-side-up.” This is what life looks like in the Kingdom.

The world says that you should live your best life now. If this is all there is, then you must pursue all the pleasure, money, things, and success now. What does Jesus say? The crowd to which Jesus preaches is still undecided about who Jesus is. While His sermon has value for the whole crowd, Jesus is preaching to His disciples specifically.

## Sermon Outline

1. A disciple of Jesus lives today with an eternal perspective. Vs. 20-26
2. A disciple of Jesus loves supernaturally. Vs. 27-36
3. A disciple of Jesus makes Godly judgments. Vs. 37-49

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 20-26

Notice that the four “blessed statements” in vs. 20-23 mirror the four “woe statements” in vs. 24-26. The word “blessed” simply means “happy” or “favored.” When you understand that, it makes Jesus’ words more shocking.

How are being poor, hungry, in mourning, and persecuted a blessing? You must keep the context in mind. These things come because you are a disciple in Jesus. Poverty with Jesus is infinitely better than riches without Jesus! Being a disciple in this life means you get Jesus, and if you have Jesus, you are blessed. Timing is also an issue here. If you are NOW poor, hungry, in mourning, and persecuted, the circumstances will change in the future to those in Jesus. Christianity is not out to make us miserable. Jesus is challenging His disciple to look at **where** they find their joy. Where do you find your joy? If you find your joy in Jesus, you are blessed in times of poverty, hunger, mourning and persecution.

If the whole world lives for money, then it takes faith to follow Jesus. The world offers us a full belly now, but Jesus says that your reward is great in heaven. ([Psalm 16:11](#)) There is friction now because you go against the flow of the world. Remember, Luke is writing this gospel to give you certainty about Jesus and your future in eternity. There is freedom in living for God’s glory. Look at the warning in [vs. 26](#). If gaining the praise of others now means that you are willing to compromise your obedience to Jesus, woe to you. It is important to have godly friends who will encourage you in your faith. Who are those friends in your life? God will use them in your life to help you stand up and grow in your faith.

### 2. Read Vs. 27-36

How does your heart respond when someone insults you? Betrays you? Hurts you? The natural response is not to love them. The world will tell you to get back at them. Yet Jesus offers a radically different path.

What if you do the right thing, and they don’t reciprocate? Jesus’ command is not to love your friend - it is to love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse

you. However, you have to keep the context in mind. This is hostility because you are a follower of Jesus. This text is not a defense for pacifism. It has to do with not taking vengeance or getting even with someone. These commands are difficult - even impossible on your own. Forgiveness is possible with God's grace. To love your enemies in this way, you need a supernatural love.

It's easy to love those who love you, but Jesus is calling you to love your enemies. If you do this, you will be like your Father in Heaven. It is evidence that you are a Christian. It's easy to read this command, but then want to find a loophole. Do you have that inclination in your heart? You must push against it. It's not what is practical or reasonable that determines the meaning of the text. It is what Jesus said. This sermon from Jesus shows just how short we fall. Jesus can change your heart. He didn't die for nice, good people. He died for the ungodly - enemies of God. God loves you - He loves the world. ([John 3:16](#); [Romans 5:8](#)) When you realize that God loved you first, you are set free to love your enemies. Do you love your enemies?

The kingdom of God belongs to people who know that they can do nothing with or about their sin. Jesus is the Savior that you need. Turn from your sin and self-reliance. See the beauty of Jesus. Put down your good efforts. Come to Jesus and trust in Him.

### **3. Read Vs. 37-49**

The first two rules of the world are "live your best life now" and "do to others as they have done to you." The last rule is "don't judge me." These verses are perhaps the most often quoted verses even by non-Christians. Jesus is not saying "don't judge - period." Remember, the Bible is one book - a unified whole. One of the most important principles in understanding the Bible rightly is "context." Jesus is saying - "Don't judge like the world judges."

You make judgments every day. The command here is that you should judge correctly. How? First, You should judge generously. The way you judge others is the way God will judge you. This is a kingdom principle. If you have experienced God's generous mercy in your life, then you, in the same way, will assume the best in others and judge generously.

Second, He also says to judge with humility. Look at your own life first. Jesus referred to the Pharisees as blind guides. They had their own rules but failed to keep God's law. They were hypocrites. If you have a 2x4 in your eye, you can't see the speck in another's. You must look in the mirror of God's law, confess your sin, and it will change the way you see the speck in another's eye. You will see it with humility.

Third, you should make righteous judgments. You can't see into someone's heart. However, actions reveal what is in the heart. You can be a "fruit inspector." Our actions and our words stem from our heart. You may regret what you say or do sometimes, but you meant it - it came from your heart. You need to own it and ask for forgiveness. The reason that you can do any good is that the Spirit of God is at work in your heart to do good. You are not perfect yet; sanctification is a process.

One of the reasons that we judge generously, humbly, and righteously is because the judgment of God is coming. Depending on what you do with Jesus' command will determine if you are ruined or still standing on the day of judgment. As a church member, you are in a covenant relationship with other church members. You must help and be helped by others as you rely on God's grace and Spirit. How do you respond to Jesus' commands?

### **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).

**Next week's sermon text: [Luke 7:1-17](#) "What Causes Jesus to Marvel"**

## Family Guide for week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*



Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc.)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [The Big Picture Story Bible](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home](#).

## Family Guide for week of March 22<sup>nd</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 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**

"The Solid Rock" – 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 36: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?**

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

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