

Sunday Morning Worship

May 3, 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 — James 1:19-25 (ESV)

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

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.

Lord, Keep Me Day By Day

Eddie Williams

Verse 1:

Lord, keep me day by day
In a pure a perfect way
I want to live
I want to live on
In a building not made by hand

Verse 2:

Lord, keep my body strong
So that I can press on
Lord, give me grace
Just to run - this Christian race
To a building not made by hand

Verse 3:

I'm just a stranger here
Traveling through this barren land
Lord, I know
There's a building,
A building somewhere
A building not made by hand

Scripture Reading — Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (ESV)

¹“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ²that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You 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. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Solid Rock

Edward Mote | William Bradbury

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

Sermon Notes

“Take Care How You Hear” :: Luke 8:1-21

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## Church Covenant

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Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will engage in assembling ourselves together while praying for one another. We will strive for and promote the spiritual growth and advancement of the church by; sustaining worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; contributing cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

As a body of believers, we agree to maintain family and personal devotions, to educate our children in the Christian faith, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances. We will seek to avoid all practices or speech which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We will walk together in Christian love by faithfully caring for, watching over, and admonishing one another as occasions may require. In conflict, we will seek to follow Christ's example of reconciliation without delay. We will always strive to be humble and courteous in our speech and slow to take offense. We agree that should we leave this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

# I Set My Hope On Jesus

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Keith Getty

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## Verse 1:

When this life of trials test my faith  
I set my hope on Jesus  
When the questions come and doubts remain  
I set my hope on Jesus  
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal  
There's a joy that runs still deeper  
There's a truth that's more than all I feel  
I set my hope on Jesus

## Chorus:

I set my hope on Jesus  
My rock, my only trust  
Who set His heart upon me first  
I set my hope on Jesus

## Verse 2:

Though I falter in this war with sin  
I set my hope on Jesus  
When I fail the fight and sink within  
I set my hope on Jesus  
Though the shame would drown me in its sea  
And I dread the waves of justice  
I will cast my life on Calvary  
I set my hope on Jesus

## Verse 3:

Though the world called me to leave my Lord  
I set my hope on Jesus  
Though it offer all its vain rewards  
I set my hope on Jesus  
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray  
Give me grace enough to finish  
'Til I worship on that final day  
I set my hope on Jesus

## Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen!

## This Week at First Baptist Church

### Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper  
6:00 PM Youth Night

### Monday, May 4

### Tuesday, May 5

### Wednesday, May 6

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, May 7

### Friday, May 8

### Saturday, May 9

6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp (Men's Study)  
8:00 AM Titus 2 (Ladies Study)

### Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

### Saturday, May 16

8:30am — Men's Breakfast

### Wednesday, May 20

Last Night of Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule

### Sunday, May 31

Members' Meeting immediately following the worship service

### Sunday, June 7

Children's DiscipleLIFE Promotion Sunday  
5pm — Church Picnic

### June 23—27

9am—12:30pm — Vacation Bible School (*more details coming soon*)

### Sunday, July 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 May 3

### Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is using examples in Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayers. This week, try using the words of Psalm 119:33-40 to pray for yourself and others:

*<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;  
and I will keep it to the end.*

*<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.*

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 teachers and students in our church family who are completing their final weeks of classes for the school year. Pray that God would help them to finish well and give them physical and spiritual strength to endure. See a list of our out-of-town college students toward the back of the church directory.
- 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 our young adults ministry. Pray that our young adults would be encouraged and strengthened in their 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 deepen our desire for prayer as a church family. May we not grow weary or apathetic in bringing our concerns to Him. May God help us to sense His presence and power as we pray. (Rom 12:12, Col 4:2)
- Pray for those in our church family who are going through a significant time of suffering—physically or mentally. Pray for peace. Pray for a keen awareness of God’s presence and a desire to draw near to him. Pray for experiences of joy in Christ and in fellowship with church family. (Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 34:18, Ps. 30:1-5)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Jim Ernster, Marjorie Griffin, Tom Hunter (death of sister), Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker, Tony Yuriar (death of father)**

(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.*

## Praying & Crocheting Ministry

Tanya Joy :: Ministry Leader

**On Tuesday, May 5 at 12:30am - 1:30pm any church member is invited to join us in room 115 for a Praying & Crocheting in person meeting.**

This will be a time of getting acquainted and learning how your crafting interests will be providing support to the ministries in the church. At this writing, our group has shared craft creations with the Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, College Student Ministry, and Grief & Bereavement. We are excited about expanding our scope with other crafts and new faces bringing their talents in support of church ministries.



Praying & Crocheting is a ministry that seeks the Lord to provide love and support through the creative work of our hands. We rely on Him to give us the ability to do what He has called us to do. We pray for the projects that we make, the provision and skills necessary for creating all items we make and for the recipients that receive them. Then we rejoice in being able to bring forth a tangible example of God’s love to others, which not only brings joy to you, the crafter, but the recipient experiences the feeling of a warm hug. (Now, who doesn’t enjoy a nice hug?)



When we initially started Praying & Crocheting, we chose to read through the book of Psalms. Each week as we gathered, we read a portion or a complete Psalm, which should be read prior to coming to the meeting. We are choosing to continue, so during the meeting we will read the psalm through and discuss what the Lord revealed to you through your quiet time with Him as you read the psalm. This has been most encouraging to all of us. Tuesday, we will be reading Psalm 66 and discuss what God has revealed to your heart.

## Ministry Spotlight

If you are not able to join us in person, I encourage you to read Psalm 66 and expect a call from one of our crafters. *(This can only happen by you letting me know that you are interested in participating with Praying & Crocheting.)* Once a month we will briefly connect with you to share some highlights about the group meeting and give you a chance to discuss your thoughts about the Psalm and projects you may choose to make. I believe this will be a very rewarding way to keep us all together and informed. We hope to share future meetings, using technology, maybe via zoom with participants that are unable to attend and forward links or recommend You-Tube tutorials to help us learn different techniques and stitches.



If you read this article and are a new at crafting but are willing to learn, don't hesitate to reach out to me or Randy Fishter. I would love to meet you and talk about the possibilities of joining this group of servants.

**Starting May 5, at 12:30pm-1:30pm, the first Tuesday of each month, church members may come together in person for Praying and Crocheting.** We welcome crocheters or knitters, cross-stitchers, greeting card makers, and we are open to other ways we can not only bless those in the church (Youth Ministry, College Student Ministry, and Grief & Bereavement), but also outreach organizations (World Vision, Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Operation Christmas Child), just to name a few. **Contact Tanya Joy, for more information.** *(If you are unable to attend in person, but would like to support the efforts of this ministry, you are welcome, please reach out to me.)*



# Announcements

1. **Church Prayer Meeting THIS Wed., May 6 at 6:30 PM.** We look forward to praying together, as well as hearing testimony and biblical encouragement as a church family. Come early at 5:30pm for a simple meal and fellowship. If you'd like to help with the meal contact John and Jess Almy.

2. **Men's Breakfast :: Saturday, May 16, 8:30am.** Guys, mark your calendar and join us for a time of fellowship and devotional. Reserve your spot now so we can make sure there's plenty of food. Scan the QR code to register. Contact John Almy (jalmy545@yahoo.com) for more info.



3. **Last Night of Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule :: May 20.** AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study, and all choirs will break for the summer after May 20. Stay tuned for more information about Summer Seminars scheduled once a month in June, July, and August.

4. **Young Adult Gathering :: May 30 at 5pm :: Home of Zach and Katie Schlegel.** Young Adults are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments. Contact Tre Fields for more info or questions.

5. **Church Members' Meeting :: Sunday, May 31.** We plan to have our regularly scheduled Members' Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, May 31. We will vote on memberships, pray for the ministry of the church, and hear ministry reports. Minutes from our previous Members' Meeting will be available on 5/24 in the church office.

6. **Glover Scholarship.** If you are a church member and a 2026 high school graduate who is attending college in the fall, you are eligible to apply for the John and Ethel Glover Scholarship. Contact Mike Rogers in the church office for an application or for more information (mrogers@fbcum.org) The deadline for submissions is June 21st.

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.



If you're giving in person or by mail, please help us accurately identify your gift by legibly printing your first and last name on your giving envelope. Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.

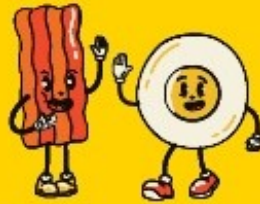


## **Digital Communication Card**

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.



# Men's Breakfast



## Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and  
testimony!

*All men are welcome to attend*



Scan to  
Register

**8:30 a.m.**

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# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 8:1-21](#)

“Take Care How You Hear”– May 3, 2026



## Introduction

During the Great Awakening in America in the 1740's, God used this time of revival to bring many to saving faith. The response to the sermons were often great physically emotional displays from those under the conviction of the Spirit causing some to doubt the genuineness of the conversions.

At the end of chapter seven, we see a woman who, in her passion toward Jesus, showed great emotion. This might cause us to ask if her faith was truly genuine. How can you know if your faith is genuine, real, saving faith? It isn't how strongly you feel, but how you hear God's word and what kind of life comes as a result.

Here, Jesus was preaching and proclaiming the Kingdom of God. What is the Kingdom of God? It is God's people, living in God's place under God's rule. In [Mark 1:15](#), Jesus came and proclaimed that He would open the door to the Kingdom. The good news is that Jesus came, fully God and fully man, lived a perfect life so that He could die as a sacrifice for our sin. On the third day, He rose again. Today, He lives to offer forgiveness and salvation and to show us the way to the kingdom. We come by repentance and faith.

We see at the beginning of chapter eight, that there were women who came in just that way - repentance and faith. They followed Jesus and helped to provide for His ministry. Jesus then will show that there is a difference between listening and hearing? The central idea of this text is [verse 18](#): “Take care how you hear.” Are your ears open to the good news? Do you need to trust in Jesus and come into the Kingdom? Saving faith is hearing that obeys. Not all faith is saving, but saving faith hears and obeys. This is so important to Jesus that He lays out three pictures to help us understand: A field, a lamp and a family.

## Sermon Outline

1. Persevering obedience Vs. 1-15
2. Public obedience Vs.16-18
3. Personal obedience Vs.19-21

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 1-15

Jesus tells the parable of the Sower. There was one sower, but four different types of ground and four different responses. The climax of this parable is [vs. 8](#). We all have ears, but often have selective hearing. God's word must reach your heart and shape your life. When you understand and believe, it is because God has given you that faith as a gift. Some may see but not really “see,” and hear but not really understand. ([Isaiah 6:9](#)) Jesus' parable can be applied to His ministry. Some in the crowd will hear, but not understand; see, but not really see.

The mystery of the kingdom isn't hard. It has been revealed. Jesus was publicly declaring the good news of the kingdom. The quote from Isaiah is a warning. What you do with God's word matters. You either use it or you lose it. If you hear God's word and you respond in obedience, your heart is softened and more light comes in. The opposite is true. If you resist God's word, your heart hardens. If you stiff-arm God long enough, God will give you over to what you want. ([Romans 1:24](#)) There is no neutral hearing.

If you hear God's voice now, praise God. If you are troubled about being given over, it is not too late - you still hear His voice. Do not delay your obedience! It's okay to wrestle with God's word. Ask questions. Pray. Ask God for understanding, and He will give it.

Jesus explained His parable to the disciples. The first seed that was sown fell along the path. The soil was hard. That is a picture of the heart that doesn't receive God's word because Satan prevents it. Does this give you pause? You should remember that every time the Word of God is preached, there is a spiritual war.

The second seed was sown on the rocky soil. The hearers received the Word with joy, but the joy fizzled out. Trials and times of testing will expose a “fair-weather” commitment to trusting God. Excitement is not the same thing as endurance. Real faith lasts even when obedience is costly.

The third seed was sown among the thorns, which are the cares (worries), riches and pleasures of life that, when left unchecked, can suffocate the Word of God. The thorns creep up subtly. At first, you may not notice, but soon they take over. Money becomes security. Pleasures become an escape. What is competing with God's word for your affections and obedience?

The fourth seed was sown on good soil. The Word is held fast and fruit is borne with patience. You must hold fast to God's word in testing rather than trying to take control. Be honest with yourself about what you read. Honest questions are great. They are meant to lead to the truth. Don't ask questions as a means to hide from the truth or find a "loophole." When God's word confronts you, ask yourself what is it that you want to hold on to or are afraid to leave? What truth are you running from? Do you want to know the truth? Be honest and follow the Bible wherever it leads. The fruit of the Spirit **will** be borne in your life. Be patient. It takes time. Saving faith is about finishing. ([Mark 13:13](#); [James 5:11](#)) You will sin and fall, but saving faith repents, gets up and keeps going. Are you facing a time of testing? How will you endure? This is why we have the church. We need each other. ([Hebrews 10:23-25](#)) It is through the church, that God will produce this persevering obedience in you. Right hearing yields persevering obedience.

## 2. Read Vs. 16-18

The focus here is taking care of how you hear. If you hear God's word and you do not obey, the light that God's Word gives, will be taken away. Things will get darker. His Word will be harder to understand. The opposite is true too. If you step out in faith and obey, more will be given to you. If you stand outside in your disobedience, you will not see the beauty of God's Word or His church. You must enter and see the light. Obedience is summarized as more love for God and more love for others. Assemble a group of people living this way, and you have the church. The church becomes a witness to the world. You must center your life around the local church to strengthen yourself, but also because the church is the central plan for evangelism. ([1 Timothy 3:15](#)) Jesus will build His church. Christianity is personal, but never private. Baptism is a public declaration of a decision to trust Christ. Being part of a church is integral to spiritual growth. Reaching out in love is a natural action if you are a believer. Let your obedience be public. People will see your light and stand with you.

## 3. Read Vs. 19-21

Along with [verses 1 – 3](#), these verses pull everything together. At the beginning of the chapter, we see some surprising disciples. In [Vs. 19-21](#), Jesus' mother and brothers can't reach Him because of the crowd. What is a mark of a true disciple? They are ones who hear the word and obey. No matter who you are, what you've done or where you are coming from, you can get into the kingdom of God if you hear and believe and do what God says. No restrictions.

This obedience is not a cold transaction. It is a relationship. Those who repent and believe are part of Jesus' personal and fundamental family. You must see your identity in that way, not in the way that the world would want you to see it. If you are a Christian, what makes you who you are? It is that you are loved by God and a member of the family of God. We are sisters and brothers in Christ. We are family!! Do you see yourself that way? Are you ordering your life that way?

### 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: [Psalm 117](#) "God's of Unshakeable Devotion"**

## Family Guide for week of May 3<sup>rd</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](#).

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

Day 1 – Matthew 26:30-35

Day 2 – Matthew 26:36-46

Day 3 – Matthew 26:47-56

Day 4 – Matthew 26:57-68

Day 5 – Matthew 26:69-75

\*Read Psalm 117 in preparation for church on Sunday, May 10, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 17 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask Jesus to help you trust Him to do amazing things through your ordinary moments today. Pray for a heart that's ready to be changed and used by Him.

### **Sing together**

"Solid Rock" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

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

**1 John 3:5** "You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin."

**Psalm 145:11** "They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power."

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

#### **Question 42: How is the Word of God to be read and heard?**

**Answer:** With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith and practice it in our lives.

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