

Sunday Morning Worship

May 31, 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 — Lamentations 3:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ ...this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

Taste and See (Psalm 34)

Jimmy Needham | Shane Barnard | Joseph Rigney

Verse 1:

I sought the Lord
And He answered me
And delivered me
From every fear
Those who look on Him
Are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

Verse 2:

This poor man cried
And the Lord heard me
And saved me from
My enemies
The Son of God
Surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

Chorus:

Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever

Verse 3:

Oh, taste and see
That the Lord is good
Oh, blessed is he
Who hides in Him
Oh, fear the Lord
Oh, all you saints
He'll give you everything
He'll give you everything

Bridge:

Let us bless the Lord
Every day and night
Neverending praise
May our incense rise

The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles A Tindley | Donald Vails

Verse 1:

Take courage my soul
and let us journey on
Tho' the night is dark
and I am far from home
Thanks be to God
the morning light appears

Chorus:

The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over, Hallelu

Verse 2:

The billows roll
and thunder shakes the ground
Tho' the lightnings flash
and tempest all around
Jesus walks the sea
and calms the angry waves

Bridge:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over, Hallelu

Verse 3:

The stars are gone
and distant lights are dim
I am so afraid
the seas are breaking in
I hear God say
"Be ye, not afraid"

Verse 4:

Now soon we shall reach
the distant shining shore
Free from all
the storms we'll rest forevermore
Safe within the veil
we'll furl the riven sail

Scripture Reading — John 10:7-18 (ESV)

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen*

Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

Verse 1:

Lord from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Chorus:

Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You're still my God my salvation

Verse 2:

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You

Verse 3:

Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight
Lord my heart will praise You

Message :: “God Our Refuge” :: Psalm 12



Our guest preacher this morning is Jeremy McClain. He serves as a pastor at Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Washington, DC. He and his wife Tiffany have four wonderful children.

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Keaton Bunting | Bob Kauflin

Verse 1:

When the enemy surrounds
and my heart grows faint within
When the darkness overwhelms
and my fears are pressing in
I will trust in You, O Lord,
in the silence I will wait
I will stand upon Your Word

Chorus:

You're my solid rock and my salvation
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken
My refuge and my sure foundation
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You

Verse 2:

You're my stronghold and my shield
in the midst of every threat
Though the wicked never yield,
they will vanish like a breath
Yes, I know the outcome's sure,
Satan's evil plans will fail
In Your power I'm secure

Verse 3:

This is love I can't explain,
this is mercy unreserved
Through Your sacrifice so great,
I have peace that's undeserved
For the battle has been won,
and I fear no shame or loss
Now the sting of death is gone

Bridge:

Pouring out our hearts before You
We will trust in You
Perfect Savior, strong defender
We will trust in You

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, May 31

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

Monday, June 1

Tuesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 3

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting

Thursday, June 4

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

Sunday, June 7

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
5:00 PM Church Picnic "Celebrating the
Faithfulness of God"

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Sunday, May 31 — Members' Meeting following worship

Sunday, June 7

9am — Children's DiscipleLIFE Promotion Sunday
5pm — Church Picnic "Celebrating the Faithfulness of God"

Wednesday, June 17

7pm — Summer Seminar #1: "Marijuana and the Christian"

June 22—26

9am—12:15pm — Vacation Bible School: "Illumination Station" (K-6)
1pm—3pm — "Acts of Faith" (grades 2-6)

Sunday, July 12 — Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, July 12 — Starting Point Seminar following worship

(Seminar for those interested in church membership. Contact the church office to register.)

Wednesday, July 22

7pm — Summer Seminar #2: "Deacons, Part 1: Deacons and the Bible"

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of May 31

Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, consider using the words of the psalmist from Psalm 130:8. If you're praying through the church directory, consider asking God to work in these ways in those you're praying for each day:

⁸ *...hope in the LORD!*
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
And with him is plentiful redemption.

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 (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand), and Tommie van der Walt (Imprint, South Africa). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)
- Pray for the Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets June 7-8 in Orlando. Pray for wisdom and clarity as they vote on important matters that relate to the cooperative work of Southern Baptist churches around the world. (James 1:5)

Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray for our upcoming Members Meeting on May 31 after worship. Pray that God would continually help us to grow in unity and service to one another as fellow believers here at FBCUM and help us work together for kingdom purposes. (Eph 4:2-3)
- 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 God brings good spiritual fruit in the lives of our children and students this summer through Vacation Bible School (June 22-26) and Youth Summer Camp (July 13-18). (Gal 5:22-23)
- Pray that God would help our church family use the summer season for unique opportunities of evangelism, to build each other up, and to love one another well (Rom. 12:9-21)
- Pray God would guard our church from fear, anxiety, and disunity. Pray that we would trust that God is good and be assured that He is in control. (John 13:34-35)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Mykal Haynes (death of mother), Jackie Jones, Peter Pierce, Ashley Meekins-Smith (death of grandfather), Trott & Sweetman Families (death of wife/mother) , [consult church directory for a list of those who are homebound and unable to attend]

(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.*

College Student Ministry

Una Edwards & Ashley Smith :: Ministry Leaders

Today is the last day of May. The high school graduations have taken place and now some of our youth are getting ready for a major transition which involves going to a college or university. These young people are stepping out on faith and leaving the family home to get an education that will prepare them for a future in business, engineering, education, medicine, acting, or perhaps journalism. Whatever the choice, the process is relatively the same, there will be a lot of new experiences and new friends to meet.

The goal of the College Students Ministry is to help our student members get connected with a local church and or a campus bible study group. We encourage students to talk to our pastors and ask for church recommendations near the campus prior to leaving. This may provide time for the pastor of FBC to contact the pastor of the local church near the campus to establish a dialogue. This is a healthy way to establish spiritual care with a local church near the campus. Although our students are away from FBCUM, we still want them to continue to grow spiritually.



What if there isn't a local church or perhaps transportation is challenging, we will also check to see if there is a campus Bible study group that will embrace the freshman students. Another benefit to joining a Bible study group is that it is a great way to make connections on campus. We have learned that one of the factors that strongly affect college student's success is the feeling of loneliness. So, finding a welcoming group of students earnestly seeking connection through a bible study group is one of the greatest opportunities to learn about the Lord but also have peer support. A godly friend will encourage you to live in a manner that glorifies the Lord.

Ministry Spotlight

We also strive to encourage monthly pastoral check-ins through calls, text messaging etc. These check-ins are designed to support the efforts of the local church and/or the bible study group. The College Student Ministry wants to be a support that demonstrates Christian love for our students as they transition into college life.



This ministry will also provide the occasional care package, so volunteers are needed to dedicate some time to assist with these and being a mentor to some of our students by simply checking-in with our students throughout the year with a card of encouragement, text messaging and prayers. We want all of our students to be encouraged, spiritual growth and have an even greater connection with a supportive church family.

To assist or to learn more, please reach out to Una Edwards or Ashley Smith.

Announcements

1. **Church Members' Meeting :: TODAY, following worship service.**

2. **Church Prayer Meeting THIS Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30pm.** Come early at 5:30pm for a simple meal and fellowship. Contact John and Jess Almy if you'd like to help with the meal.

3. **Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday, June 7.** We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart and seek any necessary reconciliation in preparation to receive the supper together in unity.

4. **Church Picnic — "Celebrating the Faithfulness of God" — Sunday, June 7, 5pm.** Join us promptly at 5pm for a special presentation meant to reflect on God's faithfulness in the past and share vision for the future ministry of FBCUM. Then, enjoy a catered meal and fellowship on the front lawn. As always, bring along your picnic items (lawn chairs, blankets, games, etc.) Donations of any amount will be taken to help offset the cost of food. Any excess funds will go to help our students fund their summer trip. We're looking forward to a joyful afternoon of fellowship as a church family.

5. **VBS 2026 "Illumination Station" :: June 22-26 :: 9a-12:15p :: K-6th.** Registration open! Space is limited. First-come, first-served. Open to community starting June 8th. Placement based on age of child as of Sept 1. Grades 3-6 can also register for the new afternoon track, "Acts of Faith", emphasizing music, acting, and dance. Scan QR code or visit church website.



6. **VBS Volunteer Meeting :: June 7.** Mandatory 20-minute meeting June 7th immediately following the worship service in room 117/118. Volunteers will be provided info about this year's program, VBS T-shirt, schedule, and materials. (Teen helpers do NOT need to attend).

7. **Summer Seminar #1 :: "Marijuana and the Christian" — June 17, 7-8pm.** All are invited to the first Summer Seminar as the elders help us consider how to think biblically about marijuana. Q&A will follow.

8. **Glover Scholarship.** Members who are 2026 high school graduates attending college in the fall are eligible to apply for the Glover Scholarship. Contact Mike Rogers for application. Submissions due June 21.

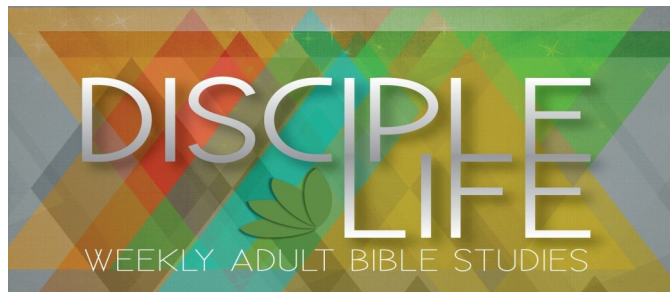
9. **Graduate Recognition Sunday — July 12.** We plan to recognize and give thanks to God for our 2026 graduates on July 12. If you would like to announce your child's or your own graduation information, provide the following details and a graduation photo to Mike Rogers (mrogers@fbcum.org) by July 1 (mrogers@fbcum.org): Name, Name of High School or College (degree), Future Plans.



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.





Summer 2026 (June - August) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:

SUMMER SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 7 @ 9AM

To help us prepare, we are asking that everyone sign up for the class they wish to attend by [clicking here](#).

Explore the Bible – Joshua, Judges, Ruth:

The books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth examine the highs and lows of leadership. While Joshua celebrates the blessings of leadership at its best, Judges offers a cautionary tale of leadership gone wrong. And Ruth reminds us that even in the worst of times, God is still at work, raising leaders from the most unlikely of places. By studying Joshua, Judges, and Ruth, we see leadership from every angle—and we're challenged to reserve our ultimate loyalty for our ultimate Leader. (Books will be available in room 114 Sunday, May 24th.)

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 114 :: Teachers: Bill Lowry & Vince Butler**
- **Explore the Bible (Women) — Room 115 :: Teacher: Tanya Joy**

If you are remaining in your current Explore the Bible Class, there is no need to sign up again.

Elective Class — Suffering:

“If you live long enough you will suffer. The only alternative to not suffering is not living long enough. If that’s the case, we should labor to be ready and equipped with God’s grace and God’s truth, so we can face suffering to the glory of God. Join us as we think through what it looks like to trust God in our suffering to the glory of God.”

- **Room 117/118 :: Teachers - Zach Schlegel & TBD**

Elective Class — Titus & Philemon (Young Adults 18-35):

This class will take an in-depth look at the New Testament Paul's letters to Titus and Philemon.

- **Room 112 :: Teachers - Tre Fields & TBD**

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



Looking to God Our Provider

[Psalm 12](#)

“God Our Refuge”– May 31, 2026



Introduction

This psalm was written by David, and it was meant to be sung. As you read the psalm, you will see that it was written during a time when wicked people were prospering, and evil was prevalent.

A lot of books you read probably have a happy ending. Why? Maybe because there is a lot of bad in the world. Many people struggle with complicated grief. This grief happens in a world where God exists. That is what makes it complicated. God is good and just. He is here, and yet bad things happen. Terrible, horrific things that happen lead to a conflict in our hearts.

The world is filled with pain and sorrow. However, there is also a God in control. God says, “Come to me.” It is here you will find rest and comfort for your grief. Most of the psalms are songs of people crying out in sorrow and pain. They wonder why the wicked prosper, where God is, and will He do anything about the injustice. This is one of those psalms - a psalm of lament. The psalmist leads the people in crying out to God in their pain.

Sermon Outline

1. A pitiful society
2. A praying servant
3. A promising word
4. A powerful conviction

Read & Discuss

1. A pitiful society

[Verse one](#) explains that the godly people were gone. In a time where the people had God's law and knew what He expected, the faithful had vanished. Maybe they died. Maybe they were just going through the motions. Maybe their affections had turned to idols. When you have a society run by people who do not love God, you will see that they will not have a love for people.

In [verse two](#), the result of people who did not love is revealed. They were smooth talkers; They said one thing, but meant and acted another. They lied. They embellished the truth. They relayed information with an extreme bias. Does this sound like society today? What have you heard or read lately and found hard to believe? Are you suspicious of the motives of people? This use of the tongue will lead to the downfall of a person and a people. People “play” with words. Do you stay silent when you should speak up? Do you mislead with your words? The church needs to be filled with truth. Speak to each other with true in love. There should not be falsehoods among the brothers and sisters. This fosters sincere love and discourages skepticism.

[Verse three and four](#) show the outcome of those who live a life of lies. They do so because they think they are their own master. They plunder the people with their words. They take advantage of the people with their words. Words are powerful. We must watch our words and not use them to play like God. There is only ONE true and living God.

2. A praying servant

Do you find it easy to follow along with the crowd as they lie or do you cry out to God? The psalmist cries out, “save, oh Lord!” When you are overwhelmed with grief and pain, you can cry out the same prayer. God loves to save. When society is sinking in sin, PRAY. This world is REALLY bad. You should give yourself to REALLY praying. Pray around the table at home. Pray in your small groups. Pray in a corporate prayer meeting. Do you realize that the world is THAT bad? Do you want people to come to Christ? PRAY!!

The psalmist prayed for the Lord to exact justice. ([Vs. 3](#)) God is a just judge. We honor Him by praying

for His justice to occur. You can pray for mercy **and** justice. There is no contradiction in that. You can have a desire for those who do evil to come to faith in Christ, but you can also want justice. God will forgive those who come to Him in repentance and faith. Jesus died for ALL the sins of ALL mankind. Do you need to come to Christ in repentance? Come. If you need to make restitution for sin, do so.

3. A promising word

The psalmist was praying; now the Lord is speaking. God sees. He hears, He speaks. Primarily, He speaks through His word. Here, the focus is on the "righteous" needy being taken advantage of. God will come, and He will help. God is always in control. He is always directing life's affairs. Do you feel that intervention more often than others? We can pray that He will intervene, and He will. We have a God who is a Savior.

God cares about our daily needs. He cares about justice. We can cry out and ask to be delivered from our hardships. He can change things. Remember that while we see wickedness and heartache in the world, that same sinfulness lives in our own hearts as well. We deserve to be cut off, but Jesus came. ([Galatians 4:5](#)) He came to save us from the curse of the law. We deserve condemnation, but Jesus paid the price and satisfied the debt for sin. His resurrection is the confirmation that sins can be forgiven and that sins are put away. The best place to be is in Jesus, shielded from the wrath of God and partakers of the blessings of God.

Where do you go when life gets sad? The psalmist went to the sanctuary. He gathered with fellow strugglers. ([Psalm 73:17](#)) Are you in a storm right now? Come, and gather with others who understand the struggle and can lift you up. It is a great blessing to come together to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. Come and hear the truth of God, and find refuge.

Sometimes the way out of a situation is that God takes you home to Heaven. Jesus has gone to prepare a place. ([John 14:2](#)) In Christ, you have a place where there will be no death, lies, or murder. You can trust the words of God - they are pure. ([vs. 6](#)) His word is flawless. You can trust it. Read it. Study it. It is where you can find hope.

4. A powerful conviction

You will be kept and guarded. ([Vs. 7](#)). The situation didn't change. Satan will still prowl around, seeking whom he may devour. In the midst of the struggle, you do not have to be consumed by it. You can have the conviction of one who is being kept. He WILL keep His world. He WILL keep His people. ([John 10](#)) Jesus gave His life for the sheep. He knows the sheep. ([John 10: 27](#)) He gives eternal life. ([John 10: 28](#)) You cannot be snatched out of His hand. You can be confident in that!

The world can be shaky, but you have nothing to be shaken about. If you are in Jesus, you are in His hand now and all the way to eternity. Do you feel weak? In your weakness, He is strong. You can be honest about your pain and still trust in Jesus. You can have hope through the tears. You know how the story ends. We win because Christ wins! Go and tell others that He wins!!

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: [Deuteronomy 8:1-20](#) "Looking Back with Thanks; Looking Forward with Hope"

Family Guide for week of May 31st, 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 – 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Day 2 – 1 Samuel 4:1-11

Day 3 – 1 Samuel 4:12-22

Day 4 – 1 Samuel 5:1-12

Day 5 – 1 Samuel 6:1-21

*Read Deuteronomy 8:1-20 in preparation for church on Sunday, June 7, 2026

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 21 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Pray for people who do not have the resources to meet their basic needs—food, water, and shelter. Ask God to provide for those needs and for the greatest need—to know and believe in Jesus.

Sing together

“My Soul Will Wait” – 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.”*

Psalms 145:11 *“They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power.”*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 46: What is the Lord's Supper?

Answer: *Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him.*

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