

Sunday Morning Worship

June 14, 2026



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Order of Worship

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Benediction

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 — Psalm 42:1-6a (ESV)

¹ As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation ⁶ and my God.

Loudest Praise (Psalm 42)

Shane Barnard | Bryan Fowler

Verse 1:

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul pants for You
All my tears have been my fodder
Day and night my only food
Oh my soul you feel forgotten
Put your hope in Christ alone
As the deer longs for the water
So my soul longs to be home

Chorus:

Come thou fount of living water
Tune my heart to bless Your name
Streams of trouble never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Verse 2:

As the deep cries out for answers
As Your waves crash over me
Let Your goodness like a fetter
Bind my broken heart to Thee
In the night Your song is with me
Day by day You hold me fast
Oh my soul hope in Jesus
You shall praise your God at last

Bridge:

Deep calls to deep
Waves of unbelief
Breakers crash and bring me
Falling to my knees
It goes on and on and on
Where is my God
My salvation is in You and You alone

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 53:1-12 (ESV)

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;

by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Highly Exalted

Robin Mark

Verse 1:

You were despised
You were rejected, Lord
Those who passed by even averted
Their gaze from the sight
Such was the suffering You bore for us

Verse 2:

Led like a lamb a lamb to the slaughter
You spoke not a word but chose to be silent
Though You did no wrong
Nor was deceitfulness found in You

Pre-chorus:

Yet by Your wounds our salvation has come
Yet by Your suffering our freedom is won

Chorus:

For God has highly exalted Your name
He has enthroned You on high
Jesus, the name above all names

I'm So Glad

Traditional | Camp Kirkland

Verse 1:

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me!

Verse 2:

Satan had me bound, Jesus set me free!
Satan had me bound, Jesus set me free!
Satan had me bound, Jesus set me free!
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus set me free!

Verse 3:

When I was in trouble Jesus rescued me!
When I was in trouble Jesus rescued me!
When I was in trouble Jesus rescued me!
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus rescued me!

Verse 4:

I laid down my life Jesus lifted me!
I laid down my life Jesus lifted me!
I laid down my life Jesus lifted me!
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me!

Message :: “Do Not Fear; Only Believe” :: Luke 8:40-56

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Johnny Robinson | Rich Thompson

Verse 1:

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Verse 2:

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3:

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore
And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has
found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge:

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, June 14

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

Monday, June 15

Tuesday, June 16

Wednesday, June 17

7 PM Summer Seminar #1: "Marijuana and the Christian"

Thursday, June 18

Friday, June 19 (Juneteenth)

Saturday, June 20

Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day)

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

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

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"

Wednesday, August 12

7pm — Summer Seminar #3: "Deacons, Part 2: Church History and FBCUM History"

Sunday, August 23 — Members Meeting following worship

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of June 14

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 these words from Hebrews 12:1. If you're praying through the church directory, consider asking God to work in these ways in those you're praying for each day:

*...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...*

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)

Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray that God would bear good spiritual fruit from the Southern Baptist Convention which met this past week. Pray for the cooperative work of Southern Baptist churches around the world. (James 1:5)
- 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 for teachers and students in our church family who are completing their final days 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 in the church directory on p. 24.
- Pray that our Summer Seminar series led by the elders would be helpful, informative, and productive as we consider the following topics; Marijuana and the Christian (June 17), Deacons and the Bible (July 22), and Deacons in church History and Our History (August 12).
- 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 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:

Connie Crawford, Nikki Crawford (death of brother), Mykal Haynes (death of mother), Jackie Jones, Eileen Kessler, Peter Pierce

Consult the 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” highlights church ministries and programs at FBC Upper Marlboro. We hope you’ll consider how you can pray for and support these ministry efforts. Pick up a copy of “Places to Serve” in the magazine racks near the exits for information on all the church ministries.

ChildLIFE Ministry

Ashley Meekins-Smith :: Ministry Leader

Each Sunday, something amazing happens in the Children’s Ministry area. The ChildLIFE Ministry volunteers, show up at 9:45am to meet and provide care and oversee children ages, infant - PreK-4 during the worship service.

Parents with preschool aged children arrive to check in their children. Children’s parents are encouraged to provide details about allergies, or any details that may impact their attendance in ChildLIFE. These details are a great support as snacks are given during their visit. The children are checked-in and the parents receive their lanyards to pick-up their children after the service.

The goal in ChildLIFE is to partner with parents in discipling their children. As children play with one another they are developing social skills, learning how to problem solve, while being supportive to one another. They also have opportunities to watch approved videos and listen to Biblical stories that promote Christian morals and values.

Children being in a safe, caring atmosphere with volunteers that know them and their parents provides security. Children often look forward to their time together in ChildLIFE.



Our wonderful volunteers consist of parents of preschool children, other church members and some youth volunteers that have a heart to serve our future believers in Christ. Some of the benefits of serving with this team is advanced scheduling. Ashley’s plan allows for adjustments to be made to the schedule way in advance to keep ChildLIFE fully functional. Following this plan, parents of preschool-aged children, serve only two times in three months.

Ministry Spotlight

Let's learn more about our ChildLIFE Ministry team leader, *Ashley Meekins-Smith* by checking out the Q & A below.



- How long and why did you choose to serve in ChildLIFE?

I have served in ChildLIFE for 2 years because working with children has always been my passion, and God led me to this wonderful opportunity to minister to them and help build their foundation in Christ.

- How has serving in ChildLIFE impacted your relationship with Christ?

Working in ChildLIFE has made my relationship with Christ stronger. I came into the position through Faith, and He has sustained me while I learned to trust Him more.

- What spiritual benefits have you witnessed in those serving in ChildLIFE?

I have seen the passion and dedication of the workers to teach the gospel to the children, and it has shown in the lives of their families.

- Have you witnessed anything new in the children who attend ChildLIFE?

I have, the children become more comfortable communicating what they have learned with their parents. They are also excited to show their drawings and other activities from their Sunday School classes.

- One thing you want others to know about serving in ChildLIFE:

It is a rewarding experience to minister to the children. You will see their growth as they matriculate, and that will show the evidence of God's work. Seeing this evidence of God's work in their lives gives me an immense amount of gratitude, and I am extremely blessed to be a part of this ministry.

Join NOW! This is a great time to join the ChildLIFE Ministry, starting as a substitute during the summer months would be a tremendous help to this team as some families may travel for vacations. Anyone interested should contact [Ashley Meekins-Smith](#) for more information.

Announcements

1. Young Adult Gathering :: TODAY at 4pm :: Home of Mike and Marsha Davenport. Young Adults are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments. Contact Tre Fields for more info.

2. 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.



3. Summer Seminar #1 :: “Marijuana and the Christian” — June 17, 7-8pm. Join us for the first Summer Seminar as we consider how to think biblically about marijuana. Q&A will follow. Mark your calendar for seminar #2 (7/22) and #3 (8/12) on the topic of Deacons.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Giving. We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: designated boxes in the church foyer or during the worship service,
- by mail: send to the church office.



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.



The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 8:40-56](#)

“Do Not Fear; Only Believe”– June 14, 2026



Introduction

Have you ever tried to explain something to someone only to have them blow you off thinking they already knew all about the information you were going to share with them? They might be totally convinced that they have the answer or know what is right. As we read the gospels and their familiar stories about Jesus' miracles etc., you may think you've got it. Is that how you approach the gospels? You may think that you know all there is to know about Jesus. However, ask yourself, “did I live it this week? It's one thing to know it in your head but does your heart believe it.

Luke wants us to “get it.” ([Luke 1:4](#)) In this passage, Luke shows us two miracles. The woman who came to Jesus for healing shows a weary faith. She had suffered for 12 years. Jairus shows us a troubled faith. His daughter was about to die. What happens when weak faith meets a strong Savior?

Sermon Outline

1. Real faith is unashamed of Jesus. Vs. 40-48
2. Real faith trusts God's timing. Vs. 49-56

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 40-48

In chapter 8, we see Jesus on the west side of Galilee. He sailed east to get away from the crowds for a bit. There, He healed the demoniac and calmed the storm. When he returned, the crowds pressed in on Him. Jairus, who held a prestigious position in the synagogue, was one of them. Even though he held this position in the synagogue, he hadn't come to fully understand who Jesus was. He did come because his ONLY daughter was very, very sick. She was dying. He was desperate. Can you step into His shoes? He probably heard about Jesus' miracles, which gave him a glimmer of hope. This small flicker of faith brought him to Jesus. Have you been in that position before - with only a flicker of faith? That's all you need. It's not the strength of our faith - it is the object of our faith.

To make things worse, a desperate woman stops Jesus, as He is on His way to attend to Jairus' daughter. How do you think Jairus felt at that moment? This woman had suffered physically as well as socially and spiritually. ([Leviticus 15:19-30](#)) She had been ceremonially unclean for over a decade. Anyone she touched would become unclean as well. She was cut off, and she had tried everything. Her hope began to diminish. She was weary, but she came to Jesus. What was it in her weariness that strengthened her one more time to go to Jesus? Is that where you are this morning? You've tried, prayed and hoped in God. Are you still waiting for an answer? Is your faith weary? Look at Jesus here.

Jairus was a religious leader; the woman was a nobody. Yet they both, in their trouble and weariness, went to Jesus. The woman tried to be unnoticed as she went through the crowd. She touched Jesus' garment and was immediately healed. She wanted to sneak out, but she couldn't. Jesus knew someone had touched Him. The woman was invisible to everyone but Jesus. He saw her and wanted to draw her out to Himself. When Jesus asked who touched Him, the woman trembled. Why? She had been given a glimpse of the power and authority of Jesus. She wasn't hidden. Was she afraid that Jesus would take back the healing? Would He embarrass her? No, Jesus restored and elevated her dignity before the people. He had something far greater for her.

Knowing the heart of Jesus, strengthens faith. Jesus has power and authority. For years, this woman suffered physically. Jesus healed her immediately, but He also had the power to restore her. Salvation is not a cure. One must come to know Jesus as a Person! He wants something better for you - a relationship. Jesus didn't respond to her as others did. Luke emphasized that she “touched” Jesus which would make Him unclean. When an unclean woman touches Jesus, His purity made her clean. This woman's physical condition points to our spiritual condition.

In our sin, we are unclean, separated from a holy God. We are not good enough to make our way to heaven. In our sin, shame is the appropriate response. We try to hide and justify ourselves to others. It is

painful, but can be an invitation to come to God. In His death on the cross, Jesus took away our shame. ([Hebrews 12:2](#)) He defeated our shame, taking the stain and making us clean. In His resurrection, He shamed the shamers, triumphing over them. ([Colossians 2:15](#)) Today, everyone who turns from their sin that brings shame and comes to Jesus in faith will be adopted into His family. ([Hebrews 2:11](#)) Come to Jesus in repentance and faith. Don't be ashamed. Look to Christ. He will take away the sin, shame, and the guilt.

If you have already trusted in Christ, your first step of obedience is to go public with your faith in baptism and join a local church. Respond to Jesus' loving invitation. Come to Jesus. ([Matthew 11:28](#)) How does this apply to us collectively? We must help each other come to Jesus. Call someone. Check in on them. Meet up with someone and read the Bible with them. Open up your home to others. Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with those who rejoice. Jesus' shoulders are big enough to carry your burden. The church is where the outcast becomes family. This side of heaven, you may still feel invisible. How can you get connected? Here are four suggestions: 1) Be patient and realistic. Relationships take time. 2) Don't wait for someone else to reach out to you. 3) Talk to a pastor. They can help you get connected. 4) Don't view the church as "them;" view it as "us." You are a part.

What did Jesus mean by, "your faith had made you well?" More important than getting something from Jesus is getting Jesus. He physical healing wasn't the reward. A relationship by grace through faith is the true reward. Jesus **will** heal every disease. We just don't know when. It could be in this life. It could be in the next. Trust Jesus and His timing.

2. Read Vs. 49-56

Think back to the miracle of the woman. The entire time that Jesus stopped, Jairus was right there - waiting. How do you think Jairus felt? Then the news came - "your daughter is dead." In a moment, all of his hope collapsed. Focus on the phrase "do not trouble *the Teacher*." In chapter 7, the centurion said the same thing. ([Luke 7:6](#)) His comment was an expression of faith. He knew if Jesus just said the word, his servant would be healed. We know that Jesus can heal from a distance. Why does Jesus make Jairus go through this? He wanted Jairus to know that He was much more than a teacher. Jesus challenged their limited view of Him.

Jesus didn't give a different diagnosis of Jairus' daughter. He gave a different perspective because His authority and power to raise a child from the dead was as easy as rousing someone from a nap. Jesus took her hand, and she immediately got up! She was alive. Her parents were amazed. But Jesus charged them not to tell anyone what happened. Why? Jesus healing the woman and raising Jairus' daughter was amazing. However, their biggest problem wasn't the need for healing. The woman and the child would die some day in the future. Physical sickness and death are big deals, but our sin is our biggest problem. The miracles weren't the point. They were signs to show us who Jesus is - to establish Him as Messiah. ([Isaiah 53](#)) There is a better gift - Himself. He reconciles us to God and brings peace.

In the face of sickness and death, do you have peace with God? Do you know where you are going? The time between now and then, you have to wait. Do you like to wait? Does that tempt you to go to your plan B? Are you tired and dissatisfied? Are you looking for the praise of man? What is your idol? God-alternatives can become a temptation. Jairus reminds us that Jesus is NEVER late. Are you troubled and tired of waiting? Do you doubt Jesus' power and authority? This text reminds us who Jesus is. There is no situation in which He is too busy. There is never a situation too great for Him to handle. Come to Him in your weariness and fear. Come with your questions. Trust Him.

Prayer of Response

- 1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?
- 2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe*, *desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at www.fbcum.org.

Next week's sermon text: [Luke 9:1-17](#) "The God Who Satisfies Our Heart"

Family Guide for week of June 14th, 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 10:1-16

Day 2 – 1 Samuel 10:17-27

Day 3 – 1 Samuel 11:1-11

Day 4 – 1 Samuel 11:12-14

Day 5 – 1 Samuel 12:1-25

*Read Luke 9:1-17 in preparation for church on Sunday, June 21, 2026

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 23 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask Jesus to help you love and obey Him this week. Ask Him to help you rest in His love.

Sing together

“Christ is Mine Forevermore” – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

Memory verses for the month

Daniel 4:3 *“How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.”*

Matthew 6:33 *“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 48: What is the church?

Answer: *A community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together.*

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