

Sunday Morning Worship

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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 — John 1:1-5, 14 (ESV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Edward Perronet | John Rippon | Judah Groveman

Verse 1:

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2:

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you
by His grace and crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Chorus:

His name is Jesus,
Risen Lamb, for sinners slain
His name is Jesus
All creation sings the praise (repeat)
Of Jesus name

Verse 3:

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 4:

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

The Word Made Flesh *

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.
Truly God,
He became truly man,
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

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\* The Ligonier Statement on Christology ("The Word Made Flesh") — is a summary of biblical truth intended to serve the church by encapsulating the historic, orthodox, biblical Christology of the Christian church in a form simple to confess. Info at: [christologystatement.com](http://christologystatement.com)

## Glorious Christ

Bob Kauflin

### Verse 1:

The radiance of the Father  
Before the dawn of time  
You spoke and all creation came to be  
The molecules and planets  
Reveal Your great design  
And every one was made so we could see,  
So we could see!

### Chorus:

You are the glorious Christ  
The greatest of all delights  
Your power is unequalled  
Your love beyond all heights  
No greater sacrifice  
Than when You laid down Your life  
We join the song of angels  
Who praise You day and night  
Glorious Christ!

### Verse 2:

You left the air of heaven  
To breathe the dust of earth  
And dwell among the outcast and the poor  
You came to be forsaken  
And died to take our curse  
So You could be our joy Forevermore,  
Forevermore!

### Verse 3:

You're seated now in heaven  
Enthroned at God's right hand  
You've shattered death and freed us from our fears  
And though we cannot see You  
You're coming back again  
And all will be made right when You appear,  
when You appear!

## Scripture Reading — Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

<sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—  
<sup>15</sup> so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

<sup>53:1</sup> Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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?

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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

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## **Verse 1:**

You were despised  
You were rejected Lord  
Those who passed by even averted  
Their gaze from the sight  
Such was the suff'ring You bore for us  
Yet by Your wounds our salvation has come  
Yet by Your suff'ring our freedom is won

## **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  
Yet by Your wounds our salvation has come  
Yet by Your suff'ring our freedom is won

## **Chorus:**

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

## Message :: “Lose Your Life to Save Your Life” :: Luke 9:18-36

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Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

F.R. Warren | Jason Brown

Verse 1:

Hark! I hear - the harps eternal
Ringing on the - farther shore,
As I near those - swollen waters,
With their deep and - solemn roar.

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah praise the Lamb
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Glory to the Great I Am.

Verse 2:

And my soul though stained with sorrow,
Fading as the - light of day,
Passes swiftly - o'er those waters,
To the city - far away.

Verse 3:

Souls have crossed - before us safely
To that land of - perfect rest;
Can you hear them - singing faintly
In the mansions - of the blest.

Verse 4:

Mighty Jesus - bear us over
There to kneel be-fore Your throne
May we join the - saints forever
Praising You and - You alone

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, July 12

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Graduate Recognition
12:00 PM Starting Point Seminar (rooms 120-125)
6:00 PM Youth Night

Monday, July 13

Youth at Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 14

Youth at Summer Camp

Wednesday, July 15

Youth at Summer Camp

Thursday, July 16

Youth at Summer Camp

Friday, July 17

Youth at Summer Camp

Saturday, July 18

Youth at Summer Camp

Sunday, July 19

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

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

July 13—18: Youth Summer Trip

Tuesday, July 21

6:30pm — Mid-Year Financial Review

Wednesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, August 19

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

Sunday, August 23 — Members Meeting following worship

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Bernice McGuire, Ministry Leader

Serving in this ministry requires concentration, persistence and faithfulness, and the rewards are priceless. When you see prayers answered our faith is increased. We rejoice and praise Him for answering our prayers. Prayer is a command from the Lord and it is a great privilege to do so. According to Bernice, the Prayer Ministry is the most important ministry of our church. She has and continues to serve with dedication and devotion to the Prayer Ministry. It really is a precious gift from God.

When you join the Prayer Ministry one of the first things you will do as a member is to pray for the ministry and those that serve in the prayer ministry. Then you will commit to a specific time to serve each week, thus devoting one hour in the prayer room. Your name will be added to the schedule to ensure that members will not interrupt others during their prayer time. Prayer requests are to be kept confidential unless noted otherwise on the prayer request card.

You may be wondering how do you know what you will pray and for whom you will pray. Believe it or not, new prayer requests come into the Prayer Room each week through various sources to include Prayer Request Cards, telephone calls, email requests, Church Bulletin, Church Directory, IMB (International Mission Board), and NAMB (North American Mission Board.)

Individual personal prayer requests come from emails, calls and Prayer Request Cards. Individuals in the church will use one of these methods to contact the Prayer Room to make a request for a specific prayer need. These requests are recorded on a Prayer Card with the date of the request, the name, and details. This information once added to the Prayer Card will go into the Active Prayer box in an order that ensures that each request will be prayed for each week. Once you pray for the concern, you will place your initials on the Prayer Card indicating the date you prayed.

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Eventually, contact will be made with the person making the request to see if there has been any changes or updates. That contact will be recorded on the Prayer Card, so that others will be aware of the change/update and initialed by the member making contact. Other contacts, can be made by using a *Prayer-Gram*. A *Prayer-Gram* is a handwritten note that provides an opportunity to send encouragement and supportive scripture verses to bring comfort. This is also noted on the Prayer Card so that future members of the Prayer Ministry will know how best to move forward. Prayer Cards in the Active Prayer box are kept in order so that no prayer request is missed through the prayer rotation.

Our church encourages us to pray through the Church Directory. So you may use part of your time praying through the Church Directory in the Prayer Room. The Church Bulletin provides ***Praying with First Baptist Church*** which suggests prayers for our church, communities, and names of those that have requested prayer. We also have the IMB/NAMB publications that lists missionaries and their prayer concerns.

During your follow-up by phone, you may discover that the prayer need has been *answered!* This is when the Prayer Card is moved into the ***Answered Prayer box***. ***The Answered Prayer box*** is a constant reminder of the Lord's faithfulness and demonstrates the power of the Lord to meet and satisfy the needs of those that have faith and trust in Him. ***The Answered Prayer box*** is a precious treasure chest of the love of Christ Jesus.

To recap, the Prayer Room provides several methods for people to present their prayer requests, by email - Pray4mefbc@gmail.com; by phone - 301-952-8877; or by submitting a Prayer Request Card (usually found in the worship center in the back of the chairs).

The Prayer room is a place where you seek the Lord to answer a specific prayer requests. If you are interested and willing to serve others through prayer, please contact Bernice McGuire and join the Prayer Ministry!



Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of July 12

Prayer of the week:

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Colossians 1:11 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to use as you pray for your church family this week.

*"we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may... be strengthened
with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy"*

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 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 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 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 those effected by recent natural disasters (earthquakes in Venezuela, wildfires in western USA). Seeing the fragility of this life, pray that many would look to God for eternal hope. Pray for safety and diligence of emergency response personnel as they work to preserve life. Pray for leaders to make wise decisions. Pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones. (Ps 46:1-2; John 14:27; Is 43:2)
- Pray for the 440+ people groups of Sub-Saharan Africa who have never been engaged or reached with the gospel message. Pray for missionary exploration teams as they travel to isolated places and learn new languages in order to share Christ with those who have never heard. Pray for fruitful cooperation among Christians around the world toward this goal. (Phps. 1:27)

Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- 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 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 19).
- 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), Marjorie Griffin, Jackie Jones, Eileen Kessler, Henry Phillips (death of brother), Peter Pierce, Ahkeem Smith (death of mother), Matthew Willis (death of mother)

[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.)

Announcements

1. **Interested in Church Membership? Attend the Starting Point Seminar — TODAY.** Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. Join us immediately following the worship service in rooms 120-125 (youth rooms). A light lunch will be served. Approximate end time is 2:30pm.
2. **Pray for Youth Summer Trip.** This week, July 13-18, our Middle and High School students, along with their leaders, will be participating in a Summer Trip to “M-Fuge” in Philadelphia. M-Fuge is a camp designed to help students learn to live life each day on mission by serving others and sharing the gospel at local ministry sights throughout the city. Pray God brings good fruit to bear in their lives and in the lives of those they serve in Philadelphia. Pray that strong gospel-oriented friendships are built among our students and leaders as they serve together.
3. **Hospitality Team Meeting :: July 19 after worship.** Hospitality Team members, please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 19, for our annual team meeting immediately following the worship service in room 115. Please, don’t forget to RSVP.
4. **Summer Seminar #2 :: “Deacons and the Bible” — July 22, 7-8pm.** Join us for the second Summer Seminar as we seek to understand how the Bible describes the role of a Deacon. Q&A will follow. Mark your calendar for seminar #3 (8/19) on the topic of “Deacons in History”.
5. **Mid-Year Financial Review :: Tuesday, July 21, 6:30pm.** All church members invited.
6. **Mid-Year Giving Statements.** The church is happy to supply a mid-year giving statement to those that request it. As a reminder, your giving statement is always available online through our giving portal (fbcum.org/give). Please contact Tanya Joy (fbcum@firstbaptistum.com) in the church office to request your statement.
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.



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 9:18-36](#)

“Lose Your Life to Save Your Life”– July 12, 2026



Introduction

Have you ever seen someone in a store or restaurant and thought they were someone you knew? Has anyone ever mistaken you for someone else? These cases of mistaken identity can end up in a humorous way, but sometimes a case of mistaken identity can have serious, eternal consequences. It is of vital importance that we all come to know who Jesus really is.

Jesus spent time on earth addressing the suffering of people. He healed the sick and raised the dead. However, this is not the purpose for which He came. His suffering on the cross and His subsequent resurrection had to come before the crown. The path to the Kingdom is through suffering (or the cross).

Sermon Outline

1. Know who Jesus is. Vs. 18-22
2. Trust His path to glory. Vs. 23-27
3. Be certain that following Him is worth it. Vs. 28-36

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 18-22

Throughout His ministry on earth, Jesus came face to face with evil and suffering repeatedly. As you watch Him face evil, He was not cold or indifferent. He remained tender and strong, sympathetic, and steady. He cared but was not paralyzed by evil. Jesus prioritized prayer. He took all the concerns of a broken world to the Father. Do you prioritize prayer? Have you seen answers to your prayers? Were they answered in big, unexpected ways?

Jesus wanted His disciples to understand who He is. The opinion of the crowd was that Jesus was a prophet - Elijah or John the Baptist back from the dead. He is more than a good person or prophet. He asked the disciples what they thought. Peter boldly stated that Jesus is the Christ of God. While demons recognized that, Peter is the first person to state who Jesus really is – The Christ of God. Christ is Jesus' title - God's anointed King. He would establish God's kingdom on earth and one day, set all things right.

Jesus knew ahead of time what was coming. He must suffer pain rejection and death. He told His disciples this here, as well as at other times during His ministry. The disciples were shocked by His statement, because they did not expect it to be this way. They thought their biggest problem was the Roman government. As difficult as it was to live under the Roman empire, their biggest problem was sin. Jesus came to provide a solution to the root of the problem which was sin.

Jesus' death was not an accident. It was God's plan. ([Isaiah 53](#)) Jesus knew what would happen to Him because He knew Old Testament scripture. God, in His justice, must exact judgment for sin. We deserve to be crushed and pierced for our sin, but Jesus took our place. The sinless Son of God took on Himself ALL the sin of the world, bearing the righteous wrath God to save all who will come to Him in repentance and faith. Jesus willingly submitted to God's plan for our salvation. That is God's love for mankind.

He must also be raised. He is not dead. He lives today to offer salvation to anyone who comes to Him in faith and trust. It does not matter what others say about Jesus. What matters is what you say. So, who do you say Jesus is? If you believe who Jesus claims to be, you will trust the path that He leads you down.

2. Read Vs. 23-27

Jesus' path to glory is the cross before the crown. Many people acknowledge this yet still expect the Christian life to be easy. A Christian follows Jesus. If His path led first through the cross and then to the crown, the same is true for those who follow Him. Jesus wants you to be with Him. To follow Him, you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Him.

When we are born, your default is to think about “me.” It is supernatural to think of God first and other second. It is supernatural to say “no” to our flesh and sinful desires. But what about non-sinful desires? Jesus is not calling us to have no desires. God gives us good gifts to enjoy. Jesus is talking about the things that govern your life. What are some things that do or could govern your life? There are two ways to live - you either live for Jesus or for self.

You are to take up your cross. The cross is an instrument of execution. A person who dies is not partially dead – you are either alive or dead. You must give ALL of yourself to Jesus. He demands everything. It is a moment-by-moment, daily decision to say “no” to self and “yes” to Jesus. There is a cost to be counted in following Jesus. Is

there anything about this that seems too hard for you? What are you unwilling to give up?

If you try to save your life, you will do whatever it takes for success, love, money, etc., and life will be centered around what is important to you. Remember the words of the missionary Jim Elliott? "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep in order to keep what he cannot lose." Following Jesus is costly, but there is greater gain.

([Philippians 3:7-9](#)) We do not save ourselves. We are saved by grace through faith. Losing ourselves is holding our lives with an open hand. If you gain all the world has to offer, is it worth losing your soul in the process? What do you think will bring you satisfaction? Enjoying the fleeting pleasures of this world is not worth saying "no" to self to enjoy eternity with God.

Jesus came the first time in humility. He suffered and died on the cross. When He comes a second time, He will come in His glory, sit on His throne, destroy His enemies, and bring an end to suffering and injustice. In between, the church has been called to share the good news of Jesus. There will be people who will believe and trust with great joy. There will be people who will hate you and ridicule you. You may lose a friend or a job. It is then that the teachings of the Bible may be embarrassing to you. Do you find yourself ashamed of the teaching of scripture? Do you speak up about the Bible's teaching on marriage, sex, money, etc.? Jesus does not expect perfection. He expects **direction**. Are you on the path for self or on the path of following Jesus? What is the trajectory of your life? What would it look like for you to deny yourself to follow Jesus this week? What would it look like to be unashamed of Jesus this week? Only one path leads to glory. Trust Jesus for the greater gain of His kingdom. The power you need to obey is found in Christ.

3. Read Vs. 28-36

After hearing the cost of following Jesus, the disciples needed encouragement. What is the guarantee that following Jesus will lead to glory? Jesus was about to show them. Peter, James, and John were praying with Jesus, and something big was about to happen. Do you pray expectantly?

While He was praying, Jesus' face became like the sun, and His clothing became bright, like a lightning bolt. Not only that, but Moses and Elijah appeared. What do they talk about? They spoke of Jesus' "exodus" or departure. What does this scene remind you of from the Old Testament? Moses led the children of Israel out of slavery to Mt. Sinai and the Promised Land. Jesus was going to lead His people out of slavery to sin and to His Kingdom - the eternal Promised Land.

Why is all of this happening? [In vs. 27](#), Jesus said that some would see the kingdom of God before they died. Here, God pulls back the curtain to show them a preview of the glory to come. This would encourage and strengthen their faith. Mountain top experiences are wonderful, but the point is not to set up camp and stay there. It is to strengthen your faith to keep following Jesus in the normal, everyday life.

In case they missed the point, God spoke to them. To whom do you listen? What voices that capture your attention during the week? Is it the voice of God or something else? When you are struggling to trust God, how are you encouraged to keep going? Peter wrote about the transfiguration in [2 Peter 1:16-19](#). As you read the word of God, the Holy Spirit will give you hope and encouragement in tough times. We need the word of God, the Spirit of God, and the people of God to open our eyes to see His glory.

One day, Jesus will come in glory over all of creation. He will lift the curse and bring His people into His Kingdom where there is no more sickness, pain, or death. How can you be certain? God the Father confirmed Jesus' identity. ([vs. 36](#)) What should be your response? Listen to Him. Trust His cross shaped path to glory for greater gain.

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 9:37-50 "How to Pursue Greatness"

Family Guide for week of July 12th, 2026

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



Suggestions on getting started:

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

Family Guide for week of July 12th, 2026

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Bible Intake: (Listening to God)

Day 1 – 1 Samuel 19:1-7

Day 2 – 1 Samuel 19:8-24

Day 3 – 1 Samuel 20:1-25

Day 4 – 1 Samuel 20:26-34

Day 5 – 1 Samuel 20:35-42

*Read Luke 9:37-50 in preparation for church on Sunday, July 19, 2026

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 27 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Pray for those who have never heard the gospel to be changed by the good news about Jesus

Sing together

"Highly Exalted" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

Memory verses for the month

Matthew 5:16 *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

Psalms 145:14 *"The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 52: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

Answer: *That we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin in a renewed, restored creation.*

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