

Sunday Morning Worship

July 26, 2026



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Order of Worship

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“Counting the Cost of Discipleship”

Luke 9:51-62

Song — I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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 — Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV)

²³ Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

O Children Come

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Verse 1:

Hear the cry from Bethlehem
O children come
Son of God now born to men
O children come
Bring your troubles bring your fears
Bring the needs that draw you near
Find the hope of all the years
O children come

Verse 2:

Peace on earth good will to men
O children come
Righteous rule that will not end
O children come
Lay down all your bitterness
Turn from sin's toil and distress
Find His grace and perfect rest
O children come

Verse 3:

Where the Father's grace has walked
O children come
Where you see the hurt and lost
O children come
Show the mercy shown to you
Gifts of kindness to renew
Love from hearts sincere and true
O children come

Rock of Ages

Augustus Toplady

Verse 1:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Verse 2:

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all could never sin atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Verse 3:

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

Verse 4:

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Scripture Reading — Psalm 63:1-11 (ESV)

¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶ when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸ My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Surrender All

Rick Dalmas

Verse 1:

Take all I am Lord and all that I cling to
You are my Savior I owe everything to
Take all the treasures that lie in my storehouse
They cannot follow when I enter Your house

Chorus:

So I surrender all to You
I surrender all

Verse 2:

Take all my cravings for vain recognition
Fleshly indulgence and worldly ambition
I want so much Lord to make You the focus
To serve You in secret and never be noticed

Verse 3:

Take all my hunger for all that's forbidden
Every desire and sin I keep hidden
Search me and know me I want to bring to You
A life that is holy and sanctified through You

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Gar0 Christians | John Clark

Verse 1:

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.

Verse 2:

Though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
no turning back, no turning back.

Verse 3:

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.

Verse 4:

The world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me;
no turning back, no turning back.

Message :: “Counting the Cost of Discipleship” :: Luke 9:51-62

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## **This Week at First Baptist Church**

### **Sunday, July 26**

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

### **Monday, July 27**

### **Tuesday, July 28**

### **Wednesday, July 29**

### **Thursday, July 30**

### **Friday, July 31**

### **Saturday, August 1**

### **Sunday, August 2**

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

## **Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church**

### **Wednesday, August 19**

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

### **Sunday, August 23 — Members Meeting following worship**

### **Wednesday, September 9**

Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Resume

### **Sunday, September 13 — Church Potluck Lunch following worship**

### **Sunday, November 8 — Starting Point Seminar following worship**

Starting Point is the first step for anyone interested in becoming a church member or simply finding out more about who we are and what we believe here at FBCUM

# 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.*

## Home Reach Ministry



The Home Reach Ministry supports our church by providing care through regular visitation for those who are unable to attend church. This ministry brings gentle kindness and keeps members aware that their church is concerned and cares about them during this stage in their lives. We believe this is vital to keep us connected, further it provides an avenue by which the team can minister through a godly approach of sharing God’s word, having a time of prayer and simply learning and listening.

Members receiving these calls for visits, know that they are very important to the life of our church and that we will keep these lines of communication open at all times because it is essential. But what if the member has succumbed to an illness that causes them to live in a long term care facility, Home Reach visits them there also. *We are committed to love and serve Christ by loving and serving one another.* (John 15:12)

The Home Reach Ministry team members are vital to the mission of our church. As members of the ministry schedule visits whether to a home or facility to share time together, fellowshiping and catching up with one another, we are demonstrating the love of Christ. We may notice other needs or concerns that may help members through other ministries of our church. Our goal is to *love one another as Christ loves the church*. This means reaching our members and maintaining a connection wherever they are today, none should ever feel deserted or left out.

So how do you begin, Bernice McGuire has many ideas that may help you break the ice on your first visitation that will encourage you getting to know one another. These tidbits will be held in reserve for those who are seriously considering joining this ministry.

Each month volunteers visit those members unable to attend in our church. These visits are about listening, sharing, reading Gods word and praying. These members miss the fellowship of other believers and we need to bring it to them. Monthly visits and phone calls during the week help to bring both closer together and that bond through the Spirit of the Lord will make an impact in both of members lives. The result is a genuine Christ-centered friendship develops and there is no longer a feeling of serving in a ministry but one of visiting a treasured friend.



Bernice says, at the end of the day, ‘Have you felt loved today and more importantly, how have you shared the love of Christ with others?’

***Please reach out to Bernice McGuire for more information.***

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of July 26

### **Prayer of the week:**

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Colossians 1:12 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to give thanks to God for the work He has done in the brothers and sisters in Christ in our church family.

*"we have not ceased to pray for you... giving thanks to the Father,  
who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. "*

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 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:

**Family of Connie Crawford (died July 8), Marjorie Griffin, Jackie Jones, Eileen Kessler, Ahkeem Smith (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. Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday, August 2.** We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf. Part of our celebration is reaffirming our church covenant as the body of Christ. Therefore, if you know of any reconciliation that needs to happen between you and another brother or sister in Christ, we hope you'll take the time to prayerfully do that before we gather next Sunday.

**2. Summer Seminar #3 :: "Deacons and the Bible" — August 19, 7-8pm.** Join us for the final Summer Seminar as we seek to understand how Deacons and the role of deacons are described in church history and in our history here at FBCUM. Q&A will follow.

**3. Church Members Meeting :: Sunday, August 23 after worship.** Church members, mark your calendar and plan to attend our regularly scheduled Members Meeting on August 23. Minutes from the previous meeting will be available in the church office on August 16.

**4. Mark Your Calendar :: Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Begin September 9.**

Regular Wednesday evening activities (AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study, Choirs and Band Rehearsals) will begin again on September 9.

**5. 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 9:51-62](#)

“Counting the Cost of Discipleship”— July 26, 2026



## Introduction

This passage begins a turning point in the book of Luke. Jesus had “set His face toward Jerusalem.” In this journey that Jesus is making to the cross, Luke focuses on discipleship – following Jesus. Luke is providing certainty about what it costs to follow Jesus now and when He returns. Jesus’ path will challenge your expectations. Do you find that your flesh wants to rule your choices, etc.? Following Jesus requires you to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him.

What happens when your expectations are challenged? How do you respond? If following Jesus challenges your expectations (and it will) how should you respond? Luke will show you.

## Sermon Outline

1. Focus on Jesus in rejection. Vs. 51-56
2. Joyfully count the cost of following Jesus. Vs. 57-62

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 51-56

Luke begins this section with a time stamp: “when the days drew near for Him to be taken up” – speaking of His ascension. Before that, there would be the cross and the resurrection, and Jesus knew all that He was facing in Jerusalem. He told His disciples that He would be rejected, mocked, suffer and die. If you knew that suffering was right around the corner, what would you do? Jesus “set His face” to do the hard thing. He was determined, dedicated. Nothing would deter or distract Him. This is an echo of [Isaiah 53:7](#). Jesus’ death in Jerusalem wasn’t a surprise or accident. It was His decided and determined plan because of His love for the Father and for mankind.

Jesus sent messengers ahead to Samaria to prepare the way. John the Baptist had prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. Now that the disciples had understood that Jesus is the Messiah, He passed the baton to them. In Samaria, they were to prepare logistical things, but also share the good news of the coming of the Messiah. How did the Samaritans respond? They did not receive Him. Why? “His face was set toward Jerusalem.” Jews and Samaritans are two distinct ethnic groups. They hated each other. But Jesus was not just the King to the Jews. He is the King of kings. More than ethnic pride, the Samaritans were not in agreement about Jesus’ mission. So the expectation of the disciples was not met. They were snubbed, rejected, and left town. Jesus comes with healing, goodness and life today. People reject Him because of the teaching of the Bible which challenges personal, political, societal, and moral views. When you are snubbed, insulted, and rejected because of Jesus, how do you respond?

Because the Samaritans didn’t respond as expected, James and John wanted to call down fire on them. The “sons of thunder” didn’t like being snubbed. In [2 Kings 1](#), the king rejected Elijah as a true prophet of God. He wanted to silence (kill) Elijah. Elijah called on God to send down fire, and He did. James and John probably still expected a militant Messiah, bringing in the kingdom of God with power and might. They had just seen Jesus talking with Elijah. ([Luke 9:28-36](#)) They must have thought this was an “Elijah” moment. But focus on Jesus in the face of rejection. He rebuked them ([vs. 55](#)) and kept going. Jesus knew that the fire of judgement would come in God’s time. God cares deeply about justice. He hates wickedness. Jesus will judge all sin when He comes again. The time in between is His merciful delay. He wants people to hear the good news, turn and repent. Today is the day of salvation. James and John missed this.

The mission of the church is great, and time is too short to allow a grudge, pride or anger to keep you from sharing the good news. Also consider, does your conduct match the message? We must speak the truth in love, showing the patience, compassion and mercy of God. Do you ever wrestle with your temper? Focus your heart on Jesus. Look to Him. See His heart. Pray for self-control. Pray that God will temper the sharp edge of your zeal. There is hope. God transformed John (as well as all of the disciples) to serve Him.

Are you easily offended by others? Do you consider your sin is no big deal? Do you minimize it? Part of the reason for that is you may recognize only the “horizontal” effects of sin. However, every sin is primarily vertical – an offence against God. Your actions speak loudly about you and the God in whom you believe. When you love, you proclaim that God is love. When you lie, you proclaim that God is a liar. When you reject spending time with

God, you project to the world that God is not important. Pride is the root of all of our sin. You cannot be 80% holy to come to God. You must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect. Who is perfect? No one. You can't compare yourself to another. You will be judged by the perfection of God. We all fall short. Only the death of Jesus can take away your sin. The Sinless One is the only one who could die on the cross. Don't make the same mistake that the Samaritans made. See God's goodness. Turn from your sin and trust in Jesus. He will not turn you away.

If Jesus' path was first the cross, then the crown, that is also the path of discipleship for all who believe.

## **2. Read Vs. 57-62**

Here, the focus is on following Jesus. It is good to say you want to follow Jesus, but discipleship is more than empty words. Following Jesus means accepting a path of sacrifice. Following Jesus means that this world is not your home. Do you feel out of place in this world? You may be an American, but your citizenship is in Heaven. You are a sojourner, just passing through. You don't fit in. You don't live like the world. Your priorities are different than the world's. Righteousness means going against the world which will result in tribulation. Are you going with the flow of the world? Do you crave what the world offers? One day all of this will go away. You should enjoy God's gifts, but remember, you are just passing through.

You cannot negotiate the way you follow Jesus. Following Jesus will have an effect on your priorities. To follow Jesus, you have to stop making excuses. Obedience to Jesus must be the priority over everything including family. Why? Jesus' mission for the church is urgent. The lives of people are at stake. The Gospel contains the words of life. Following Jesus demands that the Good News be proclaimed with urgency.

If you are in the military and your commanding officer gives you an order, you don't say, "Yes sir, but first..." You do it – no question. The same is true in discipleship. You can't look back at your former life. If you look back, you want to **go** back. (J. C. Ryle) Are you tempted to look back to worldly affections? Do you think fondly of your life before Jesus? If you do, you will not do well on the path of following Jesus. There is a need for undivided commitment to the mission.

Luke doesn't tell us how these three responded. But how will you respond? Is your heart divided? Do you sense the urgency of sharing the gospel? Will you count the cost of discipleship? Jesus kindly tells you what the cost of discipleship is so you know what to expect. How can you joyfully count the cost of following Jesus? There is a good return for following Him. ([Matthew 13:44](#)) You can count the cost joyfully, knowing that what you will get in return is infinitely better than the cost. The cost is great, but the reward is greater. Jesus counted the cost and didn't let anything stand in His way. In His suffering, Jesus could have bailed, but He refused to do that. He had set His face toward Jerusalem for our salvation. ([Philippians 2:4-8](#)) There is no greater love than this. He is not ashamed to call you "friend." You will spend eternity with Him. Remember, you were made for another world. Jesus is the friend you were made for, and God is the home to which you will go. Will you count the cost joyfully?

## **Prayer of Response**

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

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

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> <a href="#">Luke 10:1-24</a> "What Causes You to Rejoice?" |
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## Family Guide for week of July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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



### Suggestions on getting started:

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

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

Day 1 – 1 Samuel 23:15-29

Day 2 – 1 Samuel 24:1-25:1

Day 3 – 1 Samuel 25:2-17

Day 4 – 1 Samuel 25:18-31

Day 5 – 1 Samuel 25:32-44

\*Read Luke 10:1-24 in preparation for church on Sunday, August 2, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 29 (page beginning with Carol Schaaf) of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in Christ-like character.

### **Sing together**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" – 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 week<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Question 2: What is God?**

**Answer:** *God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.*

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