

Sunday Morning Worship

August 2, 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 — Psalm 2:1-12 (ESV)

¹ Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
³ "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶ "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."
⁷ I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;

today I have begotten you.
⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

King Forevermore

Aaron Keyes | Pete James

Verse 1:

God the uncreated One, the Author of salvation
Who wrote the laws of space and time
Who fashioned worlds to His design
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever, He is King forever
He is King forevermore

Verse 2:

God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever, Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forevermore

Verse 3:

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
Reign as King forever, Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore

Verse 4:

King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy, holy, holy Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever, King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

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*

Let Your Kingdom Come

Bob Kauflin

Verse 1:

Your glorious cause O God engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves but for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
"Your kingdom come"

Chorus:

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that everyone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Verse 2:

Give us Your strength, O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
our dying breath

Scripture Reading — Psalm 68:1-6, 19-20 (ESV)

¹ God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!

² As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them
away;

as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!

³ But the righteous shall be glad;
they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the
deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!

⁵ Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

⁶ God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord,
who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.

²⁰ Our God is a God of salvation,
and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from
death.

God Shall Arise (Psalm 68)

Jason Brown | Mike Rogers | Zach Schlegel

Verse 1:

God shall arise and scatter His foes.
All who oppose Him shall flee.
As they are driven from His Holy presence
None shall escape their defeat.
God shall arise the righteous rejoice.
Filled with great joy they shall sing.
As they are drawn to His Holy presence
Jubilant praises they'll bring.

Chorus:

Sing unto God.
O Praise His Great Name.
He leads out the pris'ner to freedom unchained.
Our God, the King stands alone.
As Shield and Defender, Redeemer, Protector
Father of orphans who calls His own home.

Verse 2:

Blessed be the Lord, Victorious King,
Justice revealed in His might.
Kings and their armies are conquered before Him.
The guilty are sentenced to die.
Blessed be the Lord who daily sustains.
He will deliver from death
Those He has called to His great procession
to eternal praises and rest.

Verse 3:

God rose and marched before His beloved.
The earth quaked the skies rained abroad.
His flock found their dwelling which He had provided
Proving the goodness of God.
From out of the grave Jesus arose,
conquering death and its sting.
He is the Light and the Truth and The Way
to dwell with the Almighty King!

Message :: “What Causes You to Rejoice?” :: Luke 10:1-24

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## Church Covenant

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

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

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

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

Happy In Jesus

Eric McAllister

Verses 1 & 2:

Are you happy in Jesus?
Does the news leave you thrilled —
That He carried the burden of sin
That we rightly deserved to feel?
Would you rather have Jesus
Than the praises of kings —
for you rest in the sweet commendation
of knowing you've been redeemed?

Chorus:

Happy in Jesus!
Forgiven and free —
He means more than this
Whole wide world to me;
Wonderful Jesus
The One that I call
My life, my peace, my joy
My all in all!

Verses 3 & 4:

When temptation is calling
Do you flee to His side —
As the pleasure of sin is eclipsed
By the beauty of Jesus Christ?
Have you made Him your treasure?
Have you counted the cost —
And consider the life that He offers
Is worth any early loss?

Bridge:

Grace to cover all my sin
My life made new in Him
I'm happy in the Lord
Peace to ease my anxious mind
Upheld by love divine
I'm happy in the Lord
Hope invincible and sure
Is mine forevermore
I'm happy in the Lord
God and heaven are my own
My Father and my home
I'm happy in the Lord

Verse 5:

Do you long for His presence
Just to be where He dwells
For a day with the Savior is better
Than thousands anywhere else
For a day with the Savior is better
Than thousands anywhere else

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen!

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4

12:30 PM Praying & Crocheting

Wednesday, August 5

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

Thursday, August 6

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, August 9

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

Saturday, September 12 — Men’s Breakfast

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

Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14— Saved the Date

Men’s retreat at Camp Wabanna

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.

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Mosi Winder, Deacon of the A/V Ministry

The Audio/Visual Ministry Team helps facilitate the sharing of the gospel, the gathering of the saints and fellowship with one another, all for the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by providing A/V support to the church.

Imagine the sound in our sanctuary without the assistance of microphones. Think about the convenience of having lyrics, scriptures and other video supports projected to encourage congregational participation. The Sunday morning worship service is also livestreamed to YouTube which enables those unable to attend in person to benefit from being able to hear the songs of praise and the Word of God being preached. We also provide closed-circuit TV access for those needing to sit in comfort rooms.



We have been so blessed through the professionalism of our A/V ministry team that we always expect to have a cohesive service. However, our worship experience would be very different if this dedicated team of volunteers did not show up early with a heart to glorify Christ each Sunday and obediently perform the necessary equipment checks to ensure that everything is working properly.

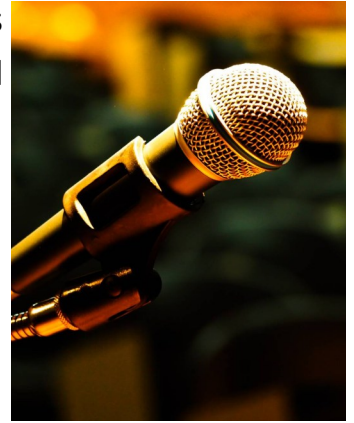
This brief description gives you a small glimpse of what it takes to be a member of this dynamic team.

We greatly appreciate and are blessed to have such a dedicated A/V ministry team serve this congregation each week.

Ministry Spotlight

In order to have a synchronized team working, it takes a leader that is dedicated to the Lord and is able to communicate well with his team and equip them with the knowledge and training to achieve their tasks.

Potential team members will be trained to use and set up all of the equipment and this includes the soundboard, lights, microphones, computer, cameras, YouTube livestream and monitoring, projectors and software. Techniques will be taught. Practice, practice, practice, is so important to develop a rhythm when following the lyrics and focused listening to a speaker's prompts to cue images that may enhance the speaker's presentation.



The team has an opportunity to practice with during Choir and Band rehearsals and you may be able to shadow team members from time to time. We seek faithful members that are willing and able to commit to arrive early to do the necessary equipment checks before events begin.

Those interested in joining our team, do not need prior experience, just a willingness to serve.

This ministry would like to maintain 8 –12 people to serve on a rotating basis.

If you are interested in serving on the Audio/Visual Ministry, please contact the Deacon of the A/V Ministry, Mosi Winder.

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of August 2

Prayer of the week:

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of 1 Corinthians 1:4-7a 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.

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift..."

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 persecuted church around the world; bombings of Christian churches in Sri Lanka, the ongoing killing of Christians by Islamic terrorists in Nigeria. Pray that God would bring peace and comfort to those grieving. Pray that these local churches would continue to flourish in their faith even in the midst of persecution. (1 Peter 1:3-7; 1 Thes 4:13; Ps. 2)

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 we know a profound contentment no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in – a contentment from knowing God is our help. (Heb. 13:5-6)
- 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:

Marjorie Griffin, Jackie Jones, Eileen Kessler

[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. **Church Prayer Meeting THIS Wednesday, August 5, 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.

2. **Summer Seminar #3 :: "Deacons, Part 2: Church History and FBCUM History" -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, make plans to attend our regularly scheduled Members Meeting. 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. **Save the Date — Church Potluck :: Sunday, September 13 after worship.**

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 10:1-24](#)

“What Causes You to Rejoice”— August 2, 2026



Introduction

There are many false preachers, proclaiming the gospel of prosperity, leading people to believe that they can live their best life now. They teach that prosperity and blessing come if you have enough faith. If you have been sharing the gospel with some that has been ensnared by this thinking, it is probably discouraging.

How often are you discouraged in your evangelism? Are you discouraged because you didn't speak when you should have? Are you discouraged because you compare yourself to someone who seems to be better at sharing the gospel than you? Are you discouraged because you share and nothing happens? Maybe you have too much on your plate, and there seems to be no time to share the gospel with others. Find encouragement today in the words of Jesus to His disciples in Luke 10.

Sermon Outline

1. Proclaim the Good News in Jesus' way. Vs. 1-16
2. Rejoice in God who secures our salvation by grace. Vs. 17-24

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 1-16

Jesus was sending seventy-two people out on mission. Before you receive encouragement to the mission, you must know the purpose of the mission. They were sent to proclaim that the Kingdom of God was near. Most people would agree that the world is broken, but it wasn't always this way. After Adam and Eve's sinful choice, the world began to groan because of the fall. Jesus came to restore the Kingdom of God. He came to make right everything that sin has broken in the world. Those Jesus was sending out were called to proclaim God's love by sharing the good news and show God's love by caring for the people with whom they would share. Jesus gives three encouragements for the task.

We are called to proclaim together. Do you feel alone in the task to proclaim the gospel? We are in this together. The Great Commission was given to the entire church. ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)) The task of making disciples requires "all hands on deck." We are all called to this task, which is HUGE. There are billions of people who need to hear. Don't let that tempt you to quit before you get started.

We are called to proclaim depending on God. The harvest is plentiful. The harvest is those who will trust in Christ once someone tells them. Picture your neighborhood, workplace, doctors' office, school, etc. as a field filled with wheat, ready for harvest. You are called to share the good news. Do you think that when you share the gospel people will laugh, scoff, or reject? The harvest is plentiful – you don't know who will come to faith in Christ. It is God's harvest. You join Him as you do His work. The laborers are few. How will more people be encouraged to join the harvest as laborers? Jesus says to **pray**. Prayer is the language of dependance. When you face a need, is your first instinct to pray? Or do you think of it as a last resort? God is the Lord of the harvest. He invites you to join Him in the harvest. *Depend on God by **praying**, asking Him for more laborers.* Make this request at the top of your prayer list. *Depend on God for your **protection**.* ([vs. 3](#)) Left to yourself, you will lose, yet Jesus sends His messengers out as lambs. You must rely on Him for your protection. He is the Good Shepherd. ([Psalm 23](#)) In a world opposed to God, the disciple making mission is dangerous. Know that you have a Protector. Step out. Take risks. Trust God. Where is God calling you to "go your way?" *Trust God for His **provision**.* ([vs. 4](#)) You are on mission. Don't lose sight of the urgency of the task. God will provide everything you need for this mission. God wants you to trust Him. God provides through the faithful giving of His people to the church to further the mission. *Depend upon God for the **results** of the mission.* Sometimes people will listen and receive. Sometimes people will not. Jesus told them what to say. ([vs. 9](#)) If a town rejected the message that Jesus gave them to proclaim, the message didn't change. It wasn't watered down. Unbelief does not change reality. This may be discouraging to you, but do not define evangelism as "results." Evangelism is defined as faithfully proclaiming the Gospel message. You have one job – deliver the message. If they reject the message, it is not personal – they are rejecting the message and Jesus. It might break your heart if they reject, but remember, you are just the messenger. Pray.

Love. Proclaim.

We are called to proclaim peace. ([vs. 5-6](#)) Jesus came to give peace with God. ([Luke 1:79](#)) Peace begins with peace with God. Then it leads to an inner peace. It culminates in eternal peace when Jesus comes again. A son of peace refers to someone who is receptive to the message of Good News. If they reject, the peace returns to the evangelist. If you have not trusted Christ, consider who Jesus is. Consider the claims of Christianity. Once you hear the good news, you have a choice to make. You can have peace with God today. If you reject Him, the consequences are dreadful. Sin is serious. Hell is real. God is holy. He is not indifferent to sin. God will judge sin. Jesus paid the price for sin so that you can have peace with God. Trust in Him. Receive His gift by grace through faith. ([Ephesians 2:8](#)) You must choose.

Where is evangelism a priority to you? If you have taken up Jesus' command to go and make disciples, then His encouragement here is everything. What causes you to rejoice?

2. Read Vs. 17-24

Sometimes, our church has a global missions partner come back and give a report to the church. In the same way, the seventy-two returned with joy. As they healed and proclaimed the gospel, they even saw that evil spirits were subject to them. They saw God work. Remember, Satan is defeated. Nothing will harm you eternally. Don't depend on the results of ministry for your joy. Rejoice that your name is written in Heaven. It is there you belong.

If you have trusted in Christ, your name is written down, and He has a room for you. On the day of judgment, two books will be opened. One book is a recording of every sin mankind has committed. If you are judged by that book, it will be clear that you don't measure up. If you stop there, you are in trouble. However, the Book of Life is opened. If your name is there, nothing in the first book will ever condemn you. Jesus has had victory over Satan. Satan may remind you of all the shameful, sinful things you have done. The Accuser of the brethren is conquered by the blood of the Lamb. ([Revelation 12:10](#)) We have an Advocate – Jesus. When Satan accuses, Jesus stands in your defense. In Christ, Satan has been defanged. Nothing can separate you from the love of God. Your salvation is secure. How? It is by grace. ([vs. 21](#)) Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. God is gracious and glad-hearted. The Father reveals the Son. The Son reveals the Father. This is amazing grace!!

What makes your heart rejoice? What do you value? What do you get excited about? Do you consider yourself "blessed?" If you are looking at the way the world defines blessing, you will not find it. Your joy is in God. He secures your salvation by His grace. That is worth rejoicing about. Proclaim the Good News with boldness and joy.

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: Philippians 1:3-11 "Approving What is Excellent?"

Family Guide for week of August 2nd, 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 26:1-12

Day 2 – 1 Samuel 26:13-25

Day 3 – 1 Samuel 27:1-12

Day 4 – 1 Samuel 28:1-7

Day 5 – 1 Samuel 28:8-25

*Read Philippians 1:3-11 in preparation for church on Sunday, August 9, 2026

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 30 (page beginning with Tracy Scott) of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Take a moment to thank Jesus for being the center of our lives. Ask God to help you trust Him today, even when things feel confusing or unfair.

Sing together

"King Forevermore" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

Memory verses for the month

Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."

Psalms 145:15 "The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season."

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 3: How many persons are there in God?

Answer: There are three persons in one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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