

Sunday Morning Worship

August 30, 2026



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Order of 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 — Psalm 119:33-40 (ESV)

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶ Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!

Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.

³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi | William Draper | Jonathan Baird | Ryan Baird

Verse 1:

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2:

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3:

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 4:

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 5:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise Him above Ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Every Promise of Your Word

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Verse 1:

From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Words of power strong to save
That will never pass away
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
For Your covenant is sure
And on this I am secure
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word

Verse 2:

When I stumble and I sin
Condemnation pressing in
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
You are faithful to forgive
That in freedom I might live
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Guilt to innocence restored
You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Verse 3:

When I'm faced with anguished choice
I will listen for Your voice
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
And You've promised to complete
Ev'ry work begun in me
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Verse 4:

Hope that lifts me from despair
Love that casts out ev'ry fear
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Not forsaken not alone
For the Comforter has come
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Scripture Reading — Romans 1:16-23 (ESV)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Rock of My Salvation

Mike Rogers | Erskine Berridge

Verse 1:

O Lord, You empty those You fill
and quicken those You slay.
My hope in works You kindly kill
to teach me gospel praise.

Verse 2:

You wrap in frowns as well as smiles
some tokens of Your love.
And if you wound or heal
in both, Your grace You prove.

Chorus:

You are my God.
There's none like You.
You are the rock of my salvation.

Verse 3:

No sooner we begin to mourn
in brokenness we start.
But Jesus cries
"Return, and let me heal your heart."

Verse 4:

All hope in self may Jesus kill
and make my heart alive.
My guilty wounds may Jesus heal
and make my spirit thrive

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

Verse 1:

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

Chorus:

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2:

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 3:

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Message :: “Hearing God’s Works and Words” :: Psalm 19

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

### **Sunday, August 30**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **Monday, August 31**

### **Tuesday, September 1**

12:30 PM Praying & Crocheting

### **Wednesday, September 2**

6:30 PM Monthly Church Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday, September 3**

### **Friday, September 4**

### **Saturday, September 5**

6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp (Men's Study)

8:30 AM Titus 2 (Women's Study)

### **Sunday, September 6**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper

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

### **Sunday, September 6—Fall DiscipleLIFE Quarter begins**

Please refer to the insert for a choice of adult classes.

### **Wednesday, September 9 — Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Resume**

### **Saturday, September 12—Men's Breakfast**

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

Please refer to the insert for additional details.

### **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 & Saturday, November 14 - Men's Retreat - Save the Date**

*Location 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.*

## Young Adult Ministry

**Tre Fields, Ministry Leader**

The Young Adult Ministry consists of members age 18-35 for the purpose of developing disciples. The goal is to come together through gatherings that are hosted by members of our church. These gatherings are designed to be a time for fellowship with a meal followed with in-depth discussions about the most recent sermon or applying a biblical perspective on current events. They have been blessed through these gatherings by gaining spiritual insights and cultivating many new relationships with the body of believers.

Tre Fields, as their ministry leader, will attend the gatherings ensuring that there will be follow-up with thoughtful discussions among the members to enhance and share what they experienced. The love of Christ knows no barriers and will transform those that hear and believe the word of truth.

Many times we may see people gathering in groups after the worship service and notice the smiles that are shared. Gatherings provide intentional contact among our members and that brings relationships. Barriers break down and preconceived notions vanish. The Spirit of God unites them in their hearts which enhances their experiences with one another. It is amazing how important it is to listen to others and hear what is truly behind their spoken words.

**How you can help.... Pray!** Pray that God will provide great opportunities for the members of the Young Adult Ministry to get to know one another. Pray for their shared experiences to open their eyes to see how precious is the gift of salvation, so that they will be compelled to share the gospel with others. Pray for their leaders, that they will be able to provide insight and support through His word. Pray for God's guidance in their lives.



This is a great time to consider if you will be available to host a gathering with our Young Adult Ministry. If you are interested in learning more about the Young Adult Ministry or would like to host a future gathering for the ministry, please reach out the Tre Fields. Thank you for your prayers for what God may be doing in the spiritual lives of those in the Young Adult Ministry.

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of August 30

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

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer that concludes the book of Hebrews in 13:20-21:

*“<sup>20</sup> May the God of peace... <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

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 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 com-

fort 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)

- Pray for those effected by recent natural disasters (flash floods at Nepal-China border, 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 our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we have direct partnerships with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand), and Tommie van der Walt (Imprint, South Africa). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

### **Particular prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family: David and Sue Houchins, Ellie Janes, Nate Joy, Nas Joy, Rodney and Mickey Michael, Ajeya Perrin, John and Kathy Ricchiuto, Alexia Ricchiuto, and Janice Workman, . Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who have recently started back to school. Pray they would depend on God and trust Him as they start a new school year. Pray that learning and teaching would be done with excellence to the glory of God (Prov. 3:5-6; 1 Cor. 10:31). See a list of out-of-town college students toward the back of your church directory.
- Pray we would care more about God's opinion of us than the praise of man. (Pr 29:25; 14:26)
- Pray that our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray that we would live and interact with one another in a way that reveals God's steadfast love and mercy to the world. (Gal 6:9)
- 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 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:

**Marjorie Griffin, Jackie Jones, Eileen Kessler**

**[Consult the church directory for a list of homebound members who are 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, Sept 2, 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. **Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday, Sept 6.** We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf. If there's reconciliation that needs to happen between you and a brother or sister in Christ, prayerfully do that before we gather.

3. **Fall DiscipleLIFE classes begin Sunday, Sept 6.** See insert for adult classes. [Register here.](#)

4. **AWANA Registration Is Open.** Awana is a Bible memory program for children, 3-years-old through 6th grade, designed to help the church come alongside parents as they disciple their children. Club meetings are exciting times with Bible lessons, energetic game time, and small groups where kids recite verses they've studied at home! We meet weekly from 6:30-8pm on Wednesdays (Sept - May) except the first Wednesday of each month when we have church prayer meetings. Fees vary but are generally \$35 or less per child. Questions? Contact Ronnie and Chrissy Sweetman. [Register](#) using the QR code or the link.



5. **Wednesday Evening Activities Resume Sept 9.** (AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study, choir rehearsals)

6. **Men's Breakfast :: Saturday, September 12 @ 8am.**

7. **Church Potluck :: Sunday, Sept 13.** See insert for details. Contact Camille Hawit for more info.

8. **Wellspring Life Ministry Walk and 5k Run for Life.** Join our church team for this fun, family-oriented event on September 19th as we help support the mission of Wellspring Life Ministry - serving women, saving lives, and sharing the Gospel. Everyone - runner, walker, kids - can participate! Learn more and sign up at [www.walkandrun.org](http://www.walkandrun.org) or by contacting Trish Crandell or Dixie Schneider.

9. **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.





## **Fall 2026 (Sept. - Nov.) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:**

### **Beginning Sunday, September 6 @ 9 am**

**To help us prepare for this quarter, we are asking that everyone sign up for the class they wish to attend. You can sign up using the back of this form or by scanning the QR Code.**

#### **Explore the Bible – Romans**

In Paul's letter to the Christians at Rome, his systematic and logical explanation of the gospel left no doubt about the world's need for a Savior and our responsibility as Christ followers. By studying his words to the Romans, we can gain a better understanding of who God is, what God does, and the impact it should have on our lives each day. (13 sessions)  
(Books will be available in room 114 Sunday, August 23rd.)

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

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

#### **Elective Class: The Practice of Stewardship**

We are launching a 13-week foundation in financial discipleship designed to help every believer grow in biblical stewardship, find freedom from debt, and honor Christ with their resources. Where our earlier class on Biblical Stewardship taught the doctrine, this one puts it to work.

As part of our FBC Stewardship Pathway, you'll learn how to budget wisely, escape debt, cultivate generosity, strengthen your marriage or navigate money decisions on your own, and plan for the future — all through the lens of God's Word.

Please sign up now to reserve your place. Materials and class details will follow in the weeks ahead.

- **Room 117/118 Teachers :: Tyrone Moorehead & TBD**

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

# Potluck *Church*

**Join us for food & fellowship on Sunday, Sept 13 immediately following the service!**

- Bring a dish that feeds your family plus 3-4 more.
- Last names that start with N-Z also bring a dessert to share.



**Sunday, 13  
Sept 2026**



**Fellowship Hall**

**More Info : Contact Camille  
[sarahcamille22@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahcamille22@yahoo.com)**

# Potluck *Details*

- Everyone brings a dish to feed your family plus 2-3 more.
- Last names that start with N-Z also brings a dessert to share. This is in addition to a main dish.
- Bring a dish ready to be reheated in the oven or kept warm in warming drawers.
- Crockpots are great!
- We are unable to handle any frozen food items.

## **When to drop off your dish**

- Before Disciple Life (8:45am-9am)
- Before Worship Service (9:45am-10am)

## **Have a question or interested in helping?**

**Following service today, Camille will be in the Fellowship Hall to answer questions and have sign-up sheets if you are interested in helping with specific potluck needs.**

- 6-8 families to sign up to bring food for a kid friendly potluck table.
- 10 volunteers for kitchen duty (putting out food, plates, etc.).
- 5-7 volunteers for the clean-up team.

# Living By God's Word

[Psalm 19](#)

**"Hearing God's Works and Words"**– August 30, 2026



## Introduction

This psalm has an echo of creation and a summary of Psalm 119. It lays the foundation for the Gospels, and it is the clear revelation of God. It invites you sit still and meditate on the majesty of God. It has inspired many classical musicians. It is filled with abrupt transitions, perfect metaphors, mysterious themes and it is all tied together with a clear connecting thread. Think of it as three volumes of a great trilogy.

## Sermon Outline

1. The glory of the spoken word – God reveals Himself through creation. Vs. 1-6
2. The perfection of the written word – God reveals Himself through scripture. Vs. 7-11
3. The response to the saving word – God reveals Himself through conscience. Vs. 12-14

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 1 – 6

The first thing to see here is an echo of the creation account from Genesis. The word "heavens" is the same word used in [Genesis 1:1](#). It is used to describe creation at the galactic level – creation as a whole from a God's eye view. As you read these verses, you should consider God's work in Genesis in its completeness. All of God's creation large and small, microscopic and visible, was spoken into existence by God. Creation is like a megaphone declaring the majesty, splendor, magnitude, and glory of God. It also declares the intricacies and precision of God. Have you taken the time to consider all the details of the creation you enjoy?

Every day, you can hear the declaration of creation and realize the glory of God with all your God-created senses. Each sunrise, there is another chance to receive communication from creation that God is glorious. The communication is orderly, regular, consistent, and clear. God's glory is overflowing in His creation. In the darkness of night, take time to further contemplate the bigness of God as you gaze on the stars, moon, and maybe the occasional meteor shower. In the complete darkness, all the things in the night sky are on dazzling display. When was the last time you made time to sit and consider the handiwork of God?

Creation has a universal declaration. There is no language, tribe or group of people who do not hear the cry of creation. It is received by all. It is a wordless sermon revealing the invisible attributes of God. In creation – all your senses are engaged. You see the beauty of a sunset. You hear the crashing waves. You can smell the aroma of flowers. You feel the heat of the sun. You can taste the salt sea. You cannot flee from it. ([Psalm 139:7](#)) Creation is constantly displaying beauty and strength. Everything that God has made proclaims that He has created it and is sustaining it. The sermon of creation never ends. It is a clear message - God is sovereign, powerful, mighty, omnipotent, omniscient, faithful, merciful, unchanging! Do you see God in these ways?

Sadly, there are those who reject this message. They reject the reality of the spoken word. ([Psalm 14:1](#); [53:1](#)) There are those who refuse to believe that creation exists because the Divine Creator exists. Is it enough to know that God exists? If you are convinced that there is a Creator and you are the created? What are you going to do about it?

### 2. Read Vs. 7 – 11

Here, the transition to the written word of God seems so abrupt that it doesn't seem to flow. God is real, and He is the Creator. The spoken word of God reveals a powerful Creator. As glorious as creation is, there is a more complete, detailed, and glorious revelation of God. It is found in His written word. It reveals the sum total of all His divine attributes – holiness, sovereignty, righteousness, grace, truth, goodness, mercy, justice, wrath, omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence, immutability, faithfulness, patience, His steadfast love and more. General revelation through creation answers the questions that a Creator – God – exists. We are left with the question – "now what?" Why are you here? How can you know God? You can try to use your own knowledge to answer those questions. In doing so, you craft a god that you can relate to and be in harmony with. This will lead you in a place that is worse than the fool who says there is not God. ([Romans 1:18-23](#)) If you want to know God, you need His written word.

In verses 7-9, David will hold up the Word of God to see and describe its multi-faceted perfection. Each phrase contains a facet that is synonymous with some aspect of the Word of God, a characteristic of that facet of the word of God and a divine outcome produces by the word of God.

[Verse 7](#) - The "law" is the over-arching word that captured the full counsel of the Word of God in David's day. For

us, it is the complete, inspired, and perfect written word. It is perfect, blameless, without blemish. "Testimony" is a legal term. God uses His word as His witness. It is sure and verifiable. You can know that God is faithful, trustworthy and dependable.

[Verse 8](#) – the precepts of the Lord are His mandates and statutes. They are right and straight. If we keep them, it makes your heart glad. You can know that God is righteous. The commandments of the Lord are His charges or laws. They are pure. There is no confusion in them. It reveals that God is blameless.

[Verse 9](#) - The fear of the Lord is the awe-inspiring reverence that is produced by the Word of God. It is an appropriate terror that springs up in the heart when one encounters the moral purity of God. God is AWESOME! The rules are His judgements. They are completely true, right and always just. This reveals God's heart of concern and care as well as the immeasurable value of keeping God's rules.

The written words of God are more valuable than gold and sweeter than honey. David was saying that you can keep your gold just as the man in [Matthew 13:44](#). David was seeking the riches of God's word. David also wanted to paint not only a picture of the sweetness of honey but also the freshness and purity of warm, raw honey dripping from the comb itself. Is this metaphor harder to relate to than the value of gold? In an agrarian society, sweet things were a luxury. Honey was the sweetest thing that was available. David used the glory of creation to highlight the perfection and desirability of God's word. How do you think of God's word?

David used the personal, proper, and covenantal name of God. The LORD was David's God. How do you get to where David is – God revealed in creation (general revelation) and to the kind of revelation that creates a desire to know what God says in His word? Is knowing God your greatest treasure. Is He your greatest pursuit? David responded with an affirmation of each statement about the Word of God. He wants you to know that it's true!!

### 3. Read Vs. 12 – 14

As you come to know God more, you come to know yourself too. You see things more clearly. You see that God is exactly who He claims to be. David saw that God is perfect, and he was not. There is a vast difference between a holy God and the state of sinful man. Our thoughts, attitudes, and actions that reflect the fallen nature are not hidden. When David saw this, he wanted to be cleansed – to be declared innocent.

Sin is serious, but there is confident hope in a faithful God. In David's day, the promise of atonement was observed in the sacrifices. Sin leads to death. Only a spotless animal could serve as a substitute to the one who stood as the object of God's wrath. But David looked forward in faith, knowing that God could and would supply the grace needed to redeem.

John begins his gospel account with "in the beginning was the Word." ([John 1:1-3; 14](#)) John would later explain that the Incarnate Word was the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice to which that David was pointing. Jesus was the perfect substitute. Think about this: Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, climbed the hill that He spoke into existence. He carried a cross beam from a tree He created. He received in His flesh spikes of metal fashioned from molecules that He made. He bore the wrath of God for the sins of all mankind. He gave His life so that the ones that He created would be blameless.

Do you believe in the existence of Jesus Christ? Do you believe in His perfection? Do you believe in His death and resurrection? Do you believe that He will return? Do you want to know Jesus more? Does He mean more to you than anything? Don't suppress the revelation of Psalm 19. See yourself clearly; agree with the verdict of God's perfect law and come to Jesus in repentance and faith.

#### 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.

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| Next week's sermon text: <a href="#">Luke 11:1-13</a> "Jesus, Teach Us to Pray!" |
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## Family Guide for week of August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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### 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 – Romans 4:13-25

Day 2 – Romans 5:1-11

Day 3 – Romans 5:12-21

Day 4 – Romans 6:1-14

Day 5 – Romans 6:15-23

\*Read Luke 11:1-16 in preparation for church on Sunday, September 6, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 34 (page beginning with Titus Till Sr.) of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank God for the ways He has provided for you, protected you, and blessed you. Thank Him for His love, care, and the eternal treasures He offers through Jesus.

## **Sing together**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" – 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 week<sup>1</sup>**

**Question 7: What does the law of God require?**

**Answer:** That we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves.

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