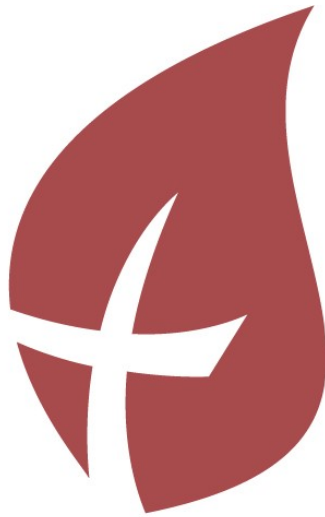


Sunday Morning Worship

September 6, 2026



**FIRSTBAPTIST
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UPPERMARLBORO**

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September 6, 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 — Hebrews 4:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook

Verse 1:

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2:

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3:

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Responsive Scripture Reading — Psalm 116 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.

<sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

<sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;

<sup>9</sup> I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

<sup>10</sup> I believed, even when I spoke:  
“I am greatly afflicted”;

<sup>11</sup> I said in my alarm,  
“All mankind are liars.”

<sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!

## The Lord's Prayer

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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

## He's Done So Much for Me

Lilian Bowles | Nolan Williams Jr. | Theodore Frye

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### Verse 1:

He's done so much for me,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He's done so much for me,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

### Verse 2:

He washed my sins away,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He washed my sins away,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

### Verse 3:

He walks and talks with me,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He walks and talks with me,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

### Verse 4:

He gave me victory,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He gave me victory,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

## The Lord Is

Bob Kauflin | Pat Sczebel

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### Verse 1:

The depths of Your grace who can measure  
You fully supply all I need  
You restore my weary soul again and again  
And lead me in Your righteousness and peace

### Verse 2:

You're with me through every dark valley  
There's nothing that I have to fear  
You are there to comfort me again and again  
Protecting me assuring me You're near

### Chorus:

The Lord is  
The Lord is my Shepherd  
I shall not want

### Verse 3:

You gave Your own life for my ransom  
So I could rejoice at Your side  
You have shown Your faithfulness again and again  
There's nothing good that You will not provide

### Bridge:

I will dwell in Your house  
All the days of my life  
I will dwell in Your house  
All the days of my life

## Lamb of God

Bob Kauflin | David LaChance Jr.

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### Verse 1:

O Lamb of God all worlds obeyed Your will  
From dark and void their being came  
O Lamb of God, Your glories echo still  
Creation sings its Maker's praise  
Eternal God, One with the Father  
Before all time You dwelt in love  
Eternal God, unlike all others  
Yet You descended unto us

### Verse 2:

O Lamb of God, in filthy manger lay  
In humble dress You entered earth  
O Lamb of God, Creator bows to save  
The needy ones helpless from birth  
Incarnate Word, Gift of the Father  
To take our place and bear our sin  
Incarnate Word, Led to the slaughter  
You conquered death and rose again

### Verse 3:

O Lamb of God, Now reigning on the throne  
The Judge of all faithful and true  
O Lamb of God, You'll make Your power known  
When all Your foes receive their due  
Victorious King, When history's fading  
You'll call Your Bride To take her place  
Victorious King, Creation's waiting  
For Your redeemed to see Your face

## Message :: “Jesus, Teach Us to Pray” :: Luke 11:1-13

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Church Covenant

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.

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, September 6

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

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

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

6:30 PM Elders Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

Elder-led Bible Study: 1 Cor.

Choir/Band Rehearsal

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Church Potluck immediately following worship

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Wednesday, September 9 — Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Resume

Saturday, September 12—Men's Breakfast @ 8am

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.

Meal Train Ministry

Morgan Neptune, Ministry Leader

A Meal Train is a ministry for our church family to support each other by coordinating and providing meals for someone who may need extra support during a trying time. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ to members of our church that have just had a baby, suffering through an illness/surgery, or those going through a difficult time adjusting through a recent hardship. This ministry is more than providing a meal, it is loving others and praying for them as they go through

Morgan Neptune, leads this ministry and is very passionate about the Meal Train Ministry because she personally was blessed through this ministry not long after joining First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro. Can you imagine what it meant to her to receive such loving kindness through her church? At that time she was new to this body, and through this ministry she felt how the Lord was faithful in their care. She felt the love of her church family.



When the Meal Train is notified that there is a specific need to support a family or individual or if a request is made, a Meal Train request generates an email with particular information. What may be included in those details, are information about food allergies, dietary restrictions and some preferences regarding gluten and spicy or sweet. They seek to ensure that the recipients are receiving a meal that will be enjoyed and helpful. Once this information is secured, the Meal Train is formally submitted by email with a link to the page.

Meal Train participants will open the link and review the instructions for the date range for meals, time for delivers and location. Also recipients of the meals, will know who will be providing the meal each day and the approximate what time they will arrive. Sometimes there may be time for a visit with the family or individual.

If you should entertain serving on the Meal Train, you should know that you choose when you are available for preparing a meal. There is no obligation to participate on any Meal Train. That’s why it is so helpful to have many Meal Train volunteers. This is one ministry that provides you to serve when it fits in your schedule, it’s flexible. You may not be available this time, but someone else may be.



Ministry Spotlight

If you are a busy person looking for a ministry that you can join in to help when there is a need, this may be perfect for you. The Meal Train operates on an “as needed” basis. Participants will receive an email when a Meal Train has started, they can just click on the link and sign up to provide a meal on a specific date when they choose. This process prevents confusion and both the recipient and the participant will know what is scheduled. Does this sound like the perfect opportunity for you to serve? Guess what, even if you are not a culinary star, but you would like to serve, feel free to order a meal through a delivery service, or you may select to bring ready made food like a Rotisserie Chicken with prepared sides that may require a little heating. It truly is the heart behind the service that means the most!



Contact Morgan Neptune for more information and find out how you can get on board the Meal Train.

***“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God’s varied grace” ~ 1 Peter 4:10.***

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of September 6

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:

“²⁰ May the God of peace... ²¹ 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, and others). 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

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**1. Fall DiscipleLIFE classes.** New DiscipleLIFE classes began today. See [church website](#) for class info. Classes are available for all ages.

**2. 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.



**3. Wednesday Evening Activities Resume.** Wednesday evening activities restart Sept 9. See schedule and locations below. Contact the church office with any questions.

- **5:45PM**—King's Kids Choir (sanctuary)
- **6:30PM**—AWANA (children's area)  
Elder-led Bible Study: 1 Corinthians (room 117/118)  
Choir/band rehearsal (sanctuary)

**4. Men's Breakfast :: Saturday, September 12 @ 8am.** See insert or click the link for [registration](#) details.

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

**6. Wellspring Life Ministry Walk and 5k Run for Life :: Sept 19** 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.

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

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



## Digital Communication Card

Are you interested in receiving more information about the church, meeting with a pastor, or sharing a prayer need? Scan the QR code to fill in our digital communication card and someone will follow up with you. You're always welcome to contact the church office: 301-952-0117.





# MEN'S BREAKFAST



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH**

**8:00 AM @ FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF UPPER MARLBORO**



# 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.

# **2026 WALK & 5K RUN FOR LIFE**

**SAT 9/19/26**

## **MID ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Join us as we raise funds to provide life-affirming care and support to women in our community, sharing the hope of the Gospel and empowering them to  
**CHOOSE LIFE** for their families!

**REGISTER ONLINE OR SCAN THIS QR CODE! AND  
GET STARTED RAISING FUNDS TO HELP MOMS AND  
BABIES KNOW GOD'S GIFT OF LIFE!**



**5K TRAIL RUN  
LIFE WALK  
KIDS RACES  
MOON BOUNCE  
FACE PAINTING**



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# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 11:1-13](#)

“Jesus, Teach Us to Pray”– September 6, 2026



## Introduction

If something is alive, you expect it to grow. You do not plant seeds for them to stay in the dirt. Bodies grow strong. Marriages grow in love. Children should mature. Churches should grow in their love for the Lord and others. How does the Kingdom of God grow? In Luke 10, Luke tells you that the kingdom grows by listening to Jesus and doing what He says. Here in chapter 11, you will see that the kingdom will grow as you call on Him in prayer.

Have you ever prayed for something and nothing happens? Have you ever asked God to stop something and the very thing you asked Him to stop happens? This can be very disappointing. You may ask, “does prayer even work?” “Does God hear me?” You may become discouraged and stop praying. How many times have you been distracted while praying? Do you think you are good at praying? You may have the desire to pray, but soon you fizzle out and feel like a failure. Do you need help in your prayer life? Look at Luke 11:1. Luke shows Jesus praying all the time. Jesus was fully God and fully man. In His humanity, He needed strength from the Father, so He modeled for the disciples and us what prayer looks like. The disciples heard Him pray, and they wanted that same intimacy and confidence with the Father. Jesus showed them, and He shows you.

## Sermon Outline

1. Pray like a child of a King. Vs. 2 - 4
2. Pray as children who trust their Father's goodness. Vs. 5-13

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 2 – 4

The Lord's Prayer is not a formula that you repeat like a robot. Jesus was giving Heaven's priorities in prayer. First, to pray, “Hallowed by thy name,” you are saying, “let your name be revered.” Do you see the awesomeness and glory of God? Is that at the top of your prayer list? Do you pray about everything – even the smallest things that seem inconsequential? Think of a person or situation that makes you anxious. It's hard to stop thinking about it. It's easy to fixate on, isn't it? What if you could buy a pair of “God-lenses?” What if you could see every situation in light of who God is and His presence with you? Wouldn't that be great? You need to pray “Hallowed by thy name,” because that will shift your focus and quiet your heart. This is how Jesus lived. In all the noise and chaos going on around Jesus, His heart was quiet and confident.

Second, remember that God is King. In a world filled with sin, you can ask God to rule over thoughts and actions now. Praying “your Kingdom come” is also a prayer for the future, looking to Jesus' return. He IS KING – He is King of kings. He rules over everything! You can have access to His power and resources because He is your Father. You do not have to come to God with ornate language to get His attention. Come just as you are. He is your Father in the best sense of the word. He is a Father in everything an earthly father should be. Praying “in Jesus' name” reminds us that you have access to the Father because of Jesus. You have royal access because your life is hidden in Christ. He is the Savior of your soul and your prayers. Prayer is a relationship – a real, living and personal relationship. You talk to Him through prayer; He talks to you through His word.

However, this relationship is not automatic. He is your Father if you have been adopted into His family. Your default position is as an enemy of God. The good news is that God loved the world so much, that He gave His only Son. Jesus lived a perfect life, bore the sins of all mankind, rose again on the third day to reconcile us to God and give us a relationship with God. Repent, turn from sin and self-reliance. Trust in Jesus. God is not indifferent – He is ready to receive anyone who will come to Him through Christ.

Praying God-centered prayers, may leave you asking, “what about my needs?” Third, God wants you to come to Him for your needs. His glory is not at the expense of our needs. You can come to Him for your need of provision, your need of pardon, and your need for protection. **Pray for provision:** This is not just for food. There is nothing too big or too small to bring to the Father in prayer. Bring all your needs to Him. Do

you need a parking space? Pray. Do you need to find something that is lost? Pray. Do you need money to pay the bills? Pray. Do you need peace for your anxious heart? Pray. Then, **Pray for your pardon:** You don't have to hide from God when you sin. You can come to Him asking for forgiveness. In that, you are asking for life. Confessing sin is seeking a restoration of the intimacy that sin has disrupted. This prayer is individual as well as corporate. We come together as a church, share our needs and pray for each other. ([James 5:14](#)) We also ask for forgiveness from those we have sinned against and extend forgiveness to those who have sinned against us. Finally, **Pray for protection:** Ask God to keep you from situations or people where you might be tempted to sin. This is a declaration of your weakness, fragility, and bent toward sin. Where do you go when you have a need? Where do you run when shame is exposed? Where do you look for security or refuge? Whatever the instinct of your flesh may be, Jesus wants you to put it away and come to God.

## 2. Read Vs. 5 – 13

To further illustrate why we can trust God when we pray, Jesus began with a story that seems outrageous, but the story will teach you something about God. This story may leave you asking, “can you imagine this happening?” No. The man gave bread because his neighbor came with bold audacity. This is how Jesus invites us to pray. Pray with shamelessness, knowing that you are going to the Father. Talk to God about everything – EVERYTHING!! Pour out your heart to God. ([Psalm 62:8](#)) He is a BIG God! The point of Jesus' parable here is not to contrast God with the grumpy neighbor. If that neighbor will give, how much more will God generously answer your prayer. ASK – SEEK – KNOCK! Keep asking. Keep seeking. Keep knocking. This is the promise of Jesus to every child of God. He is more than willing to be your friend. He never slumbers nor sleeps. He is always there. He is always near.

What if you ask and do not receive? What if you ask God to stop something and that something happens anyway? The disappointment that comes from that can tempt you to cynicism and cause you to stop praying. Underneath that cynicism, you may even wonder if God is good. HE IS GOOD. If sinful fathers give good things to their children, how much more will God, your Father, give to you. Jesus' point is “how much more.” If ordinary dads, give good gifts, God will give MORE! If you ask and do not receive what you asked for, in the moment, it feels bad. Based upon what Jesus is saying, it is NOT a snake in the grass or a scorpion in the bed. It is a good Father doing what is best for His children. He is the Father. You are the child. The Father knows best for the child.

Does it still seem difficult to trust? Do you shy away from prayer that invites God to rule over your life? Does that make you feel vulnerable? In your flesh, do you look for control, which makes prayer difficult. God gives the Holy Spirit – the presence of God with you. The Holy Spirit opens your eyes to the goodness of God who gave His only Son. He can turn your cynical, distrustful heart into a heart that trusts and knows that God is good.

How do you apply this text? PRAY. Pray like a child of the King. Pray with confidence in the goodness of the Father. Spend time alone with God in prayer. Pray with others so the church can help carry your burdens.

### 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 11:14-26</a> “A Divided House Falls” |
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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 7:1-6

Day 2 – Romans 7:7-12

Day 3 – Romans 7:13-25

Day 4 – Romans 8:1-11

Day 5 – Romans 8:12-17

\*Read Luke 11:14-26 in preparation for church on Sunday, September 13, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 35 (Updated directory has page numbers.) of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank God for His Word and for how it helped you today. Ask Him to forgive you for the times you didn't listen or follow Him. Ask God to help your heart grow to trust and obey Him.

### **Sing together**

"Before the Throne" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

### **Memory verses for the month**

**Isaiah 40:8** "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

**Psalms 145:16** "You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing."

### **Catechism question for the week<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Question 9: What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?**

**Answer:** You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

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