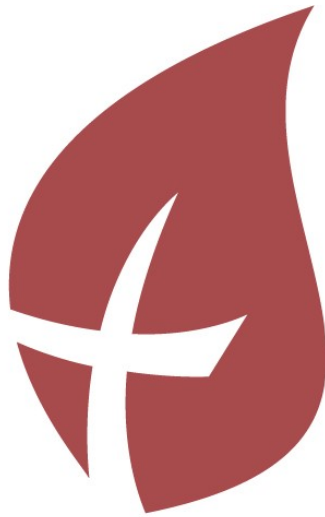


Sunday Morning Worship

September 13, 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 62:1-5 (ESV)

¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

² He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

³ How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him,
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

⁴ They only plan to thrust him down from his high
position.

They take pleasure in falsehood.
They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Keaton Bunting | Bob Kauflin

Verse 1:

When the enemy surrounds
and my heart grows faint within
When the darkness overwhelms
and my fears are pressing in
I will trust in You, O Lord,
in the silence I will wait
I will stand upon Your Word

Chorus:

You're my solid rock and my salvation
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken
My refuge and my sure foundation
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You

Verse 2:

You're my stronghold and my shield
in the midst of every threat
Though the wicked never yield,
they will vanish like a breath
Yes, I know the outcome's sure,
Satan's evil plans will fail
In Your power I'm secure

Verse 3:

This is love I can't explain,
this is mercy unreserved
Through Your sacrifice so great,
I have peace that's undeserved
For the battle has been won,
and I fear no shame or loss
Now the sting of death is gone

Bridge:

Pouring out our hearts before You
We will trust in You
Perfect Savior, strong defender
We will trust in You

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Jennie Wilson

Verse 1:

Time is filled with swift transition,
naught of earth unmoved can stand;
Build your hopes on things eternal,
hold to God's unchanging hand!

Chorus:

Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand!
Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand!
Build your hopes on things eternal,
hold to God's unchanging hand!

Verse 2:

Trust in Him who will not leave you,
whatsoever years may bring;
If by earthly friends forsaken,
still more closely to Him cling.

Verse 3:

Covet not this world's vain riches
that so rapidly decay;
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures,
they will never pass away!

Verse 4:

When your journey is completed,
if to God you have been true,
fair and bright the home in glory,
your enraptured soul will view!

Scripture Reading — Zephaniah 3:14-20 (ESV)

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments
against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the
festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the LORD.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther | Matt Boswell | Frederick Hedge

Verse 1:

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not His equal

Verse 2:

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of Hosts, His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Chorus:

A mighty fortress! A rock unfailing
The King of Glory forever! Amen!
For endless ages enthroned in praises
The King of Glory forever! Amen!

Verse 3:

And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

Verse 4:

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thro' Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Message :: “A Divided House Falls” :: Luke 11:14-26

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# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Edward Perronet | John Rippon | Judah Groveman

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## **Verse 1:**

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

## **Verse 2:**

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

## **Chorus:**

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

## **Verse 3:**

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

## **Verse 4:**

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

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

### **Sunday, September 13**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
Church Potluck immediately following worship

### **Monday, September 14**

### **Tuesday, September 15**

### **Wednesday, September 16**

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir  
6:30 PM AWANA  
Elder-led Bible Study: 1 Cor.  
Choir/Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 17**

### **Friday, September 18**

### **Saturday, September 19**

### **Sunday, September 20**

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

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

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

Please refer to the insert for additional details.

### **Saturday, October 18 — Children's Harvest Party**

### **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.*

## Bookstall Ministry

Deacon, Isaac Neal — Ministry Leader

The Bookstall Ministry purpose serves as a discipleship tool to support spiritual growth and biblical studies. All books are reviewed by the pastors before they are recommended, to ensure that the congregation has access to sound and doctrinally faithful resources. Chosen with you in mind. We have books available for all ages and in all aspects of life. Let's take a look!

***The Big Picture Story Bible*** presents this remarkable true story. Simple words and striking illustrations unfold the story line of God's Word and His love for the world from Genesis to Revelation. All ages will enjoy this exciting discovery of a God who keeps his big promise! Especially recommended for ages 2-7.

### ***God's Design for Man and Woman.***

This thorough study of the Bible's teaching on men and women aims to help a new generation of Christians live for Christ in today's world. Moving beyond other treatments that primarily focus on select passages, this winsome volume traces Scripture's overarching pattern related to male-female relationships in both the Old and New Testaments.

There are **Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation (CCEF)** mini-books that help provide biblical clarity and hope to a variety of circumstances like, ***Eating Disorders***, being a ***Single Parent***, or ***How to Love Difficult People***. Visit the Bookstall for these titles and many others.

### How can I find out what books are available at the Bookstall?

This is a great question! A complete list is available online at [FBCUM.org](http://FBCUM.org) under the Resources tab. Books are listed in alphabetical order with a complete description about each book.

**If you have any questions about the Bookstall, please reach out to Deacon Isaac Neal for more information about this ministry.**



# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of September 13

### **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 of the Apostle Paul from the book of Ephesians 3:14-16:

*<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
<sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened  
with power through his Spirit in your inner being,*

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 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)
- 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

1. **Church Potluck Lunch — TODAY.** All are welcome to join our potluck lunch after worship today.
2. **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.
3. **Save the Date :: Men's Retreat :: November 13-14 at Camp Wabanna.**
4. **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.



# 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!**



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LIFE WALK  
KIDS RACES  
MOON BOUNCE  
FACE PAINTING**



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# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 11:14-28](#)

“A Divided House Falls”– September 13, 2026



## Introduction

Have you ever regretted a choice you made? Maybe it was a choice of an entrée at a restaurant. You look over at what someone else has and you instantly have “order regret. What if the stakes are higher than something as simple as choosing from a menu? What if the choice effects eternity? When you choose to follow Jesus, you enter a relationship.

Some people who encounter Jesus, reject Him. That rejection could be based on desire or indifference. When you watch those who reject Jesus go on to do live what appears to be a prosperous, happy life, do you wonder if you've made the wrong choice? Do you think you are missing out? Luke wrote this book so that you may have certainty about Jesus and your choice to follow Him. ([Luke 1:4](#)) In this passage, Jesus will take apart the rejections, bit by bit, to show us all that we can trust Him.

## Sermon Outline

1. merciful reasoning Vs. 14 - 23
2. The hope of desperate need Vs 24-26
3. An invitation to true happiness Vs. 27-28

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 14 - 23

Luke's gospel has a lot to say about demons and spiritual activity. This may seem strange to those who only see our universe as physical with no God, no Heaven, or no Hell. This worldview fails to explain reality. The spiritual world is real, but not all spirits are good. A demon is a fallen angel, a minion of Satan. The man in the passage could not speak because a demon was preventing that. Not being able to communicate, he was trapped in his head and heart. Everyone in town knew about his disability. But when Jesus showed up, the demon left this man, and he was able to speak. This powerful miracle showed who Jesus really is. Some didn't believe. They said He was casting out demons in the name of Satan. They saw the miracle. They couldn't deny the miracle, so they tried to discredit the miracle. This was not just a casual, unspoken rejection, it was a blatant, intentional rejection of Jesus. Others wanted a sign. THEY JUST SAW ONE!! Yet they wanted a more spectacular sign. Do you know people like this? Do you know someone who just wants to see a miracle, and then they will believe? The request for a sign shows the brokenness in their heart. Sometimes, the best thing to do is to walk away from someone who makes an absurd comment like this. Don't argue. Don't debate. Just walk away. ([Proverbs 26:4](#)) However sometimes, you must speak up like Jesus did here. ([Proverbs 26:5](#))

These people were about to reject Jesus, leaving them with no hope. Jesus mercifully speaks up to show them and warn them (as well as assure us today) that reason and common sense were not on their side. Their rejections were illogical. ([Vs. 17- 18](#)) A team, nation, church divided against itself will fail or fall. Did Satan employ Jesus to cast out his own demons? NO! Then Jesus showed that their rejection was inconsistent. ([Vs. 19-20](#)) There were some Jewish leaders who had previously cast out demons. If God could work through them, why not Jesus. When truth no longer steers the ship and desire steers your decisions, those decisions won't make sense. You will be headed toward ruin.

God sent Moses to free the people from slavery. Go, through Moses, sent ten plagues to show Pharaoh His power. Even Pharaoh's magicians recognized the finger of God in these miracles. ([Exodus 8:19](#)) Yet their hearts were hardened, just like Pharaoh's. Jesus' miracle proved that the kingdom of God had come. He is the King. Jesus then told a parable. ([vs. 21-22](#)) The strong man in the parable is Satan. The goods that he guards are the people he holds in slavery to sin. The people could not be delivered until the strong man was overpowered and disarmed. Who is the stronger man? Jesus was talking about Himself. He is the stronger man. What does this text have to do with you? The unseen spiritual world is real. There is a war going on that we cannot see. ([Ephesians 6:10-20](#)) Evil is real. Satan is happy to be camouflaged by people who think that only the physical world exists. Before coming to Christ, you are enslaved to Satan. ([Ephesians 2:2](#)) When Jesus cast out the demon, He was announcing that God's kingdom was breaking into a fallen world. However, Satan is not a push over. ([1 Peter 5:8](#)) How would Jesus defeat him? ([Hebrews 2:14-15](#)) The answer is quite unexpected. When Jesus died on the cross, it looked like defeat, but it was the instrument He used to destroy the devil. The sting of death is sin! ([1 Corinthians](#)

[15:56](#)) Sin deserves death. ([Romans 6:23](#)) Jesus took ALL of the sin of all of mankind and nailed it to the cross, disarming Satan. If you have trusted in Christ, Satan can't hurt you anymore. ([1 Corinthians 15:50-57](#))

If someone you love and care about is walking their own self-reliant, sinful path, the victory that Jesus accomplished means that you can keep loving them, praying for them. Jesus' victory is stronger than Satan's schemes. They are not too far gone. Here, Jesus' merciful reasoning is a warning to come to Christ. Don't reject Him. Without Him, there is no hope, and you will be enslaved to sin forever. There is NO neutrality. ([vs. 23](#)) There is no middle ground. If you are NOT with Jesus, you are against Him. The only way to go from being against Him and be for Him is to repent – turn from your sin - and trust Him as Savior. Don't put it off. Today is the day of salvation. Do you see the mercy in His reasoning here?

## 2. Read Vs. 24 – 26

When Jesus encountered a demon, they were the ones who understood Who He is. How could the Pharisees see this miracle, right in front of them, and attribute the miracle to Satan? It is pride. The demon was mute. Proud people are bound by a worse condition than physical muteness. Proud people do not talk to God. They do not pray. Proud people are self-reliant. They do not think they need help. They think they are good. Prayer is the language of desperation and humility. The idea of your spiritual house being swept and in good order described the Pharisees. They had a good, religious outward appearance. This was not enough. If evil is swept out of your life and the house of your life is unoccupied, evil will find the vacuum and take up residence seven times worse.

Do you think there is something you can do to be saved? Do you think you just need a little spiritual "house cleaning?" You need more! Sweeping things are not enough. You must be born again. "Reformation without regeneration is a dangerous inadequacy." You need salvation and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Is there an "evil" you have swept out of your life? Do not stop there. Do not use a little religion and turn away from Christ. Look in the mirror of God's word. See yourself in light of that. Recognize how desperate you are for God's help. Spiritual desperation is the pathway to the hope you need. The Father delights to give the Holy Spirit to those who come to Him. He unites you to Christ and fills you with Himself.

Jesus' words here shape how we fight sin and strive for holiness. It's not enough to resolve **not** to do something anymore. You need the expulsive power of a new affection. Put off sin and put on Christ. ([Colossians 3:9-17](#)) In the fight against sin, you may need to avoid unhelpful friendships, certain locations, and/or ditch the smart phone, but don't stop there. **Put on Christ.** Delight in His word until your heart is satisfied. Pour out your heart in prayer. Gather with God's people. We conquer evil with worship.

## 3. Read Vs. 27-28

The only way to gain true life is to lay down your own personal projects, deny yourself, and follow Jesus. This may lead to envy those who live a "happy" life for self. Remember, there is a greater happiness – a true happiness. THIS happiness is not on the surface. It is rooted in something that even tragedy cannot touch. Jesus calls us to not just be hearers of the word, but to be a doer. ([Vs. 28](#)) After you read God's word, ask what do you do with it? What sin do you need to repent of? What command does God want you to obey? The blessing comes to those who hear the word of God and keep it! What do you need to "keep" from God's word today from Luke 11? Does obedience seem impossible? Jesus is the stronger One. You are set free. Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. No one who trusts in Jesus will ever be put to shame. ([1 Peter 2:6](#)) How will you respond?

### 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).

**Next week's sermon text:** [Luke 11:27-36](#) "Seeing and Believing"

## Family Guide for week of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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



### Suggestions on getting started:

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

# Family Guide for week of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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



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

Day 1 – Romans 8:18-30

Day 2 – Romans 8:31-39

Day 3 – Romans 9:1-5

Day 4 – Romans 9:6-13

Day 5 – Romans 9:14-18

\*Read Luke 11:27-36 in preparation for church on Sunday, September 20, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 36 (Updated directory has page numbers.) of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Think about a friend or family member who needs to hear about Jesus. Ask God to give you the courage and opportunity to tell them about King Jesus.

## **Sing together**

"My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)" – 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 does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?**

**Answer:** *First, that we know and trust God as the only true God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence.*

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