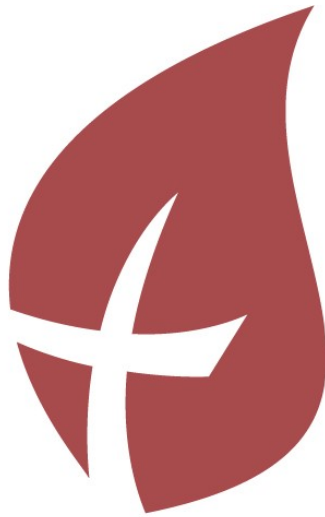


Sunday Morning Worship

October 18, 2026



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Order of Worship

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Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

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Song — Taste and See (Psalm 34)

Song — The Lord Almighty Reigns

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Prayer of Thanks

Worship Through Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Message — Tyrone Moorehead

“Seeing the Unseen”

2 Kings 6:8-23

Song — Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Benediction

Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

Call to Worship — Psalm 34:1-10 (ESV)

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

⁹ Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Taste and See (Psalm 34)

Jimmy Needham | Shane Barnard | Joseph Rigney

Verse 1:

I sought the Lord
And He answered me
And delivered me
From every fear
Those who look on Him
Are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

Verse 2:

This poor man cried
And the Lord heard me
And saved me from
My enemies
The Son of God
Surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

Chorus:

Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever

Verse 3:

Oh, taste and see
That the Lord is good
Oh, blessed is he
Who hides in Him
Oh, fear the Lord
Oh, all you saints
He'll give you everything
He'll give you everything

Bridge:

Let us bless the Lord
Every day and night
Neverending praise
May our incense rise

The Lord Almighty Reigns

Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Matt Papa | Matt Boswell

Verse 1:

There's an endless song
waiting to be sung
With the voice of ev'ry tribe,
the sound of ev'ry tongue.

Verse 2:

When the bride of Christ
on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the Lamb
a multitude of praise.
Like the roar of mighty seas
and rolls of thunder hear His people sing.

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
for the Lord Almighty reigns.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, for the Lord, our God,
the Almighty reigns.

Verse 3:

We will join the feast,
rest from battles won,
Tell with great rejoicing all
the wonders God has done
Like the roar of mighty seas
and rolls of thunder all the church will sing.

Verse 4:

Certain of that day,
Christ we will proclaim
Oh, that more would share the prize,
salvation in His name.
Then greater will the anthem ring,
The mighty chorus rising to the King.

Scripture Reading — Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber | John B. Dykes

Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which was and is and
Evermore shall be

Verse 3:

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy,
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
love and purity

Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

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 amidst 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

Sermon Notes :: “Seeing the Unseen” :: 2 Kings 6:8-23

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# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

John Newton | Chris Tomlin

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## **Verse 1:**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

## **Verse 2:**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

## **Chorus:**

My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace

## **Verse 3:**

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

## **Verse 4:**

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.

## **Verse 5:**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine

## **Verse 6:**

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

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

### **Sunday, October 18**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
3:00 PM Children's Harvest Party

### **Monday, October 19**

### **Tuesday, October 20**

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 PM Elders Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 21**

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

### **Thursday, October 22**

### **Friday, October 23**

### **Saturday, October 24**

### **Sunday, October 25 (Reformation Sunday)**

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

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

**TODAY :: 3-5pm — 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 @ Camp Wabanna**

**Sunday, November 29 — First Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 6 — Budget Review Meeting following worship**

**Sunday, December 13 — Church Members Meeting following worship**

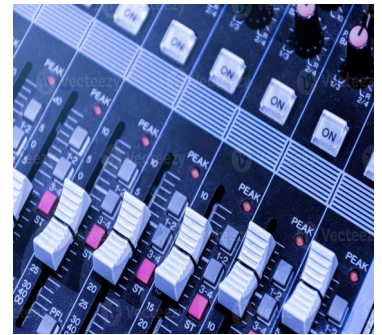
# Ministry Spotlight

*“Ministry Spotlight” highlights church ministries and programs at FBC Upper Marlboro. We hope you’ll consider how you can pray for and support these ministry efforts. Pick up a copy of “Places to Serve” in the magazine racks near the exits for information on all the church ministries.*

## Audio/Visual Ministry

**A/V Ministry Leader — Deacon, Mosi Winder**

The Audio/Visual Ministry Team helps facilitate the sharing of the gospel, the gathering of the saints to worship with one another, all for the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Imagine the sound in our sanctuary without the assistance of microphones. Think about the convenience of having lyrics, scriptures and other video supports projected to encourage congregational participation.



Did you know the Sunday morning worship service is also livestreamed through YouTube and displayed via closed-circuit TV in our comfort rooms, enabling all to hear the Word of God preached? This is being achieved by the A/V members.

Our A/V Ministry exhibits professionalism which allows us to have a cohesive service. Preparation and practicing is the key, our dedicated team of volunteers show up early to perform necessary equipment checks and develop a rhythm to create a great worship experience. Practice is also available on Wednesday nights with the choir/band which helps members get proficient with adjusting equipment.

The Lord has blessed us to have a leader that is dedicated to the Lord and communicates well to equip ministry volunteers with training to achieve their tasks comfortably. If you are interested in serving in the A/V Ministry, please note there is no requirement for prior experience, just a willing heart to learn and commitment to serving. Training is available for all aspects of the A/V Ministry. We seek faithful members that are willing to learn and serve. ***For more information, please contact Mosi Winder, Deacon of the A/V Ministry.***

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of October 18

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

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Philippians 1:3-6 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. This is a great prayer to use as you pray through the church directory for your church family this week.

*<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

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 in Central Asia who operate under police surveillance and government oppression. Pray for protection and daily strength for church leaders and pastors who are often detained and fined without cause. Pray for Christian converts from Islam to persevere in faith as they face intense pressure from their family and community. (1 Peter 1:3-7; 1 Thes 4:13; Ps. 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 making us members of one body, fellow heirs, fellow citizens, and partakers of God's great promises. (Eph 2:19; 3:6)
- Pray for our elders, deacons, staff, and ministry leaders in this 2027 budgeting season. Pray that God would give wisdom and clear vision for how our church family can do the most good with the resources He has provided. (Matthew 6:21; Eph. 5:15-17)
- Pray we would practice humility as we help one another endure in faith (1 Pt 5:5)
- Pray for our Deacons as they serve the practical needs of the church family and our community. Pray that God would give them daily strength to complete the tasks needed. Pray that God would give them wisdom to know how to best serve and love those in their care. (Gal 6:9-10; Acts 6:1-4)
- 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:

**Family of Joyce Amaker (died Oct 6), Millie Brown (death of mother), 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. **Children's Ministry Harvest Party — TODAY, 3-5pm.** Children grades K-6th and their families are invited to a Harvest Party at the church. There will be games, snacks, prizes, and crafts! Bring a friend!

2. **Operation Christmas Child.** A limited number of boxes are still available for pick-up following the worship service in room 115. These boxes are to be filled with gifts for boys or girls, ages 2-14. Please remember that all recipients of these boxes will hear the gospel. Feel free to return your box as soon as they are completed or no later than Nov. 8, 2026. If you have any questions please visit the table in the Fellowship Hall today or visit room 115. Thank you!

3. **Men's Retreat :: November 13-14 at Camp Wabanna :: Registration is Open.** This year's FBCUM men's retreat is a chance to step away from the noise, stand shoulder to shoulder with other brothers in Christ, and honestly pursue the freedom, accountability, and godly manhood that flow from surrendering every part of our lives to Christ. \$80/person includes 3 meals and overnight lodging. Scholarships available. Scan the QR code for more info and to register.



4. **Ladies Christmas Tea.** Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall after the service to sign up to host a table, volunteer, or ask questions. The Christmas Tea will be on Saturday, December 5th. Reservations for the event will start in November.

5. **Audio/Visual Team Volunteers Needed.** The A/V team is looking for individuals to serve the church family by literally helping the gospel to be heard. No experience is required. We will show you everything you need to know. If interested contact Mosi Winder (301-661-2702; mosi.winder@gmail.com).

6. **Wellspring Life Ministry Update.** A big "thank you" to those who have generously supported Well-spring Life Ministry this year by participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign and the Walk & Run for Life. Combined, individuals in our church raised \$2,417.41 that will be used by Wellspring to serve women, save babies, and share the love of Jesus. Contact Trish Crandell for more info.

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.



# Fear Not!

[2 Kings 6:8-23](#)

"Seeing the Unseen"—October 18, 2026



## Introduction

A phone call late at night or early in the morning can be distressing. It seems that any call at any time that is not typical can be frightening. You may start to fear the worst even before you answer the call. Have you been there? What about just waking up every morning? Do you awaken with anxiety that can grip your heart?

You may trust the sovereignty of God. It may be easy on Sunday during worship. What about Monday? How do you respond? Do you panic or do you punch back? Both reactions come from the same problem – not seeing everything. When God opens your eyes, the situation changes. He wants you to see Who stands with you and to see your enemies as God sees them.

We want open eyes to see our God who out numbers our enemies and out loves them too. In the passage, there was no godly leadership, but God did not abandon them. God sent prophets to call them back. Where are you today? Do you trust the sovereign God, or do you wonder if God still sees you amid your problems?

## Sermon Outline

1. Trust the God who sees what the enemy plans in secret. Vs. 8-14
2. Faith sees the God who outnumbers the enemy. Vs. 15 – 20
3. Grace sees the enemy as a guest. Vs. 21-23

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 8 – 14

The King of Syria thought that there was a mole amid his palace. The prophet knew everything. However, it was God who told the prophet what the King had planned. Even private thoughts were made known. So, can anything be hidden from God? The King wanted to seize Elisha, thinking that would solve the problem. The army surrounded the city to intimidate. But God sees everything. ([Psalm 139:1-6](#)) Before God showed His power in this passage, He showed His knowledge. God had already planned ahead of the enemy. Are there things that keep you up at night? Do the conversations that are had behind your back concern you? God hears everything. God sees everything. The threats may be real, but they are not hidden. God is working behind the scenes. Your sight is limited. You need to look at circumstances, trials, and problems through the eyes of God. It may look impossible, but God is working.

### 2. Read vs. 15-20

God was setting this up in a much differently than you might think. The servant saw the great army. He may have panicked as he asked Elisha what they were going to do. That army was real. Visible threats are real, but they are not ultimate. Elisha assured the servant that they were not outnumbered. The servant may have questioned that response, but Elisha helped him to see that the reality the servant was seeing was not complete. There was a great unseen army that was with Elisha and the servant. Elisha was counting on God's presence. You and God are a mighty army. He is the covenant keeping God who is with you. It is not "how many" but "Who" you have with you. Have you been in an unfamiliar situation that rocked you? Do you wonder "how many" instead of "Who" is with you? Do you know that the Father is with you? His presence makes the difference. It is comfort and protection.

Elisha prayed that God would open the eyes of the servant to see the Heavenly Army. Elisha did not ask for the situation to be changed. He prayed that the servant would see what was already there. God's army was there. While the Syrians surrounded the city, God surrounded the Syrian army. Your only and best defense is the presence of God.

Elisha prayed that God would strike the enemy with blindness. The only other time you see this word in the Old Testament is in Genesis 19. What followed that time of blindness? God destroyed Sodom. What would

happen here? Elisha guided them to Samaria and prayed again that they would see. When they opened their eyes, they were in Samaria, where they would be dealt with in a most unusual way. Fear sees the physical. Faith sees the God who outnumbers the enemy. ([Hebrews 11:1](#), [Romans 8:31-34](#)) Pray that God will give you eyes to see matters with His eyes.

### 3. Read vs. 21-23

God had “gift-wrapped” the Syrians before the king. Should they be struck down? That may seem like an obvious solution but notice how Elisha responded. Even though the Syrians had threatened the people of Israel, God showed them mercy and grace. The king wanted to strike them down, but God said, “no.” His ways are not our ways. His plans are different. He invites you to follow Him.

The king had not fought anyone. God did the work. He had a plan for the Syrians, and He trusted the King to steward the victory His way. In this case, God told him to feed them. The passage opens with a great army and ends with a great feast. While fire destroyed Sodom, God, in His mercy gave the Syrians an opportunity to repent. Do you trust God to oversee your battles His way, or do you want retribution?

God saw this situation and sees your situations differently. You may not understand His ways, but God is in control. God may use a dinner table to change your situation. The table here ended the hostility in Samaria the way a sword never could. Who is your enemy today? Who is it that God hands over to you? What is your response? The world hands us lines – dividing lines – draw by blindness. If you let the world draw the line, you will miss opportunities to share the love of God. God turned you – His enemy because of sin – to a guest at His table. Is there someone who you have written off or avoided because you do not want to deal with them? Is there someone you look down on? What can you do to help transform YOUR mind and help those who you may have something against? Take vengeance off the table – leave it to God.

Nine centuries after this passage, Jesus prayed in a garden. Men came to arrest Him. Peter wanted to fight, but Jesus reminded him, that He could appeal to His Father for rescue. However, He willingly gave His life for His enemies – You and me. God outnumbers His enemies, and He out loves them. Because of God's love, He sent Jesus to be the sacrifice for sin. God did not strike us – He opened our eyes to the truth of the gospel. When you come to Christ in repentance and faith, He will never turn you away. You are part of the household of God. Do you trust Him? He is more – more than the diagnosis, more than the people against us, more than the problems you are facing. God has out loved you!! He is calling. Do you have a heart to receive His love?

### 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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| Next week's sermon text: <a href="#">Luke 12:35-48</a> “Get Ready!” |
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## Family Guide for week of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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



### Suggestions on getting started:

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

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

Day 1 – Ruth 1:1-5

Day 2 – Ruth 1:6-18

Day 3 – Ruth 1:19-22

Day 4 – Ruth 2:1-7

Day 5 – Ruth 2:8-23

\*Read Luke 12:35-48 in preparation for church on Sunday, October 25, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 41 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank Him for His power and for loving people, including you.

## **Sing together**

"A Mighty Fortress" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

## **Memory verses for the month**

**John 11:35** *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."*

**Psalms 145:17** *The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and kind in all his works.*

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

**Question 14: Did God create us unable to keep his law?**

**Answer:** *No, but because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, we are all born in sin and guilt, and unable to keep God's law.*

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