Sunday Morning Worship

October 11, 2026

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Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.
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Call to Worship — Psalm 27:1-4, 13-14 (ESV)

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[1] The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

[2] When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

[3] Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

[4] One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

[13] I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
[14] Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

Lillian Bouknight

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Verse 1:
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus:
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life.
Whom shall I fear?

Verse 2:
In the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
whom shall I fear?

Verse 3:
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
whom shall I fear?

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

All Will Be Peace

Erik De war | Glory and Gladness Music

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Verse 1:
A kingdom is coming where all will be right
Injustice and suff'ring will end
For God will deliver the poor and contrite
The meek of the earth He'll defend
Then Jesus the Righteous will speak forth his word
And none of the wicked will stand
He'll answer our cries that we thought went unheard
And all will be peace in that land

Verse 2:
The nations will fashion their swords into shears
No longer preparing for war
New plows will be made from the last of the spears
And no one will fear anymore
The mountains will sing as we go out with joy
While trees of the field clap their hands
And no one in Zion will hurt or destroy
For all will be peace in that land

Verse 3:
Instead of the briar the flower will grow
The cypress instead of the thorn
And so living water forever will flow
When all that was cursed is reborn
The beasts will not kill but be led by a child
The wolves will lie down with the lamb
The calf and the lion will graze in the wild
For all will be peace in that land

Verse 4:
From least to the greatest we'll all know the Lord
And ever his people we'll be
The earth will be filled with the knowledge of God
Like waters that cover the sea
And Jesus will wipe ev'ry tear from our eyes
As God makes his dwelling with man
Then death pain and ev'ry last sorrow will die
And all will be peace in that land
And all will be peace in that land

Scripture Reading — Psalm 49:5-20 (ESV)

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[5] Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,
[6] those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?
[7] Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,
[8] for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice,
[9] that he should live on forever
and never see the pit.

[10] For he sees that even the wise die;
the fool and the stupid alike must perish
and leave their wealth to others.
[11] Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they called lands by their own names.
[12] Man in his pomp will not remain;
he is like the beasts that perish.

[13] This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
yet after them people approve of their boasts.
[14] Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd,
and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.
Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.
[15] But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.

[16] Be not afraid when a man becomes rich,
when the glory of his house increases.
[17] For when he dies he will carry nothing away;
his glory will not go down after him.
[18] For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed
—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—
[19] his soul will go to the generation of his fathers,
who will never again see light.
[20] Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.
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My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Keith and Kristyn Getty

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Verse 1:
My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

Verse 2:
My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

Chorus:
I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Verse 3:
As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
at the cross

Verse 4:
I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

Verse 5:
Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid
At the cross
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Sermon Notes :: “Don’t Be Anxious About Life” :: Luke 12:13-34

I Set My Hope On Jesus

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Keith Getty

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Verse 1:

When this life of trials test my faith
I set my hope on Jesus
When the questions come and doubts remain
I set my hope on Jesus
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal
There's a joy that runs still deeper
There's a truth that's more than all I feel
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus:

I set my hope on Jesus
My rock, my only trust
Who set His heart upon me first
I set my hope on Jesus

Verse 2:

Though I falter in this war with sin
I set my hope on Jesus
When I fail the fight and sink within
I set my hope on Jesus
Though the shame would drown me in its sea
And I dread the waves of justice
I will cast my life on Calvary
I set my hope on Jesus

Verse 3:

Though the world call me to leave my Lord
I set my hope on Jesus
Though it offer all its vain rewards
I set my hope on Jesus
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray
Give me grace enough to finish
'Til I worship on that final day
I set my hope on Jesus
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This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, October 11
9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
6:00 PM Youth Night

Monday, October 12 (Columbus Day)
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, October 13
10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 14
12:00 PM Joyce Amaker Funeral Service
5:45 PM King's Kids Choir
6:30 PM AWANA
Elder-led Bible Study (1 Cor)
Choir & Band Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17
6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp (Men's Study)
8:30 AM Titus 2 (Women's Study)

Sunday, October 18
9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
3:00 PM Children's Harvest Party

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Saturday, October 18 :: 3-5pm — Chlidren's Harvest Party

Sunday, November 8 — Staring 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

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"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.

Home Reach Ministry

Bernice McGuire — Ministry Leader

The Home Reach Ministry supports our church by providing care through regular visitation for members unable to attend church. This ministry brings gentle kindness and keeps members connected to the church while demonstrating love for our church family. We believe this is vital to provide an avenue by which the team can minister through a godly approach of sharing God's word, having a time of prayer and simply learning and listening.

Members receiving calls for visits, know that they are vital to the life of our church and that we are determined to keep the lines of communication open at all times. But what if the member has succumbed to an illness that causes them to live in a long term care facility, Home Reach visits them there also. *We are committed to love and serve Christ by loving and serving one another.* (John 15:12)



The Home Reach Ministry team members schedule visits whether to a home or facility to share time together. During these visits, ministry members hope to bring a little bit of fellowship to church members. Time is spent sharing, laughing, listening, praying, and reading God's word together. Our goal is to *love one another as Christ loves the church*. Phone calls also provide a time for follow-up on a previous visit or just checking. What develops through the visits and calls is a genuine Christ-centered friendship, and there is no longer a feeling of serving but spending quality time with a treasured friend.

So how do you begin serving in this ministry? Meet with Bernice McGuire to receive more information. Bernice says, at the end of the day, 'Have you felt loved today and more importantly, how have you shared the love of Christ with others?'
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Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of October 11

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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.

[3] I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, [4] always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, [5] because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. [6] 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.

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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 Myanmar as many of them rebuild their lives and communities after a devastating earthquake in 2025. Pray for security as many are targeted and persecuted for their faith by the ruling military. Pray for a change of heart toward Christians in the government. Ask God to protect church leaders and evangelists in the country who risk their lives to bring God's Word to Christians in remote areas. (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 we would practice humility as we help one another endure in faith (1 Pt 5:5)
- Pray for members of our church who are homebound due to illness—for physical healing and unfailing hope in God. Pray also for those in our church who are caretakers—for strength, patience, and love. (2 Cor 4:16; Gal 6:9-10)
- 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), Marjorie Griffin, Jackie Jones, Eileen Kessler, Tyrone Moorehead (death of father)

[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. 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!

2. Young Adult Gathering :: Oct 17 at 5pm :: Home of Zach and Katie Schlegel. Young Adults are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments. Contact Tre Fields for more info or questions.

3. Children's Harvest Party :: Sunday, Oct 18, 3-5pm. Grades K-6 and their families are invited to a fun afternoon of games, snacks, prizes, and crafts at the church. See the bulletin insert for more info.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

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

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Note of Thanks:

To our dear church family —

Our family is deeply grateful for the love and care you have shown us following the loss of my father. Your prayers, cards, presence, expressions of sympathy, and loving encouragement have been indescribable sources of comfort during this difficult time.

As one of your pastors, it is a privilege to serve this congregation—and a special blessing to experience your tender care for our family. We thank God for the gift of a church family that walks with us not only in times of joy, but also in times of sorrow. Thank you for sharing in our sorrow, celebrating my dad's life, and surrounding us with the love of Christ.

With heartfelt gratitude & love: Tyrone, Sharon, and the Moorehead Family

Digital Communication Card

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

The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

Luke 12:13-34

"Don't Be Anxious About Life"– October 11, 2026

Introduction

Have you ever asked yourself this question, "What would make me happy?" Or "What would relieve me of my anxiety and worry?" What is your answer? That answer reveals a lot about what you look to for comfort and certainty. When you look around at the world today, you may feel turmoil, anxiety, and uncertainty. You may be tempted to look at the things of the world for comfort and certainty.

In the passage, Jesus talks about anxiety from financial concerns or physical issues that are pressing in. Are there things that keep you up at night or make your stomach turn? You can trade this anxiety for certainty in an unshakeable kingdom that will never end. Following Jesus is the path of life!

Sermon Outline

1. Steward money with eternity in view. Vs. 13-21
2. Trust a good God who will not forsake you. Vs. 22-34

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 13 – 21

In this passage, Jesus pivots to talk about fear and anxiety related to money. Here, you see a dispute over an inheritance. Whoever is right or wrong is not known, but the man appealed to Jesus to settle the problem. Isn't it sad that settling an estate can cause disputes over things and money? Jesus is the Judge of the living and the dead, but here, Jesus saw a much deeper issue. He saw the heart of the man and a teachable moment. Jesus told them to be on guard – be alert – against greed or covetousness. Do you see yourself as someone who is obsessed with getting more "stuff?" Ads appeal to our sinful heart and make us discontented with what we do have. Are you looking for the next, new thing? Do you think that will make you happy?

Jesus warned them and us about the deceitfulness of greed. Money cannot give you what is truly life. It will not bring you happiness. Jesus told them to watch out for all covetousness. Life does not consist of the abundance of your possessions. Do you think the man in Luke 12 expected Jesus to search his heart? If you are struggling with Jesus' heart-searching diagnosis, He taught a parable. There was a man who already had everything he needed. His land produced a bumper crop, and he had much, much more. He decided to store his goods and relax about his life. He would eat, drink and be merry. He had a dream retirement. But it was filled with self-indulgence. Do you think he is successful?

Jesus' assessment spoke to the heart. The man was a fool. He had much for himself on earth but was not rich toward God. Is there anything wrong with success? No. You must thank God for all you have. Why does God call this farmer a fool? Do you notice how many times in verses 18 – 19 the personal pronouns "I" or "me" are mentioned? Jesus was making a point. You must manage your finances because it really belongs to God. What do you have that you have not received from God? This farmer had not thought about anyone else's needs. He only thought of himself.

If there is no eternity, living for self is smart. (1 Corinthians 15:13-19) However, God does exist and Christ is raised. (1 Corinthians 15:20) So hoarding your wealth IS utter foolishness. Being rich toward God is the opposite of living to get more stuff. You must invest your time and resources in Gospel work which goes on for eternity. If you are young and life is slow, are you tempted to live for immediate pleasure? When it comes to stewardship and managing what God has given, wisdom comes by waiting for delayed gratification. The book of Proverbs talks about this repeatedly. (Proverbs 21:5) THIS is wisdom. You are called to spend and save and give with eternity in mind. You will have no regrets if you live this way.

What if you must consider your finances as a married couple? What if you have children to consider? What about the bills? This can cause tension and conflict. You must talk about finances together with an open Bible. Pray together. Pray for wisdom on how to give, save and spend. Pray that God would bring you together on the same page about finances. Do you have a budget? Talk about a budget together about what you save, give, or spend on things. You WILL live forever. You should steward your finances with that reality in view.

2. Read vs. 22-34

Here, Jesus was speaking directly to His disciples – those who trust in Him. If you are a follower of Christ, you can call God as your Father. His command is simple – DO NOT BE AXIOUS ABOUT YOUR LIFE! Here, Jesus is talking about

anxiety. This may look like the opposite to covetousness. However, covetousness and anxiety are two sides of the same kind. They share the same root – a misguided or unhelpful trust in money.

You can be rich and covetousness and want more. You can be poor and covetousness and want what you cannot afford. It is a heart issue. What do you trust in for security, refuge, and happiness? The tendency of the heart is to run to money and possessions. Jesus presents four realities that will shift your focus.

Consider the ravens – Vs. 24 In the Old Testament, ravens were unclean animals. Why does Jesus want us to consider these birds? We sow and reap, but God provides for us and the ravens. If God cares for a dirty unclean scavenger bird, how much more will God take care of you? You are of greater value than a raven. How much more can you be confident that He will care for you? If you see that, why worry?

Consider the mirage of worry – Vs. 25 You cannot add a single hour to your life with worry. Do you know what will happen tomorrow? You cannot control tomorrow. Worrying will not add time to your day. It takes away.

Consider the lilies – vs. 27 Life is busy, but do not be so busy that you cannot "stop and smell the roses" – LITERALLY! Consider the lilies; they are preaching a sermon that helps extinguish your worry. They do not shop and buy clothes. They do not work. It is God Who makes sure that every flower is beautiful. Stop. Look. Consider! When you see how God clothes the lilies – turn and look in the mirror. How MUCH MORE will God clothe you? You are MUCH MORE valuable to God than the flowers. Jesus gave His life for you. Your worth and unworthiness are fixed at the cross. Faith is a HUGE factor in whether you are anxious. Do you trust Him?

Consider God's heart – vs. 29 Do you doubt God's heart? God knows what you need. God loves you. Seeking to fulfill your needs does not depend on you. Trust Him. Work hard but trust Him. "Fear not, little flock!" God delights in giving you good gifts. He will give you the kingdom.

When you first heard Jesus' command in vs. 33, how did your heart respond? Did you put your guard up? Do you anxiously wonder what God will do? What will He ask of me? What do I have to give up? You cannot assume that God is not good – HE IS GOOD. Put up your guard against covetousness. Open your heart to Jesus. Go with Him. Follow Him wherever He leads. How can you know that God is good? Jesus zeros in on the heart of God in vs. 32. It is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. It is His pleasure – deep down in His heart – He delights to give and give and give the Kingdom to you! He is gladhearted, happy, and rejoicing to do what is for your good. Do you believe that?

This does not mean that you will have a pain free life. How can you be sure of God's anxiety and fear releasing goodness? You have prayed about something, but you are still waiting. You are not the Creator. You are the creature. His goodness is not dependent on your greatness. It is dependent on Him. He is the Shepherd. (Psalm 23:4) You will have all that you need.

In our sin, we turned away from God. Jesus came and gave His life for the sheep. (John 10:11) Jesus had set his face toward Jerusalem where He would bear the sin of the world so that those who come to Him would be given the kingdom. The kingdom is a free gift. Jesus paid the price with His blood. His resurrection is the guarantee. Do you see His glad hearted generosity? Come to Jesus in repentance and faith. Empty your hands so that you can receive the gift of eternal life. Do you see how these four realities about the goodness of God extinguish fear and give Gospel confidence? (Romans 8:31-39) Open your heart and your wallets for Kingdom work. Your heart is linked to your treasure. Where you spend your money will show what you value. Your heart follows your treasure as well. If you are willing to receive God's gift of salvation, imitate Him by giving joyfully and cheerfully to His work. We are in this together. Share your burdens with other believers. Pray together. Every time you give, you declare that money is not your god or source of happiness. Teach your children to give. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe, desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at www.fbcum.org.

Next week's sermon text: 2 Kings 6:8-23 **"Seeing the Unseen"**

Family Guide for week of October 11h, 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.

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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 15:8-13
Day 2 – Romans 15:14-21
Day 3 – Romans 15:22-33
Day 4 – Romans 16:1-16
Day 5 – Romans 16:17-27

*Read 2 Kings 6:8-23 in preparation for church on Sunday, October 18, 2026

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 40 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to help you remember His power when you feel afraid, worried, or unsure. Ask Him to fill you with confidence and peace because He is in control of every situation. Ask Him to help you keep your eyes on Him in times of fear or trouble.

Sing together

"My worth is Not in What I Own" – 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."*

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

Catechism question for the week[1]

Question 13: **Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?**

Answer*: Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly.*

[1] *New City Catechism* (http://newcitycatechism.com/)