# *Sunday Morning Worship*

***November 8, 2026***

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# *Order of Worship*

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**King's Kids Choir — "Thankful"**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Silent Prayer**

**Call to Worship — Psalm 32:1-7**

**Prayer of Confession**

***Song — Blessed Is the One (Psalm 32)***
***Song — Redeemed***

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading — Micah 7:1-10**

***Song — God Moves***

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**Worship Through Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Message — Zach Schlegel**
**"How Great Is My Distress!"**
**Luke 12:49-59**

***Song — Come, Ye Sinners***

**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.
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# Call to Worship — Psalm 32:1-7 (ESV)

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[1] Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
[2] Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

[3] For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
[4] For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

[5] I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[6] Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
[7] You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

# Blessed is the One (Psalm 32)

Doug Plank

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**<u>Verse 1</u>:**
Blessed is the one whose sins are overcome
Whom God has sheltered deep within His grace
Blessed is the one who trusts in God the Son
His steadfast love the sinner's hiding place

**<u>Verse 2:</u>**
I will always hide at my Savior's side
I find my refuge in His sovereign care
When the waters rise God will hear my cries
His steadfast love will hold me safely there

**<u>Chorus:</u>**
Jesus, Your blood covers all my sins
Jesus, Your love draws my heart to sing
Jesus, Your blood covers all my sins
Jesus, Your love Draws my heart to sing
What a Savior, Jesus

# Redeemed

Benji Cowart | Mikael Weaver

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**Verse 1:**
Seems like all I could see was the struggle
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past
Bound up in shackles of all my failures
Wond'ring how long is this gonna last
Then You look at this pris'ner, and say to me, son
Stop fighting a fight that's already been won

**Chorus:**
I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away ev'ry stain
'Cause I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed

**Verse 2:**
All my life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper
child lift up your head
I remember O God
You're not done with me yet

**Bridge:**
Because I don't have to be
the old man inside of me
'Cause his day is long dead and gone
Because I've got a new name
a new life, I'm not the same
and a hope that will carry me home

# Scripture Reading — Micah 7:1-10

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[1] Woe is me! For I have become
as when the summer fruit has been gathered,
as when the grapes have been gleaned:
there is no cluster to eat,
no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.
[2] The godly has perished from the earth,
and there is no one upright among mankind;
they all lie in wait for blood,
and each hunts the other with a net.
[3] Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well;
the prince and the judge ask for a bribe,
and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul;
thus they weave it together.
[4] The best of them is like a brier,
the most upright of them a thorn hedge.
The day of your watchmen, of your punishment,
has come;
now their confusion is at hand.
[5] Put no trust in a neighbor;
have no confidence in a friend;
guard the doors of your mouth
from her who lies in your arms;
[6] for the son treats the father with contempt,
the daughter rises up against her mother,
the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
a man's enemies are the men of his own house.
[7] But as for me, I will look to the Lord;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.

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## Scripture Reading (continued)

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[8] Rejoice not over me, O my enemy;
when I fall, I shall rise;
when I sit in darkness,
the Lord will be a light to me.
[9] I will bear the indignation of the Lord
because I have sinned against him,
until he pleads my cause
and executes judgment for me.
He will bring me out to the light;
I shall look upon his vindication.
[10] Then my enemy will see,
and shame will cover her who said to me,
"Where is the Lord your God?"
My eyes will look upon her;
now she will be trampled down
like the mire of the streets.

## God Moves

William Cowper | Bob Kauflin

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**Verse 1:**
God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm
Deep in His dark and hidden mines
With never failing skill
He fashions all His bright designs
And works His sovereign will

**Chorus:**
So God we trust in You
O God we trust in You
So God we trust in You
O God we trust in You
When tears are great
And comforts few
We hope in mercies ever new
We trust in You

**Verse 2:**
Oh fearful saints new courage take
The clouds that you now dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessings on your head
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense
But trust Him for His grace
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face

**Verse 3:**
God's purposes will ripen fast
Unfolding every hour
The bud may have a bitter taste
But sweet will be the flower
Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain
God is His own interpreter
And He will make it plain

# Sermon Notes :: “How Great Is My Distress!” :: Luke 12:49-59

# Come, Ye Sinners

Joseph Hart

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**Verse 1:**
Come ye sinners
Poor and needy
Weak and wounded
Sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love and power

**Chorus:**
I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me
In His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are
Ten thousand charms

**Verse 2:**
Come ye thirsty
Come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

**Verse 3:**
Come ye weary heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

*(Chorus)*

**Verse 4:**
View him prostrate in the garden
On the ground your maker lies
On the bloody tree behold Him
Sinner will this not suffice?

**Verse 5:**
Lo! The Incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him
Venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude

*(Chorus)*

**Verse 6:**
Let not conscience
Make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him
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## This Week at First Baptist Church

**Sunday, November 8**
9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Starting Point Seminar (after worship)
6:00 PM Youth Night

**Monday, November 9**

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

**Wednesday, November 11**
5:45 PM King's Kids Choir
6:30 PM Elder Led Bible Study: 1 Corinthians
AWANA
Choir / Band Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 12**

**Friday, November 13**
Men's Retreat @ Camp Wabanna

**Saturday, November 14**
Men's Retreat @ Camp Wabanna

**Sunday, November 15**
9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
6:00 PM Youth Night

## Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

**TODAY — 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 22**
6:30pm — Thanksgiving Prayer Service

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

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

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

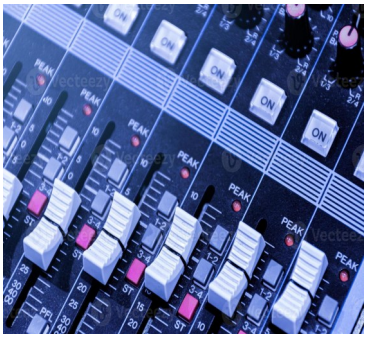
# Ministry Spotlight

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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.*

## 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.***
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# Praying with First Baptist Church

**A Prayer Guide for the week of November 8**

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**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, consider using the prayer of the Apostle Paul from Colossians 1:9:

*" ...we have not ceased to pray for you,*
*asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will*
*in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,…"*

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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 North Korea where it is perhaps the most dangerous place on earth to be a follower of Jesus. Ask God to give believers courage and ingenuity in their faith and gospel witness as they gather in secret. Pray God would soften the stance of the Kim regime to enable the country to be helped and influenced by the wider world. (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:**

- Pray that good spiritual fruit would come from the Men's Retreat at Camp Wabanna Nov. 13-14. Pray that Christian fellowship between the men in our church would be strengthened. (Gal 5:22-23)
- 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 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)
- Pray for our homebound church members (see church directory for contact info): Margaret Austin, Diane Babcock, Earl Baker II, Willie and Barbara Banks, Christine Butler, Jim Ernster, Murhl Flowers, Jackie Jones, Derrick Randall, Kathy Schweitzer, Tony and Lorraine Yuriar. Pray God would comfort them and provide for all of their needs. (Psalm 23)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Family of Marjorie Griffin (died Oct 29), Jackie Jones, Gregory Joy**
**[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. Interested in Church Membership? Attend Starting Point :: TODAY after worship.** Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning about who we are and what we believe. Join us in the Youth Area (rooms 120-125) immediately following the worship service. We conclude at approximately 2:30pm. A light lunch will be served.

**2. Young Adult Gathering :: TODAY at 4pm :: Corey and Sharon Foster's Home.** All Young Adults are invited to this time of discussion, fellowship, and food. Contact Tre Fields for more info or questions.

**3. Operation Christmas Child. All boxes must be returned to room 115 today**. Thank you so much to all who participated. Please pray God would use these simple gifts to open hearts to the gospel message as they are distributed to children around the world. See Tanya Joy with any questions.

**4. Ladies Christmas Tea.** On Saturday, December 5th, FBCUM will host a Ladies' Christmas Tea 11:00AM-12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Christmas Tea is an evangelistic and fellowship event for women of FBCUM to invite non-Christian family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to enjoy a time of festive fellowship, food, and a short gospel message. See insert for details.

**5. Audio/Visual Team Volunteers Needed.** The A/V team is looking for individuals to serve the church family by 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. 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.
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# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

Luke 12:49-59

**How Great Is My Distress"**– November 8, 2026

## Introduction

Do you love this time of the year? The fall leaves are beautiful. Family gatherings at Thanksgiving can be joyous. Christmas is right around the corner. Amid it all, we celebrate a Savior – Jesus – the one who came to reconcile us to God. We praise The One to Whom we give thanks for all He has done for us. We sing about it. We are right to sing that because that is what the angels sang in Luke 2. They sang about peace; we sing about peace on earth. It feels warm and cozy. Then we come to this passage today in Luke 12.

These words of Jesus are not words that make us feel warm and cozy. Did Jesus come to bring peace or division? What do we do with Jesus' words? In Luke 12:35-48, Jesus warned His disciples about His unexpected return when He will judge the living and the dead. You can be ready for that ONLY through Christ. Jesus, and Jesus alone brings peace between sinful people and a holy God. (John 14:6)

You must get off the fence and make a decision about Jesus. It is necessary and urgent. Which side are you on? How should you respond?

## Sermon Outline

1. You MUST trust Jesus as King. Vs. 49-53
2. Submit to Jesus NOW while you can. Vs. 54-59

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 49 – 53

In the passage Jesus talks about a fire, a baptism, and division. To understand what Jesus is talking about, you must know the meaning of these three things.

Jesus came to cast fire on the earth. This is unexpected. Jesus does not apologize about this. In fact, He is eager. How does this make you think about Jesus? He is talking about the fire of God's judgement. It does not mean that you should think about Jesus as cruel. It shows us that God is just, and Jesus is committed to justice. He is eager for this, yet God does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked. He wants people to turn and repent. (Ezekiel 18:23) How do you know that Jesus is good and someone you can come to? You must consider His baptism.

How many times is a Christian baptized? Just once. In Luke 3, Jesus was already baptized, so what is He talking about? This refers to His soon coming death on the cross. (Mark 10:38) Look at Jesus' prayer in the garden. He prayed that if there was any other way for mankind to be reconciled to God, let the cup pass. The cup and the baptism point to the same thing – His death on the cross.

Jesus told His disciples that His distress was great. The cup that Jesus was about to drink was the righteous wrath of God. He would drink it to the bottom. Jesus was sinless. He drank the cup for us – all who would come to Him in repentance and faith. This shows us Jesus' love – His great love. This is why He set His face toward Jerusalem. He knew it was coming, and He would not rest until the work of redemption was done!

If someone were in danger but did not know it, would you plead with them to get to safety? How do you think they might respond? Would they believe you? Would they be indifferent? If they believe you, they might run to safety. Their safety depends on how they respond to the warning. Here, Jesus is giving a warning. These are hard words, but loving words. God will judge, and He will cast fire in judgement. Jesus wants to provide a refuge from this judgement. This refuge is only found at the foot of the cross. He is the ONLY way to the Father. How will you respond?

Now consider the division that Jesus brings. This sounds strange that the Prince of Peace came to bring division. He DID come to bring peace, but not at any cost. Many people view God as a "grandfather" in heaven – a senile benevolence who would overlook sin and hope you had a good time. That is not the God of the Bible. Peace does not come at the cost of truth. It does not come at the cost of justice. This Peace that Jesus brings unites us to God but will divide people. (Micah 7:6) If you must choose between Jesus and your mother, father, children, spouse. But the Christian ALWAYS chooses Jesus. You probably do not like division, but you choose Jesus because it is fitting and appropriate. He is the King of kings. When you choose Jesus, you are changed. Your focus, purpose,

value, and dreams are changed. If the rest of the family has not trusted Christ, there will be division. Unsaved family members do not understand. They may criticize you. They may think you are judgmental. They may call you crazy. They may think you have betrayed the family. You may be loving toward them, but there may still be tension because the most important thing to you is NOT the most important thing to them. Can you relate to this? Has this happened in any of your relationships? When has your relationship with Jesus caused you to make the hard decision to follow Jesus and not your friends or family? Did you lose friendships? Following Jesus requires decisive action! You must make up your mind! Trust Jesus! It will cost you, but you will not regret it. (Luke 9) Do you think you have plenty of time to make this decision? Whether you are saying this in your heart or aloud, Jesus pivots and address that this thought process.

**2. Read vs. 54-59**

Up until this section of Luke, Jesus was talking to His disciples. Now He addresses the crowd. Here the "present times" refers to the announcement that Jesus has come as the Messiah – the King – the Son of God. He expected them to know that by that time. There were plenty of signs. They saw His miracles – healing, raising the dead, walking on water, and casting out demons. These signs were HUGE!! The signs screamed – "This is THE ONE, JESUS, THE KING OF KINGS!" Yet the crowds were on the fence. Jesus called them hypocrites. On the outside, they were fallowing Jesus. They were extremely interested. They "looked" spiritual, but on the inside they were blind. Why couldn't they see Him for Who He was? It was not for lack of evidence. They had wicked hearts. (Ephesians 4:18) They were intelligent, but they had a hard heart. They were okay with the miracles, but not with Jesus as King.

If Jesus thought they should know who He was, how much more should we know. We live on the other side of the resurrection. Luke wants you to have certainty about Jesus. The evidence is there; it is more than enough. It takes faith.

If you are accused of something, and you are innocent, there are times that it would be prudent to go through legal proceedings. The evidence will clear you. If you are guilty and you KNOW you are guilty, you know what you should do – settle out of court. Jesus' point is not to give legal advice. The context is the final judgement. God has a case against you and me. He has been clear that we are all guilty of sin. If you argue or ignore Him, you will be found guilty. Jesus urges you now, and the crowds then, to settle things with God. Do it NOW!! The judgement is final. We are all guilty. (Romans 3:23) The good news is that your case can be settled out of court because your Judge is willing to be your Savior.

Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross to take the sin of mankind. He rose on the third day as a guarantee of justification. God knows you are guilty, but you can be declared NOT GUILTY on the merit of Jesus life, death, and resurrection. It is a gift of grace. Have you settled your case with God? Now is the day of salvation! Do you see the urgent need? Do you know that your case is hopelessly bad? Do not drift through life thinking that you are good enough. Today is the day of salvation. You are not promised tomorrow. Jesus came to bring peace with God. Whether you experience Jesus as a Peace-giver or as Judge, depends on your decision to come to Christ in repentance and faith. If you trust in Christ, you will not be condemned. Your account is paid in full.

There are only two ways – you are either in or out. What will you do? The religious leaders of Jesus day thought they were "in." They were self-deceived. How can you be certain that you are "in?" This is why God gave us the church. The church lives together and loves Jesus. We covenant with one another to warn one another when we begin to drift. We need each other. Come to Jesus. Become a member of a church. Take refuge in the Son and live this Christian life together with other believers.

**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**: Luke 13:1-9 **"Does Your Life Bear Fruit"**

# Family Guide for week of November 8th, 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 – 1 Timothy 4:6-16
Day 2 – 1 Timothy 5:1-16
Day 3 – 1 Timothy 5:17-25
Day 4 – 1 Timothy 6:1-10
Day 5 – 1 Timothy 6:11-21

*Read Luke 13:1-9 in preparation for church on Sunday, November 15, 2026

**Prayer:** (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 2 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Praise God for His gift of Jesus. Thank Him for sending Jesus to seek and save the lost.

**Sing together**

"Blessed Is The One" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

**Memory verses for the month**

***2 Corinthians 5:21*** *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

***Psalm 145:18*** *The LORD near to all who call on him, and to all who call on him in truth.*

***Catechism question for the week***[1]

***Question 17:* What is idolatry?**

***Answer****: Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator.*

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