

Sunday Morning Worship

July 6, 2025



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

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

Call to Worship — Psalm 119:25-32 (ESV)

²⁵ My soul clings to the dust;
give me life according to your word!
²⁶ When I told of my ways, you answered me;
teach me your statutes!
²⁷ Make me understand the way of your pre-
cepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
²⁸ My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!

²⁹ Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!
³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your rules before me.
³¹ I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!
³² I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!

Speak, O Lord

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Verse 1:

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2:

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3:

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

It Is Well

Horatio Spafford | Phillip Bliss

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### Verse 1:

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul

### Chorus:

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, It is well with my soul

### Verse 2:

Tho' Satan should buffet, Tho' trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

### Verse 3:

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious tho't  
My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

### Verse 4:

And Lord haste the day  
when the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound  
and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul

## Scripture Reading — Matthew 3:1-17 (ESV)

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¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Scripture Reading — (continued)

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Psalm One

Mike Rogers

Verse 1:

Happy is he with cautious feet
he's choosing God's way over the broad way
'cause he fears his king
His great delight, by day and by night—
to make all of God's word
the source of his labors
for all of his life.

Chorus:

There is a way and an end to every man.
On that last day, when Jesus stands
at God's right hand,
He'll gather the righteous
and cast down the wicked
who can't bear to stand.
This is the way, and this is the end
of every man.

Verse 2:

Blessed is he – faith like the tree
planted near water that nourishes onward
and stays ever green.
All of his life bears fruit in time,
while hopes of the wicked
are tossed by the world's winds
revealing their blight.

Bridge:

So lift up your eyes and walk in the light.
Look to the Savior, who delights
To show you the way all of your days.
Do not grow weary. Hold your gaze.
Follow the saints long on the way
walking with Jesus by faith.
He won't deceive. He won't forsake.
Blessed is the path He has ordained.

Psalm One

Mike Rogers

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1. Ha - ppy is he with ca - tious feet. He's choos - ing God's way o - ver the
2. Bless - ed is he faith like the tree plan - ted near wa - ter that nour - ish - es

B E E_{sus} E C#m

broad way 'cause he fears his king. His great de - light, by day and by night
on - ward and stays e - ver green. All of his life bears fruit in time,

A B E E_{sus}

to make all of God's word the source of his la - bors for all of his life.
while hopes of the wi - cked are tossed by the world's winds re - veal - ing their blight.

CHORUS

E C#m E E_{sus}

There is a way and an end to e - v'ry man.

E C#m E E_{sus} E

On that last day, when Je - sus stands at God's right hand, He'll ga - ther the

A B C#m7

right - eous and cast down the wi - cked who can't bear to stand. This is the

A B E E_{sus} E

way and this is the end of e - v'ry man. 1. 2. Ble - ssed is

BRIDGE

34 2. A 6-5 B 6-5 EM7-5 C#m7

So lift up your eyes and walk in the light. Look to the Sa - vior, who de-lights to show you the

39 A 6-5 B 6-5 EM7-5 C#m7

way all of your days. Do not grow wea - ry. Hold your gaze. Fo - llow the

43 A 6-5 B 6-5 EM7-5 C#m7

saints long on the way walk - ing with Je - sus by faith. He won't de -

47 A 6-5 B 6-5 EM7-5 C#m7

ceive. He won't for - sake. Blessed is the path He has or - dained. I.Ha-ppy is

Sermon Notes
“Two Ways to Live” :: Psalm 1

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## Church Covenant

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Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will engage in assembling ourselves together while praying for one another. We will strive for and promote the spiritual growth and advancement of the church by; sustaining worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; contributing cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

As a body of believers, we agree to maintain family and personal devotions, to educate our children in the Christian faith, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances. We will seek to avoid all practices or speech which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We will walk together in Christian love by faithfully caring for, watching over, and admonishing one another as occasions may require. In conflict, we will seek to follow Christ's example of reconciliation without delay. We will always strive to be humble and courteous in our speech and slow to take offense. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Jesus, Messiah

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

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## Verse 1:

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself  
and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

## Verse 2:

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled  
and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

## Chorus:

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

## Bridge:

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

# Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen!

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, July 6

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

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

Monday, July 7

Tuesday, July 8

Wednesday, July 9

6:30 PM Band Rehearsal

Thursday, July 10

Friday, July 11

Saturday, July 12

Sunday, July 13

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Baby Dedication

12:00 PM Starting Point Seminar

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Sunday, July 13

Baby Dedication

Sunday, July 13

Starting Point Seminar — immediately following worship service

(Seminar for those interested in church membership. Contact the church office to register or use the Digital Communication Card on the back of this bulletin.)

July 13—17

Youth Summer Camp

Monday, July 14

6:30pm — Semi-annual Budget Review

Sundays, July 20 & 27

Church Directory Photo Updates

Sunday, August 24

Church Members Meeting — immediately following worship service

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of July 6

Prayer of the week:

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Colossians 1:10 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to use as you pray for your church family this week.

"we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may... walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;"

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 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 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 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 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 and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that 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 God would help our church family use the summer season for unique opportunities of evangelism, to build each other up, and to love one another well (Rom. 12:9-21)
- Pray that God brings good spiritual fruit in the lives of our children and students through Vacation Bible School (June 23-27) and Youth Summer Camp (July 13-17). (Gal 5:22-23)
- 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:

Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Jim and Pat Ernster, Lucie Lowe, Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker

(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.)

Ministry Spotlight: Grief & Bereavement Ministry

Ministry Spotlight

“Ministry Spotlight” is meant to bring to your attention active church ministries and programs at FBC Upper Marlboro. We hope that each month you will pray for all those serving and consider how you may support their efforts. *You may notify us if you would like to learn more about the ministries at FBCUM by using the Digital Communication Card (see QR code on the back of this bulletin). Pick up a copy of “Places to Serve” in the magazine racks near the exits for information on all the church ministries.*

Grief & Bereavement Ministry

The Grief & Bereavement Ministry is organized to support the ministry of the church by providing for the needs of those who are grieving the loss of a family member or loved one. The pain of loss and the process of healing can be overwhelming and a very difficult path to walk alone. Our church is so very grateful for this ministry and how they have blessed others by their outpouring of love and support.



Deacon Norris Tyler

As a member of this ministry, we have learned that even when the loss is anticipated, because it may have followed a long-term incurable disease or illness or someone that died unexpectedly, we all grieve the loss. Our hope is that once you experience the loss, although it is a difficult time, that this ministry will help provide encouragement to you and your family.



When members of the church call or make a notification that a church member or a family member of a church member passed away, the Grief and Bereavement Ministry (led by Deacon Norris and Rachel Norris) is notified as soon as possible. When asked to share how they proceed once they receive a notification. He responded, “Rachel and I immediately take time out to pray for the bereaved individual and family and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in our service for God and how to serve the bereaved.”

Norris says that when he contacts the bereaved family member, he asks about their immediate needs. The responses may vary, but could include, meal assistance, providing information about grieving or transportation. These are a sampling of what the bereaved member may need us to do for them.

Ministry Spotlight: Grief & Bereavement Ministry

Joining Grief & Bereavement....



New members in the Grief & Bereavement Ministry will be part of a supportive team that is willing to be flexible to individuals and/or families that are going through the grieving process. Teams will be sensitive to the fact that everyone grieves differently, and will seek understanding, by asking questions, that will be helpful to them as they serve both spiritually and tangibly.

Teams should prepare for times when the bereaved may not be able to effectively express what they need and should seek prayer.

Therefore, what we do may vary based on the bereaved individual or family. For instance, we may be assisting at the funeral service by ushering and providing service during the meal. We may also coordinate efforts through other ministries of the church like Benevolence or the Meal Train. Some individuals and families may not require as much hands on support. However, communication is essential to know how best to serve the bereaved family or individual.

After the funeral service, your team will continue to care for the bereaved through contacts to include: occasionally sending notes, praying, visits and making calls. We also encourage being mindful of certain dates like birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays that may be difficult for the bereaved.



Benefits.....

As a member Grief & Bereavement, you will experience the Holy Spirit's comfort, guidance, and strength as He blesses the bereaved. Deacon Norris says, *"We have learned that serving is much bigger than any of us and we are humbled by how God sends his Comforter in these instances to grant peace. This ministry definitely makes you appreciate the time God has gifted each of us here on earth and to not take our time here for granted."*

For more information about the Grief and Bereavement Ministry or to join this ministry, please see Deacon Norris or Rachel Tyler. They are interested in adding four new team members to this ministry.

Announcements

1. Last Day to Register for Baby Dedication. There will be a Baby Dedication during the worship service next Sunday, July 13. Parents dedicating their child must be a member of FBCUM and **register with Mike Rogers (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com) in the church office no later than TODAY.**

2. Interested in Church Membership? Attend the Starting Point Seminar — July 13. Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. Join us immediately following the worship service next Sunday, July 13, in rooms 120-125 (youth rooms). A light lunch will be served. **Fill out the Digital Communication Card below or contact the church office to register.**

3. Church Directory Photo Updates. Attention all church members! On Sundays, July 20 & 27, immediately following the worship service, we would like to update your directory photo. If your last photo was taken five or more years ago (or you would just like a new one), stop by the photo station in the foyer and take a new photo. Questions?... contact Tanya Joy in the church office.

4. Mid-Year Financial Review :: Monday, July 14, 6:30pm. All church members invited to attend.

5. Mid-Year Giving Statements. The church is happy to supply a mid-year giving statement to those that request it. As a reminder, your giving statement is always available online through our giving portal (fbcum.org/give). Please contact Tanya Joy (fbcum@firstbaptistum.com) in the church office to request your statement. Thank you for your generous support of the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro

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.



Church members with a benevolence request, please contact 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.

Singing and Praying the Psalms at FBCUM

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This summer, we plan to study the Psalms not only to understand, but to be *transformed* by them. Psalms are not something we just read; they're something we *do*. As the hymnbook of God's people, they shape how we relate to God and create in us new attitudes, hopes, commitments, and emotions. The 8-inch gap between our heads (what we know) and our heart (who we trust in) can feel an impossible chasm to bridge. Singing and praying the Psalms help bridge that gap.

## Benefits of Singing and Praying the Psalms

1. Psalms teach us how to pray – *In the midst of pain or sorrow, we may not know what to pray. Psalms are a sort of spiritual template where we learn to pray through imitation and response. Moreover, when we find ourselves praying a monotonous list, praying the Psalms pushes us out of our prayer 'rut' and breathes new life into our prayers thru biblical categories and language. We have a big God, we should pray big prayers!*
2. Psalms confront us with who God is, not who we wish he was – *"Left to ourselves, we will pray to some god who speaks what we like hearing, or to the part of God we manage to understand. But what is critical is that we speak to the God who speaks to us, and to everything he speaks to us...the Psalms train us in that conversation." (Peterson. "Answering God", p.5)*
3. Psalms are a medicine chest for the heart – *We're not the expert on ourselves! Psalms help us to recognize what's going on in our heart. Then, by God's grace, transform fear, worry, and despair, to hope and joy in the presence of the Living God.*
4. *Moments before the cross when His heart was in anguish, Jesus sang a hymn (Mark 14:26) with the disciples (likely a Psalm of praise). Psalm singing is a spiritual weapon to fight the devil, doubts, and despair.*

## Suggestions on How to Pray the Psalms

1. Read the Psalm several times to try and understand what is said before you pray.

# Singing and Praying the Psalms at FBCUM (continued)



2. Meditate on the Psalm phrase by phrase, taking what the Psalmist writes, and using it as a springboard for your own personal prayer. So if you’re reading Psalm 23, it may look something like this:

**Psalm 23:1** “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

***My prayer:** Father, You are my shepherd. I’ve been struggling with discontentment this week in my job. Help me to be satisfied in You; lead me a place where I’m resting not in my circumstances, but in You.*

**Psalm 23:2-3** “He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his names sake.”

***My prayer:** Father, I trust that your paths are best, are right. Show me how to respond in this conflict with my spouse. I am yours and I need you to lead me because I am struggling to not be proud and defensive right now. Bring me to a place of peace.*

3. To help you know how to pray in response to what the Psalm is saying, consider these questions in light of the Psalm you’re praying:

- What does this teach me about God that I can praise or thank Him for?
- If he is really like this, what difference should that make in how I live today?
- What does this teach me about myself that I could repent for?
- What do you learn about life that you can ask for or act on?

## The Plan

Lord willing, we’ll look at a specific psalm of praise, confession, lament, or trust. Each Sunday, we’ll include a prayer guides to help you pray that Psalm during the week. May God enlarge our hearts (Ps. 119:32) through His word this summer!

# Praying Psalm 1 — Two Ways to Live

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For 2 or 3 days this week, set aside 15 minutes to pray through Psalm 1. For help on how to pray the Psalm, refer back to the insert “Singing and Praying the Psalms Guide”

Psalm 1:1–6 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Praising God: *What does Psalm 1 teach about who God is that is worthy of praise? What difference does God’s ‘knowing’ and holding us accountable make?*

Confessing Sin: *Are there any stairstep sinful compromises you’ve made (v1)? What do you ‘delight’ in that rivals your delight in God and His law? Confess ways you’ve strayed from God’s path.*

Following God: *Pray for the discernment to see and resist ungodly influences. Pray that we meditate on, delight in, and walk in obedience to God’s good law.*

Things to Pray for First Baptist Church:

- 1. Pray that we hate sin, love God, and grow in holiness.
- 2. Pray for God to give us a hunger and thirst for His righteousness and truth.
- 3. Pray for a deeper understanding of God’s word and for the courage to put it into practice.
- 4. Pray that God makes us like the tree in v3, firmly planted, bearing fruit, and flourishing.

Singing Psalm 1 — Two Ways to Live

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Having prayed through Psalm 1, now take the time to sing the truths of Psalm 1. A recording of “Psalm One” is available in the church email sent out earlier this week. Lyrics and a hymn sheet with music notation can be found in this bulletin (pgs. 5-7).

## Family Guide for week of July 6th, 2025

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

### Suggestions on getting started:

Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc.)

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

## Family Guide for week of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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

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

Day 1 – Acts 8:26-40

Day 2 – Acts 9:1-19

Day 3 – Acts 9:20-25

Day 4 – Acts 9:26-31

Day 5 – Acts 9:32-42

\*Read **Psalm 23** preparation for church on Sunday, July 13, 2025

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 16 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank Jesus for defeating sin through the cross and conquering death through His resurrection.

### **Sing together**

Family choice – Use the bulletin from Sunday to select your favorite song.

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

**Jeremiah 10:6** "There is none like you, O Lord, and your name is great in might."

**John 20:31** "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in his name."

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

**Question 51: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?**

**Answer:** Christ is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, and also sends us his Spirit.