



Welcome to First Baptist Church, Shreveport. We are a family of faith, from diverse backgrounds and ages, committed to following Jesus together. We strive to grow together in faith, to love God in our worship, and to embrace the call of Jesus in missions and ministry. I hope you experience God in a special way in worship today. We have Bible Study groups for all ages at 9:15 am each Sunday, and these are a great way to get to know the church.

Welcome to the First Baptist Family!
Jeff

Sermon Notes:

Focal verse for February:

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35 NIV

Announcements:

Today's worship service will be broadcast on KPXJ CW21 next Sunday at 8:00 am.

To our Guests: We are delighted that you joined us today! Near each entrance to the church, we have a gift for you. If one of our church family has not handed you a packet, we hope that you will take one. Packets include both information and a couple of small gifts you may enjoy. Please join us, again, in the future. Our Pastor would love to meet you as you leave the sanctuary!

Attention Parents: Our cry room is located in the Bridal Suite on the West side of our Foyer. There are kids' worship folders located in each side hall of the Sanctuary.

Our **Online Church Directory** is now available. If we don't have your photo, it's not too late. Please get it to us as soon as possible. You may bring it in to the office or email/message it to any staff member. You may also upload it directly to the website, if you would like.

Our **Media Ministry** needs volunteers. If you would be interested in operating a camera or computer during our morning worship service, please contact Glen Adkins at 841-8434.

Youth Spring Break Mission Trip will be March 26-31 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Cost per student is \$300.00 each. We are in need of full or partial scholarships. Deadline to sign up is TODAY.

The **First Baptist Church School** Board of Trustees is accepting nominations for board members until February 28, 2017. Please submit names to May May May (FBCS Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Chair) mayx3@comcast.net or Susie Holton (FBCS Board of Trustees Chair) spholton@bellsouth.net.

A new **Women's Bible Study** will kick off Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, March 1 at 9:30 am. It will be a seven week study of *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. Workbooks will be available at the first session for \$14.00 each. Childcare is available on Wednesday mornings by reservation only.

The **WMU Program and Luncheon** on Monday, March 6 will have an emphasis toward the upcoming Annie Armstrong Easter offering as well as North American Missions. Special guests will be church planters Emily and Josh Blackwell. Emily is the granddaughter of our own Alice and Ted Roberts. The meal will be \$6.00 per person.

Our Staff

Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
Rev. Clista Adkins, Minister of Discipleship
Dr. Glen Adkins, Minister of Music
Dr. James Gillespie, FBC School, Head
Meredith Hanna, Minister to Children
Andy Liu, Chinese Pastor
Rev. Katie Mussat, Minister to Students
Tara Partington, Organist
Eric Vandiver, Pianist
Heather Vandiver, Music Associate
Rev. Ronney Joe Webb, Minister of Family Life and Missions

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February 26, 2017

Worship

Prelude Tara Partington, organ

Choral Introit Sanctuary Choir *Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come*
Mary McDonald

*Hymn of Praise 27 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n a long, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him, O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Invocation Clista Adkins

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Jeff Raines

*Hymn *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name. (continued)

Chorus:

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name. (Chorus)

You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, You give and take away. (repeat)
(Chorus)

Scripture Reading Katie Mussat
John 14:25-29 (pew Bible page 764)

*Hymn *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all - here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
(continued)

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Dick Day

Offertory Eric Vandiver, piano *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
arr. Benjamin Harlan

Anthem Sanctuary Choir *Lift High the Cross*
arr. Richard Nichols

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease,
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Sermon: Follow the Spirit Jeff Raines
John 14:15-29 (pew Bible page 764)

*Hymn of Response *All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep we sing,
Come, Lord Jesus come. Come, Lord Jesus come. (2x)

Opportunities for Service Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand