



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

Participating in worship today are guests Ralph and Tammy Stocks, Missionaries with Romani People in Eastern Europe since 1994. Ralph and Tammy have served as missionaries to Gypsies in Hungary and Romania (and Ukraine and Uzbekistan) since 1994.

In Hungary: They lived in Gypsy villages, planted Roma house-churches, took the Gospel into ghettos in eastern Ukraine, connected Hungarian Baptists with the huge Romani population in Hungary, pioneered a Gospel-based relationship with the Gandhi School—a residential high school for Romani teens in Pecs, Hungary (the only one of its kind in Europe)—arranging for missionaries (like the Adkins) to serve in this non-Christian school, built churches, sponsored countless mission teams, and conducted countless camps, retreats, health-fairs, and mission endeavors for Romani all over Hungary.

In Romania: They partnered with Providencia Baptist Church in Bucharest, Romania to support the Ruth School—an elementary school for Romani in the Ferentari slums of Bucharest, developed and supported the Gypsy Smith School—a Bible-training school for Romani pastors, launched the Naomi Center—a skills and parenting center for Romani women and girls, and served as resource and support for other missionaries all over the globe.

This is just a bare-bones list of the innumerable ways that Ralph and Tammy Stocks have been the presence of Christ in Eastern Europe—bearing fruit in all of these places at the same time. The seeds they have planted will be producing harvest for generations to come. Ralph and Tammy will be retiring as missionaries this summer. Surely God sees them and says, “Well done, my good and faithful servants.”

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.

Forgiveness Mini-retreat will be Palm Sunday, April 9 from 3:00-5:00 in the Parlor. Need to let go and break the chains? Are you holding a grudge? Hurt? Resentment? Anger? Do you feel separated from God? Then join us for this time of prayer, healing and release. “Create in me a clean heart.” (Psalm 51)

Stations of the Cross prayer and reflection experience will be available in the Chapel Monday, April 10 through Thursday, April 12 from 8:00a m-8:00 pm each day.

Maunder Thursday Service is Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

Scramble Up South Highlands is Saturday, April 15. We need 5,000 eggs, candy, and/or pre-filled eggs by Thursday, April 13! Also, you may pick up your marshmallows for the marshmallow treat competition in the church office or in Hunter Hall 115. Please drop off your yummy creations in front of the church at 8:30 am on Scramble day.

Easter Lilies will be placed in our Sanctuary Sunday, April 16. These plants will be available for pick-up following the Easter Sunday service. If you wish to take part, please fill out the form below, attach \$12.00 per plant, and return it to the church office by Monday, April 10.

Name of Purchaser(s): _____

of plants _____ @ \$12.00. Amount attached: \$ _____

Name of person(s) in whose _____ honor or _____ memory the plant is given.

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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Worship

Prelude Tara Partington, organ

Choral Introit *Holy Is the Lord*
Sanctuary Choir *Franz Schubert*

*Hymn of Praise *O God of Vision*

**O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,
Gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.
Show us anew life in your breath-taking view,
Lovely beyond all our dreaming.**

**Pour out Your Spirit on all now assembled before You.
May our diversity here be a means to adore You.
Women and men, young, old and youthful again,
Make us as one, we implore You.**

**Grateful we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken,
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken,
Christ for us all! Come let us answer the call,
Off'ring our lives as the token.**

*Invocation Jeff Raines

Welcome to Worshippers

Youth Spring Break Mission Trip Report

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Jeff Raines

*Hymn *Isaiah 43*

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are Mine.**
(continued)

Chorus:
**For I am the Lord your God, I am the Lord your God,
I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
For I am the Lord your God, I am the Lord your God,
I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord.**

**When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are Mine. (Chorus)**

Greetings from missionaries Tammy and Ralph Stocks

*Hymn 95 *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

Chorus:
**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold thro' out the heavens, there shone a holy light.**
(Chorus)

**Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn.**
(Chorus)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Ralph Stocks

Offertory Anthem *Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal*
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Alice Parker*

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away.

Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly, in the mansions of the blest.

Sermon: Going Viral Ronney Joe Webb
1 Thessalonians 1:1-8 (Pew Bible page 835)

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

Passing of the Bread
Create in Me a Clean Heart (Psalm 51:10-13)
Carl Mueller

Passing of the Cup
Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God (Psalm 51:10-13)
J.S. Bach

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast
spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or
take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of
Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners
will turn back to You. (Psalm 51:10-13 NIV)

*Hymn of Response 146 *O How He Loves You and Me*

**O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me,
He gave His life, what more could He give?
O how He loves you, O how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.**

**Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show;
What He did there bro't hope from despair:
O how He loves you, O how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.**

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand