



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:

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.

There are **no activities** Wednesday, January 4.

Join us for a brief study of the **Gospel of Mark**. It will be held on Saturday, January 7 from 9:00- 12:00 in Hunter Hall 115. Contact Carol or Clista with questions and to register.

A new **Women's Bible Study** begins Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 pm and on Wednesday, January 11 at 9:30 am. The study will be "The Gospel of Mark" by Lisa Harper. Workbooks are \$15 and will be available on the first session. Childcare is only available on Wednesday mornings with prior reservations. The study runs for 7 weeks.

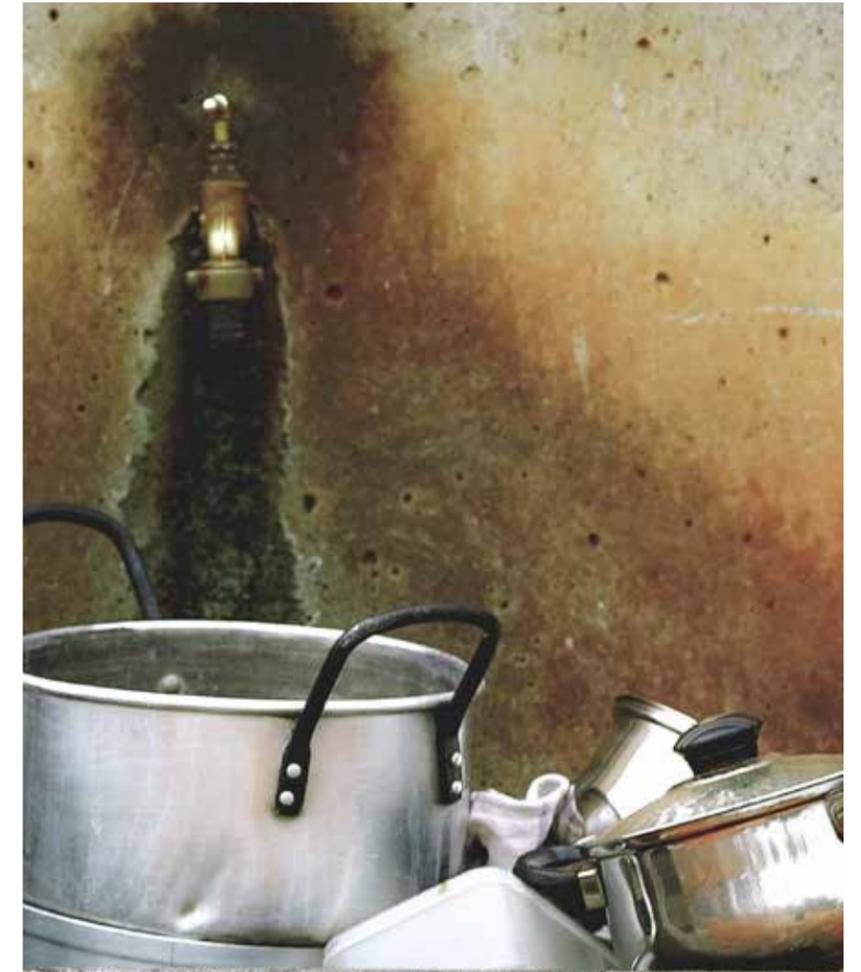
Save the date for a **Children's Ministry Family Outing**. The date is Saturday, January 14 from 2:00-5:00 pm. The location is still TBA but sign up with Meredith to assure a spot.

Our **church offices** will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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
- 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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"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you. Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering... fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it." (Romans 12:1-2, The Message)

January 1, 2017

Worship

Prelude
Eric Vandiver, piano

Bless the Lord, O My Soul
arr. Bruce Greer

*Carol of Praise 117

As with Gladness Men of Old

**As with gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee!**

**As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before thee whom heaven and earth adore,
So, may we with willing feet, ever seek Thy mercy-seat!**

**As they offered gifts most rare, at Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!**

**Holy Jesus, every day, keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

*Invocation Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshipers

*Doxology

During the singing of the Doxology all children are invited to
come to the front for the Children's Sermon

Children's Sermon Meredith Hanna

*Carol *Mary Did You Know*

**Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your Baby Boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.**

(continued)

**Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little Baby you kissed the face of God?
Mary did you know?**

**The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.
Mary, did you know**

**Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
The sleeping Child you're holding is the Great I Am.**

Scripture Reading Ronney Joe Webb
Luke 1:26-38 (pew Bible page 723)

*Carol 113 *We Three Kings*

**We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain: gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

**Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him God on high.**

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

**Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia, earth to heav'n replies.**

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Meredith Hanna

Offertory

Eric Vandiver, piano

Solo

Glen Adkins, soloist

Rise Up, Shepherds
arr. Mark Hayes

Sermon: Now What?

Luke 1:26-38 (pew Bible page 723)

Katie Mussat

*Carol of Response 118

What Child Is This

**What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

(Chorus)

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here,
The silent Word is pleading. (chorus)**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant king to own Him;
The King of kings, salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. (chorus)**

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand