



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:

THE JOURNEY



FINDING OUR STORY
IN GOD'S STORY

January 14-20: Genesis 12-21

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 guest information packets. These 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.

It's not too late to join our new **Women's Bible Study**, Tuesdays at 6:00 pm and Wednesdays at 9:30 am. The study is *Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer. It is a 7 week study that meets in Hunter Hall 115. Workbooks will be available at the first session for \$15.00 each. Childcare is available on Wednesdays only with a prior reservation. Call the church office.

2018 Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Shreveport Class begins January 16 and meets each Tuesday through May 1. It is being held at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry building on the LSU campus from 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Come see how God is working to reach the nations and how He invites you to be part of His Story!

Domino Night is Thursday, January 18 at 6:00 pm in the Activities Center.

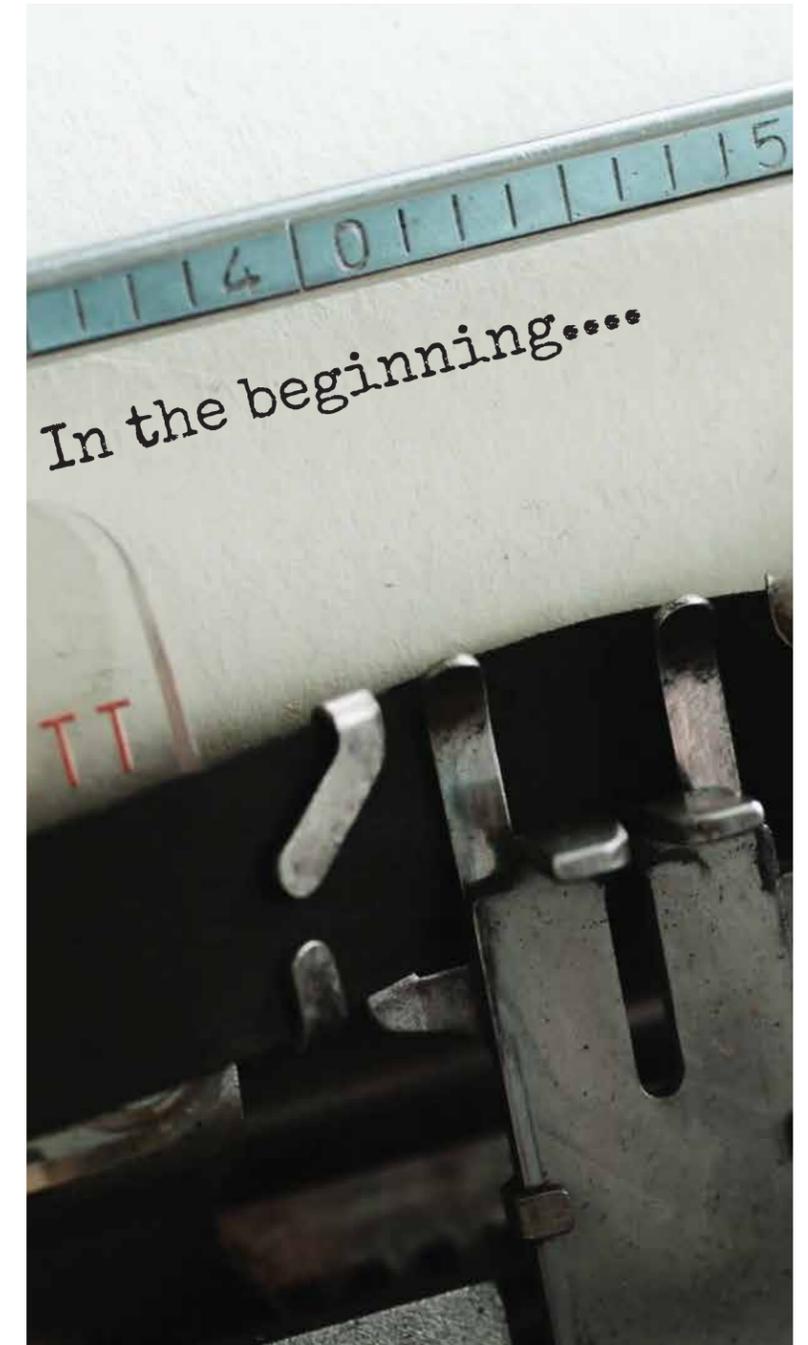
Get ready for **Ice Up South Highlands!** This event has been one of our highest in community attendance. We will need your help this year in preparation for the event. If you can serve Sunday, January 28 from 5:00-7:00 pm please contact Ronney Joe Webb or Meredith Hanna.

Now is an excellent time to join the **Sanctuary Choir**. Rehearsals are each Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm in the choir room. If you are interested please contact Glen Adkins (glen@fbcshreveport.org) or Heather Vandiver (heather@fbcshreveport.org). You can also just show up for rehearsal this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Our Staff

- Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
- Dr. Glen Adkins, Minister of Music
- Dr. James Gillespie, FBC School, Head
- Meredith Hanna, Minister to Children
- Andy Liu, Chinese Mission 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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January 14, 2018

Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

We All Believe in One God
J. Pachelbel

*Hymn of Praise 2

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! tho' the darkness hide Thee,
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Invocation

Katie Mussat

Welcome to Worshipers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*Hymn

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name. *(repeat)*
(continued)

Chorus:

Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love,
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.
When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. *(Chorus)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Scripture Reading
Ephesians 1:15-21 (pew Bible page 827)

Meredith Hanna

Testimony

Reid Wilson

*Hymn

Speak, O Lord

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.

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 pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
(continued)

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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Reid Wilson

Offertory Anthem
Sanctuary Choir

Roll, Jordan, Roll
arr. Ruth Morris Gray

Sermon: Finding Your Balance
Genesis 2:15-17 (pew Bible page 2)

Jeff Raines

*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

Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Congregational Benediction

Christ Go Before You

Christ go be - fore you, Christ go be - hind you,
Christ go be - side you, Christ go with - in you,
Christ go be - neath you, Christ go a - bove you.

Postlude

*Please stand