



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 January:

On coming to the house, they saw the Child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. Matthew 2:11-12

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 Planet Wisdom Conference for 6th-12th graders is February 24-25 in Dallas. Deadline to sign up is TODAY! Register online at www.fbcshreveport.org.

Special called **Church Conference** today immediately following worship. It will be a vote on calling prospective Chinese Minister, Andy Liu.

Ice Up South Highlands is today from 4:00-6:00 pm. If you are able to serve please come a few minutes early.

Early Bird Class continues in room 104 at 8:15 am each Sunday. A new series begins February 5, *A Walk Through the Bible* (The Old Testament). All are welcome.

First Baptist church School Day is Sunday, February 5. The choirs from the school will be singing in worship, and other school leadership will be participating.

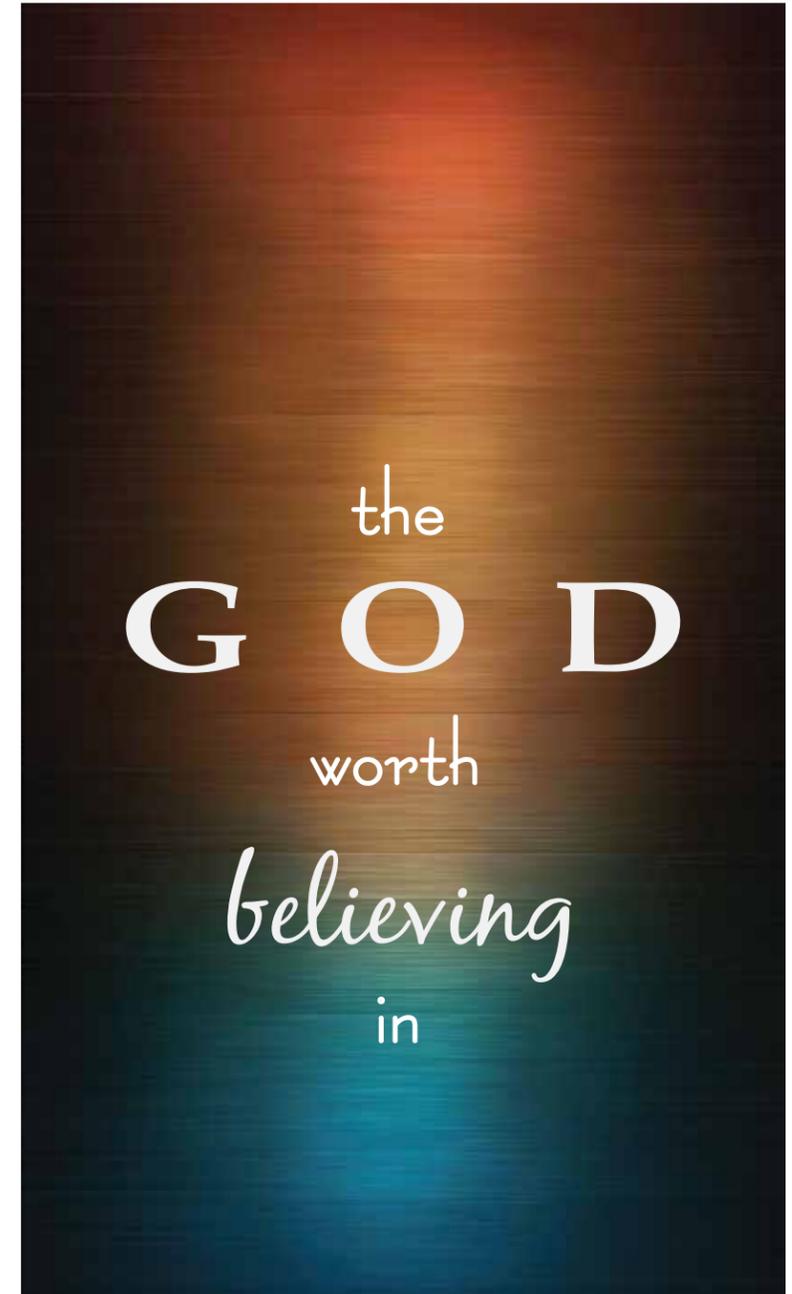
Super, Shoe-per, Souper Sunday is February 5. Please bring gently used men's or women's shoes and/or cans of soup to worship that day.

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.

Our Staff

Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
Rev. Clista Adkins, Minister of Discipleship
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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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Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

We All Believe in One God
Johann Pachelbel

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

On Eagle's Wings
arr. Mark Hayes

*Hymn of Praise 6

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

*Invocation

Clista Adkins

Welcome to Worshippers

*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.**

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
John 13:12-17 (pew Bible page 763)

Katie Mussat

*Hymn 334

Blessed Assurance

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

Chorus:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Andy Liu

Offertory
Chinese Mission Children

Jesus Loves Me and Lightly Row
Hymn and Folk Song

Anthem
Sanctuary Choir

Praise the Lord Our God Forever
W. A. Mozart

**Praise the Lord, our God forever,
Let us rejoice with heart and voice,
And sing His praise forevermore,
Alleluia.**

Sermon: Serving God
Isaiah 42:1-4 (pew Bible page 513)

Jeff Raines

Recognition of Incoming Deacons

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| Russell Adams** | Jerry Drummond | Brian Rowell |
| John Anderson | J. J. Jangula | Skip Sayres |
| Bernard Bolton | Seth Ostendorff | Barry Simmons** |
| Johnny Bridges | Lloyd Porter | Mike Tingle |
| Bob Brubaker | Jim Roberts | Robert Touchstone** |
| Elissa Cram** | Kristen Rockett | David Wells |

*Deacons to be ordained***

Laying On of Hands

Expression of Commitment

Brian Flournoy

Leader: The word "deacon" in the New Testament refers to one who serves or ministers. You are servants of the church, ministers of Christ. You will lead the church to perform its functions of worship, mission, evangelism and teaching; and you will assist in the pastoral care of the church family. You will serve to promote the Spirit of Jesus Christ throughout our fellowship and out into the world. Do you accept this challenge?

Deacons: Yes we do, by the grace of God.

Leader: What is the response of the congregation?

Congregation: We place our confidence in you and look to you for guidance. We pledge to pray for you and to support you in your ministry.

Leader: What is the response of the deacons?

Deacons: We commit ourselves anew to Christ and His church.

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Response 613

The Servant Song

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by the family of Frances Kurz, in honor of her 90th birthday.