



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:

We invite the church family to memorize Mark 12:28-31 in the month of January.

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Announcements:

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

Women on Mission invites you to come and experience Indonesia through an International Mission Study. The presenter, Mrs. Joyce Hevrin, will take you through words, pictures, and prayer into a land of both great beauty and great spiritual darkness. She is currently the Chair of the WMU Council of Mission Study in our association. The program is Monday, January 4 and begins at 10:00 am in the Parlor.

Service Saturday is a new mission opportunity. Our first project will be prepping the plastic grocery bags we collected for crocheting. Meet us Saturday, January 9 at 9:00 am in Hunter Hall 115.

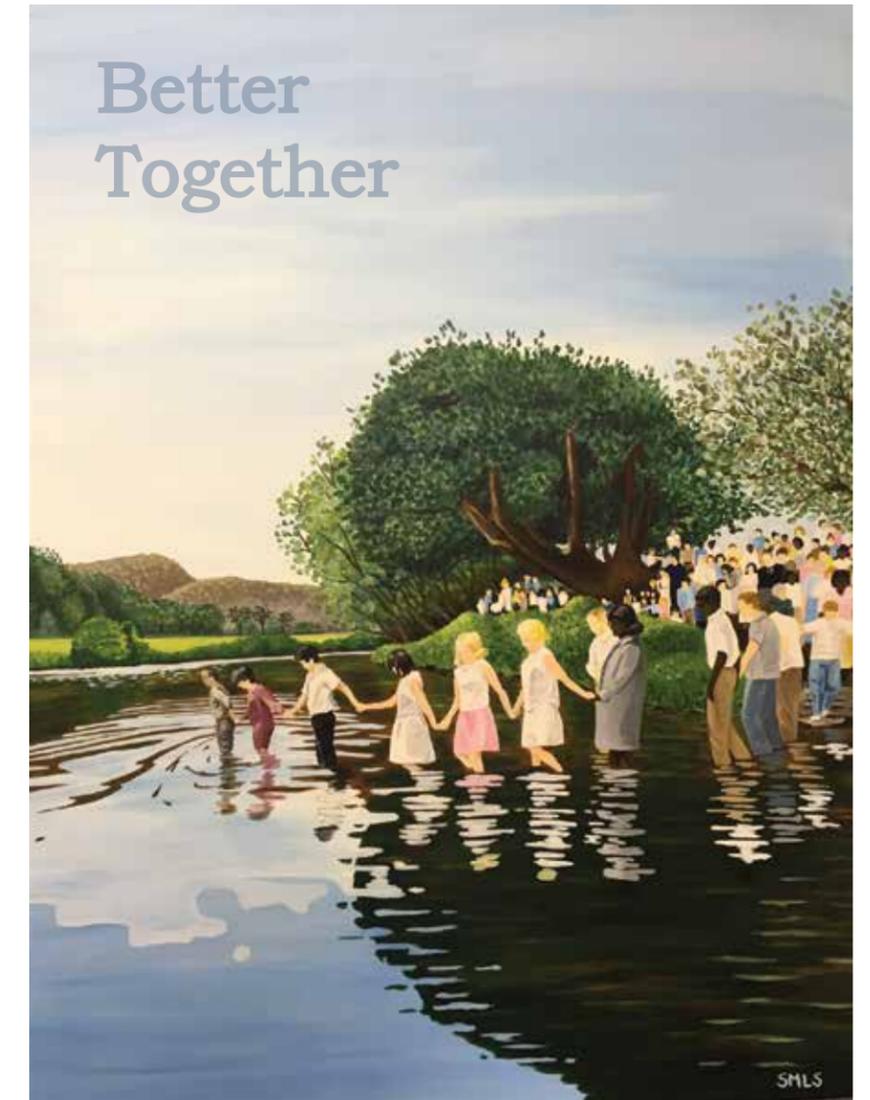
Youth Music Team (YMT) is kicking off Sunday, January 10 at 4:00 pm in the Youth Center. The group will be led by Heather Vandiver, Glen Adkins and Katie Mussat. If you sing or play an instrument please come!!

Planet Wisdom youth retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 26-Saturday, February 27. It is \$75.00 and will be held in Dallas, TX. Watch for details on the Youth Facebook page. **Registration deadline is Sunday, January 17.**

Our Staff

- Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
- Rev. Clista Adkins, Minister of Discipleship
- Dr. Glen Adkins, Minister of Music
- Rev. Compi Chao, Chinese Mission Pastor
- 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

God has willed that we should seek and find His living Word in the witness of a brother, in the mouth of man. Therefore, the Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's Word to him. He needs him again and again when he becomes uncertain and discouraged, for by himself he cannot help himself without belying the truth. He needs his brother man as a bearer and proclaimer of the divine Word of salvation. He needs his brother solely because of Jesus Christ. The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother's is sure. -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prelude *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
Tara Partington, organ *arr. Don Hustad*

Call to Worship *This Day of Celebration*
Sanctuary Choir *John Purifoy*

*Hymn of Praise *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God, come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow,
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,
Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart,
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are, before your God, come.

*Invocation *Jeff Raines*

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

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

Children's Sermon *Jeff Raines*

*Hymn

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing,
Let mercy fall on me,
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour,
The Hope of nations.

Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save,
Forever, Author of Salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures,
Fill my life again,
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in,
Now I surrender.

Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save,
Forever, Author of Salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light, and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus.
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We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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Scripture Reading *Clista Adkins*
Mark 12:28-31

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Mighty to Save

*Hymn 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 light, 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, voices raising, worshipping 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, sounds through the earth and skies.

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Katie Mussat*

Offertory Solo *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul*
Eric Vandiver, piano *arr. Fred Bock*

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

Sermon: Better Together *Jeff Raines*
Hebrews 10:19-25

*Hymn of Response 117 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Opportunities for Service *Ronney Joe Webb*

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude *Mighty to Save*

*Please stand