



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

Active Deacons 2016

Roy Beard	Mary Gurski	Larry Renfro
Marie Blair	Mary Nell Hawley	Kirby Rowe
Ray Boswell	Dave Holden	Paul Salley
Wayne Brown	Susie Holton	Debbie Sayres
Ellen Brown	Shannon Johnston	Gerald Sayres
Clovis Burch	Freda Jones	Tom Scates
Ron Byrd	Marvin Jones	Sarah Sherry
Elmer Carr	Jim Mabus	Billy Tingle
Matt Catha	Bettye Ann McQueen	Jeff Tuey
Jack Chaney	Robyn Miller	Eric Vandiver
Rance Cram	Pete Moncrief	Andrew Wedeberg
Todd Derrick	Malcolm Murchison	Jim Wedeberg
Dick Drummond	John Odom	Cody White
Bill Duncan	Lauren Ostendorff	Don Williamson
Brian Flournoy	Leo Plette	Mike Woods
	Gene Powell	

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

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:28-31NIV

Announcements:

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

The First Baptist Church School Board of Trustees is accepting nominations for Board members February 1 - February 29, 2016. Please submit names to Lauren Ostendorff at lostendorff@kpxj21.com

The Northwest Louisiana Baptist Associational WMU will have a meeting here Tuesday, February 2 in the Chapel at 10:00 am followed by a light lunch in the Parlor.

A new **Women's Bible Study** begins Tuesday, February 2 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, February 3 at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm. The study is by Lisa Harper and explores the book of Hebrews. The workbooks are \$15.00 each and will be available for purchase at the first session.

Sunday, February 7 is our annual **Souper Bowl of Caring**. This year we are adding a twist to our usual monetary donation (soup pot \$ collection at the end of the service) to the Food Bank. We are asking everyone to bring a new or gently used pair of shoes and/or cans of soup for benevolent agencies in our area. The ladies and children's shoes will go to Providence House and the men's will go to the Rescue Mission. These need to be functional everyday shoes. The soup will go to the NW LA Food Bank. The actual donations will take place in morning worship that Sunday.

Sunday, February 7 is **First Baptist Church School Sunday**.

Church Conference is Sunday, February 7 following morning worship.

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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January 31, 2016

Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

We Praise Thee O God
Walther Scheidemann

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

On Eagle's Wings
arr. Mark Hayes

*Hymn of Praise 6

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Invocation

Clista Adkins

Welcome to Worshipers

Four and Five Year Old Choir
Do You Know Who Made the Day?
Hal Hopson
Christine Duke and Robin Yarbrough, Directors

First-Fifth Grade Choir
The Lord Is My Shepherd
Jill Gallina
Jamie Huguet, Darcie Raines and Heather Vandiver, Directors

*Doxology

Children's Sermon
Jeff Raines

*Hymn
Blessed Be Your Name

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.**

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say,**

Chorus:

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.**

**Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.**

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say,
(Chorus)**

Scripture Reading
Mark 10:42-45
Katie Mussat

*Hymn 613
The Servant Song

**We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road,
We are here to help each other,
Walk the mile and bear the load,
I will hold the Christlight for you, in the night-time of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you,
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too,
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you,
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you,
I will share your joy and sorrow,
Till we've seen this journey through,
When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together, Of Christ's love and agony.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
Jack Chaney, Deacon Chair

Offertory Anthem
Sanctuary Choir, Gale Odom, soloist
I Wanna Be Ready
Rosephanye Powell

Sermon: Dear Thyatira...
Revelation 2:18-29
Jeff Raines

Deacons to be Honored as Emeritus
Doug Bonner
Aljean Middleton

Recognition of Incoming Deacons

Roy Beard	**Mary Gurski	Paul Salley
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Wayne Brown	**Robyn Miller	**Sarah Sherry
Ron Byrd	**Leo Plette	Eric Vandiver
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**Deacons to be ordained

Laying On of Hands

Duet
Katie Mussat and Dick Smith
Called Me Higher
Leslie Jordan

Expression of Commitment

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 277
Take My Life and Let It Be

Opportunities for Service
Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand