



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 to memorize Colossians 3:12-17 during the month of November.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:12-17 NIV

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!

Operation Christmas Child boxes must be back in the office today.

Sunday School Forum is for Sunday School and Small Group teachers and leaders. It will be in the Parlor today, following morning worship.

We will be giving a **Blessing in a Box** this Thanksgiving to the folks who attend the Highland Blessing Meal. Pick up a food list in Sunday School or in the office and bring your food to place in a box by Tuesday, November 15. Then help us to distribute them Thursday, November 17 at the Highland Blessing meal. Be a blessing this Thanksgiving season!

Sunday, November 20 will be Mission/Thanksgiving Sunday. We will have a special Mission and Thanksgiving emphasis in worship, followed by our Loaves and Fishes Mission Thanksgiving Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Our special guest will be the African Children's Choir from Kenya, Africa. They will be a real treat, performing music and traditional dance and so much more! The meal will cost \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children with a \$30.00 family max. Call now and make your reservation or sign up through Sunday School. Johnny's Catfish is doing the catering with fish and chicken.

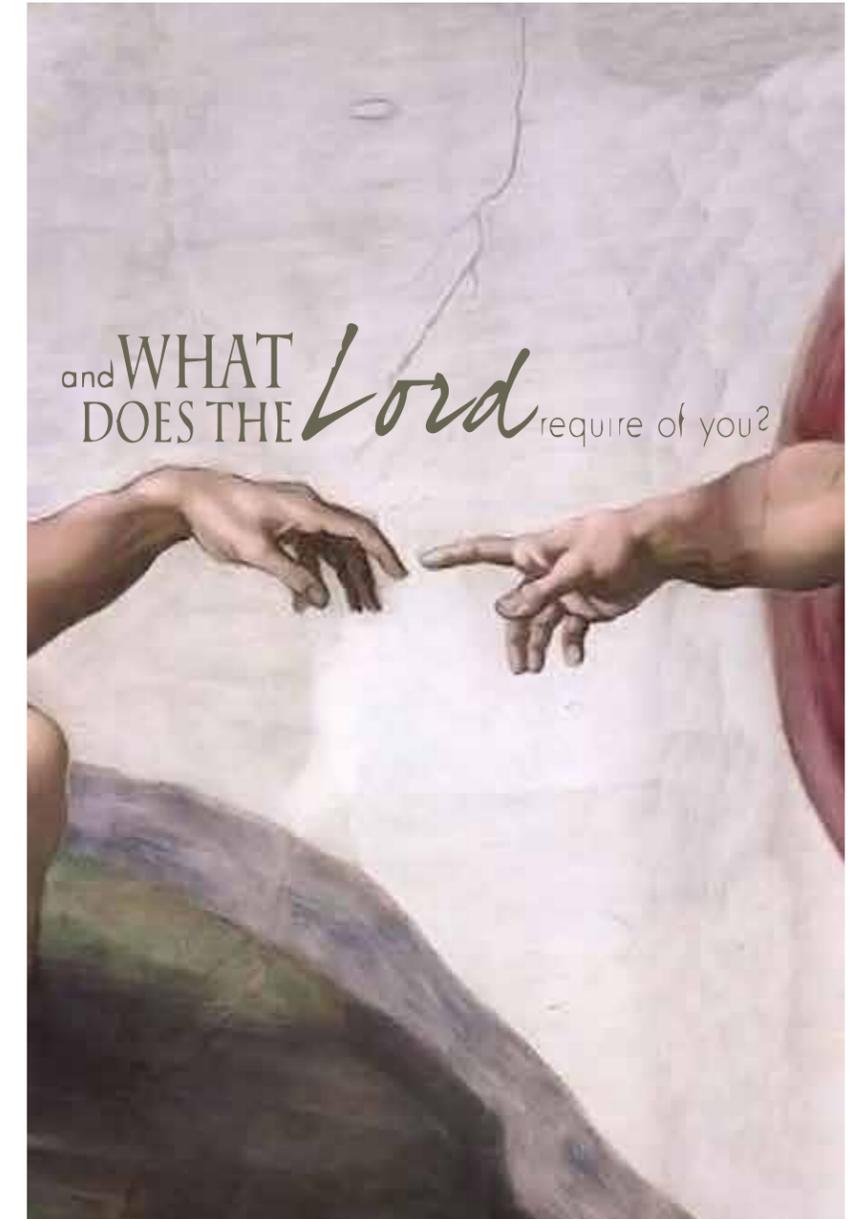
Missions Auction - Do you need a little art in your life? Would you like to contribute to your church's mission efforts in a special way? At our missions luncheon on November 20th, we will have a silent auction of our foyer art. Three artists from our church family painted these last year, and we are working on new pieces for the foyer for next year. Check them out in the foyer and please plan to be there for a very fun and special time on the 20th.

Thanksgiving Holidays for our office staff will be Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

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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Worship

Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." -Exodus 34:6-7

Prelude *A Festive Intrada*
Adult Handbell Choir *Cynthia Dobrinski*

*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! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though 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 *Clista Adkins*

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon *Jeff Raines*

*Hymn

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory,
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.
Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.

(women)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you

(men)

Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.
Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.

Scripture Reading *Adelynn Wilson*
Psalm 86:11-13 (pew Bible page 421)

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Tristan Wilson*

*Hymn 25 *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.
There's a welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in His blood.
(continued)

But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of one's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we could take Him at His word;
And our lives would be more loving in the likeness of our Lord.
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.

Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
Adult and Children's Handbell Choirs *arr. Jason Krug*

Anthem *Offertory (Micah 6:8)*
Sanctuary Choir *John Ness Beck*

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgression,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you,
But to do justice, and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6-8)

Sermon: Love Mercy *Jeff Raines*
Micah 6:8 (pew Bible page 659)

*Hymn of Response 61 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Opportunities for Service *Ronney Joe Webb*

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand