



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

February 18-24: Matthew 10-18

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.

Souper, Shooper & Socks collection. Soup, new or gently used shoes, and new socks will be collected through the month of February and will be donated to local charities. You can present your gifts any Sunday during worship or place them in the marked barrels in the halls. There will be members of the Missions Committee at the front on Sundays to help receive your gifts.

The **First Baptist Church School Board of Trustees** is accepting nominations for Board members until March 5, 2018. Please submit names to Susie Holton (FBCS Board of Trustees Chair) at spholton@bellsouth.net

Make plans to attend **A Night on Broadway** Sunday, March 4 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be excerpts from *My Fair Lady*, *The Lion King*, *Hamilton*, *The Little Mermaid* and more. It will be amazing! Don't miss it!

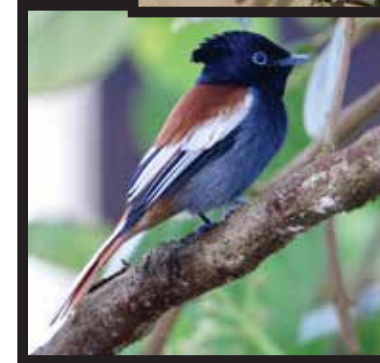
Sponsor a Youth: Our youth, grades 6-12 have several amazing opportunities coming up in the near future. These camps and trips can be life changing and we want each youth that wants to attend to be able to. Unfortunately, some will not have the chance to go because of their financial situation. It is for this reason we ask you to sponsor a youth for one or more of these trips. You may give the entire cost or pay for any portion of one or more. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to help! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The events and prices are as follows: spring break mission trip-\$350.00, summer camp-\$300.00; and a high school only mission trip. Prayerfully consider how you can give a child one or more of these wonderful opportunities.

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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February 18, 2018

Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

Upon the Cross Extended
Heinrich Friese

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

On Eagle's Wings
Michael Joncas

*Hymn of Praise 74

O God Our Help in Ages Past

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.**

**Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten as a dream dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home.**

*Opening Sentences

Katie Mussat

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We are in the season of Lent, and we have
come to offer to God the worship of our souls.

**People: In our worship and our reflection we ponder the
intentional journey Jesus made toward the cross.**

Leader: Let us listen intently for the voice of the Lord that God
may bless us.

**People: May we follow the path of Christ who gave his life
that we might know abundant life.**

*Invocation

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*Hymn

This I Believe

**Our Father everlasting, the all creating One. God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Saviour.**

Chorus:

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again,

For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

**Our judge and our defender, suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.**

Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life,

Forever seated high. (Chorus)

I believe in You, I believe You rose again,

I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.

I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy Church.

I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again,

For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Scripture Reading

Meredith Hanna

Psalm 62:5-8 (pew Bible page 409)

*Hymn

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been,

Come broken-hearted let rescue begin.

Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel,

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame,

All who are broken lift up your face.

O wanderer come home, you're not too far.

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed.

Come sit at the table come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary,

Rest that endures, earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

Come as you are, fall in His arms, come as you are.

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**There's joy for the morning O sinner be still,
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.
Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bernard Bolton

Offertory

Eric Vandiver, piano

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Heather Sorenson

Sermon: Consider the Birds

Matthew 6:25-34 (pew Bible page 685)

Jeff Raines

Observance of Communion

Passing of the Bread

Thy Will Be Done
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

Passing of the Cup

Come Share the Lord
Glen Adkins and Gale Odom

Bryan Jeffrey Leech

*Hymn of Response 387

Blest Be the Tie

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent pray'rs;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Congregational Benediction

Christ Go Before You

**Christ go before you, Christ go behind you, Christ go beside you,
Christ go within you, Christ go beneath you, Christ go above you.**

Postlude

*Please stand