



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 February:

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35 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!

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 Spring Break Mission Trip will be March 26-31 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Cost per student is \$300.00 each. We are in need of full or partial scholarships. Deadline to sign up is February 26.

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.

A new **Women's Bible Study** will kick off Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, March 1 at 9:30 am. It will be a seven week study of *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. Workbooks will be available at the first session for \$14.00 each. Childcare is available on Wednesday mornings by reservation only.

The **WMU Program and Luncheon** on Monday, March 6 will have an emphasis toward the upcoming Annie Armstrong Easter offering as well as North American Missions. Special guests will be church planters Emily and Josh Blackwell. Emily is the daughter of our own Alice and Ted Roberts. The meal will be \$6.00 per person.

There is a new **Women's Sunday School Class** at 9:15 in 104. They will be studying *Parables from the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas (books available at no cost).

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
Andy Liu, Chinese 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 19, 2017

Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

Detroit
Wilbur Held

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

Let Us Praise God Together
Spiritual

*Hymn of Praise

O God of Vision

**O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,
Gather us now in Your presence, refreshing, redeeming.
Show us anew - life in Your breath-taking view,
Lovely beyond all our dreaming.**

**Pour out Your Spirit on all now assembled before You.
May our diversity here be a means to adore You.
Women and men - young, old and youthful again,
Make us as one, we implore You.**

**Break the sun's rays into color, a rainbow around us.
Storm clouds though real and near are not enough to confound us.
Arched in the sky - beauty and promise are high,
Giving us hope to astound us.**

**Grateful we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken,
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken
Christ for us all! Come let us answer the call,
Off'ring our lives as the token.**

*Invocation

Katie Mussat

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

During the singing of the Doxology the children
may come to the front for the Children's Sermon

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*Hymn

This Is Amazing Grace

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings,
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings**
Chorus:
**This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross
You lay down Your life, That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for, All that You've done for me**

**Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings (Chorus)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (repeat 2x)
Worthy, Worthy, Worthy (Chorus)**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:3-12 (pew Bible page 683)

Clista Adkins

*Hymn 366

Let Us Break Bread Together

**Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink the cup together on our knees,
Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ronney Joe Webb

Offertory Anthem
Sanctuary Choir

Pilgrim Song
Ryan Murphy

My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound
with fruit as sweet as honey;
The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined
To shout and sing hosanna.

My soul doth long to go where I may fully know
The glory of my Savior;
And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song,
I'm going to live forever.

Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child;
I am a child of glory;
I am born from above, my soul is filled with love;
I love to tell the story.

My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings,
and contemplates the hour
When the messenger shall say, 'Come quit this house of clay,
and with bright angels tower.'

And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song,
I'm going to live forever.

Sermon: Count the Stars
Genesis 15 (pew Bible page 10)

Jeff Raines

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

Passing of the Bread
Passing of the Cup

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Good to Me
Katie Mussat, soloist

*Hymn of Response 387

Blest Be the Tie

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand