



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:

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.

Kids Summer Camps registration is open and available through our web site, www.fbcsreveport.org. These camps include Vacation Bible School, Summer Music at the Church, Preteen Camp and American Girl Camp. Register early to insure your spot!

Ethiopia Mission Trip still needs volunteers. If you can serve April 25-May 7 please contact Jeff.

Guatemala Trip scheduled for April 29-May 7 has been cancelled due to unrest in the area. There is another trip planned for June 17-25 that offers a unique opportunity. We need 6 people to serve at a missionary kids' camp. Missionaries from all over the region bring their children here for this week of fun and discipleship. It offers a very nice "camp" experience with bunk beds, showers, gym, as well as other amenities. If you are gifted in areas such as teaching, music, crafts, games and cooking, we really need you to serve. This is such an awesome opportunity to give back to the families that have dedicated their lives to serving in Guatemala.

Easter Lilies will be placed in our Sanctuary Sunday, April 16. These plants will be available for pick-up following the Easter Sunday service. If you wish to take part, please fill out the form below, attach \$12.00 per plant, and return it to the church office by Monday, April 10.

Name of Purchaser(s): _____ # of plants _____ @

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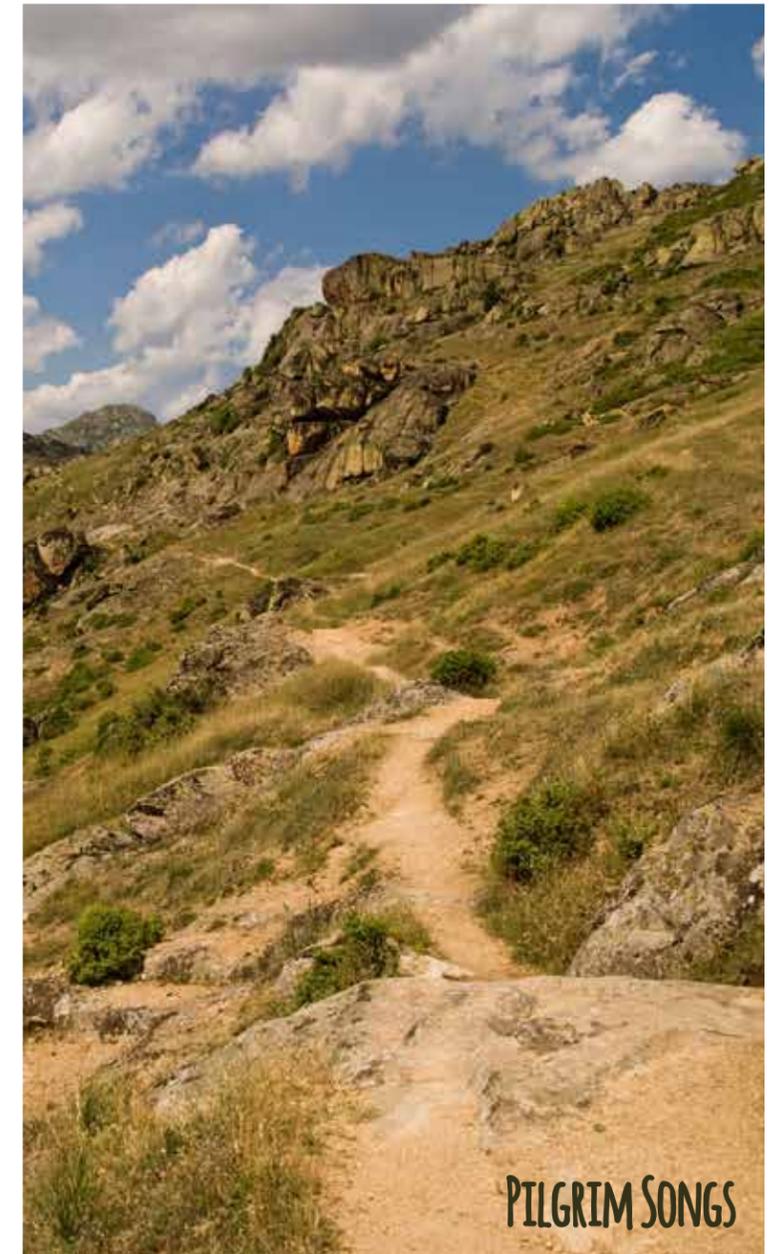
Name of person(s) in whose _____ honor or _____ memory the plant is given.

Spring Forward in Giving - In March we are trying to catch up with our budget. Please pray about your part.

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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March 26, 2017

Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

God Be Praised
Heinrich Schneidemann

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

Holy Is the Lord
Franz Schubert

*Hymn of Praise 379

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

**Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb'ring on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself, and serve us with sweet manna all around.**

*Invocation

Clista Adkins

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*Hymn

The Power of the Cross

**Oh, to see the dawn, of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten,
Then, nailed to a cross of wood.**
(continued)

CHORUS:

**This, the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see the pain, written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.**
(Chorus)

**Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath,
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.**
(Chorus)

**Oh, to see my name, written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.**

FINAL CHORUS:

**This, the pow'r of the cross, Son of God - slain for us.
What a love, what a cost,
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7 (pew Bible page 828)

Katie Mussat

*Hymn 320

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**O soul are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see.
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!**

Chorus

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.**
(continued)

**Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion,
For more than conquerors we are! (Chorus)**

**His Word shall not fail you He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! (Chorus)**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Meredith Hanna

Offertory

Eric Vandiver, piano

The Love of God
arr. Larry Shackley

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Mercy
Craig Courtney

Sermon: A Beautiful Church

Psalm 133 (Pew Bible page 443)

Jeff Raines

*Hymn of Response 146

O How He Loves You and Me

**O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could He give?
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!**

**Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show;
What He did there brought hope from despair:
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!**

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand