



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 family to memorize **Romans 12:1-2** in the month of **April**.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Announcements:

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

YOUTH, SIGN UP NOW FOR MOUNTAIN CAMP 2016! Mountain Camp is July 16-23 in Winter Park, Colorado. The cost is \$400.00 per student. Some scholarships will be available. Talk to Katie with questions. DEADLINE for registration is MAY 15!

Send a youth to camp this summer. Our Youth Mountain Camp is scheduled for July 16-23. Our group will, for a second year, travel to Winter Park Colorado for a week packed full of discipleship, reflection, spiritual growth, relationship building and lots of FUN! The trip cost is \$400.00 per person and we are in need of scholarships! Please contact Katie Mussat, 841-8430 or katie@fbcshreveport.org, if you are able to help in any way. Thank you in advance!!

Join us for **Tuesday Team** each Tuesday in Hunter Hall 115 beginning at 8:30 am.

There is still time to register for the **Heels Up Against Human Trafficking 5K**. The fun run/walk begins at 8:30 am on April 30. The 5K kicks off at 9:00 am. Starting areas will be in the 500 block of Common St. under the Traffic Street bridge. All proceeds will benefit the organization Purchased: Not for Sale. Register at www.heelsup5K.com.

Church Conference will be held Sunday, May 1 following morning worship.

The WMU will be having their quarterly meeting to highlight **Direct Missions**. Come join them on Monday, May 2 at 10:30 am in the Parlor. Lunch to follow. Make your reservation with Carol at Carol@fbcshreveport.org or call 318-865-8414.

All preschool and children's **Summer Camps for 2016** are open for registration. We are planning an awesome variety of fun-filled camps for this summer. To check out the themes and/or register a child, visit fbcshreveport.org, scroll to the bottom of the "Home Page", click "VBS & Kids Summer Camps Registration". There you will find information, registration, and payment options. Your kiddos won't want to miss these!

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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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 strength
THESE COMMANDMENTS THAT I GIVE YOU
TODAY ARE TO BE ON YOUR HEARTS
IMPRESS THEM ON
YOUR CHILDREN
Talk about them when you
sit at home and when you
walk along the road,
WHEN YOU LIE DOWN AND WHEN YOU GET
UP. TIE THEM AS SYMBOLS ON YOUR HANDS
AND BIND THEM ON YOUR FOREHEADS.
Write them on the
doorframes of your houses
and on your gates.
DEUTERONOMY SIX FOUR THROUGH NINE

Worship

Prelude *Oceans*
Duet *arr. Keith Christopher*
Tara Partington, organ and Eric Vandiver, piano

*Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Invocation Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Jeff Raines

*Hymn *Oceans*

You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail,
And there I find You in the mystery,
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

Chorus:

And I will call upon Your name,
And keep my eyes above the waves, when oceans rise,
My soul will rest in Your embrace.

For I am Yours and You are mine.

(continued)

Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now. (Chorus)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.
Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour. (repeat 2x)

I will call upon Your name,
Keep my eyes above the waves, when oceans rise,
My soul will rest in Your embrace, I am Yours and You are mine.

Scripture Reading Clista Adkins
1 Corinthians 13 (pew Bible, page 813)

*Hymn 147 *And Can It Be*

And can it be that I should gain,
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain,
For me who Him to death pursued.
Amazing love how can it be,
That Thou my God should die for me?

Chorus:

Amazing love how can it be,
That Thou my God should die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,
So free so infinite His grace.
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all immense and free,
O praise my God, it reaches me. (Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus and all in Him is mine.
Alive in Him my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ my own. (Chorus)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Corinne Carroll

Offertory Solo *The Gift of Love*
Glen Adkins, soloist *arr. Hal Hopson*

Anthem *If You Search with All Your Heart*
Sanctuary Choir *Craig Courtney*

Sermon: Love's Focus Jeff Raines
1 Corinthians 13 (pew Bible, page 813)

*Hymn of Response 423 *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love my words are vain,
As sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come Spirit come our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole,
Let inward love guide every deed,
By this we worship and are freed.

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are from
the memorial service of Sara Margaret White.*