



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*

Welcome Dr. Scott Bryant

Our guest preacher this morning is Dr. Scott Bryant. Dr. Bryant is University Chaplain and Vice President of Spiritual Development at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall. He is a graduate of Baylor University (B.A., M.Div, PhD) and Boston University's School of Theology (S.T.M.). Prior to his arrival at ETBU, he taught in the Religion Department and Honors College at Baylor University. Scott is husband to Natalie and father to Anna, Luke, and Reid. He enjoys coaching his kids' sports teams, playing basketball, and watching Tom Brady, Dirk Nowitzki, and the Texas Rangers.

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.

WMU Program and Luncheon is Monday, May 1 at 10:30 am in the Parlor. The guest speaker is Mary Van Rheenen with special guest Bonnie Sanson on missions and mission action. All ladies of the church are welcome. Lunch is available for \$6.00. Please RSVP if attending to Carol, carol@fbshreveport.org or 841-8420.

Special Church Conference and Fish Fry Gathering is set for Wednesday, May 10 at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Fried fish with all the fixin's will be catered by Johnny's for the normal Wednesday meal prices. Following dinner at 6:00 pm the church conference will be called to order.

Vacation Bible School "Emotions" is scheduled for June 12-16. There are still significant holes in the ranks of volunteers. If you are available that week, please prayerfully consider serving the children that will participate. Contact Meredith with the good news! Thank you in advance!

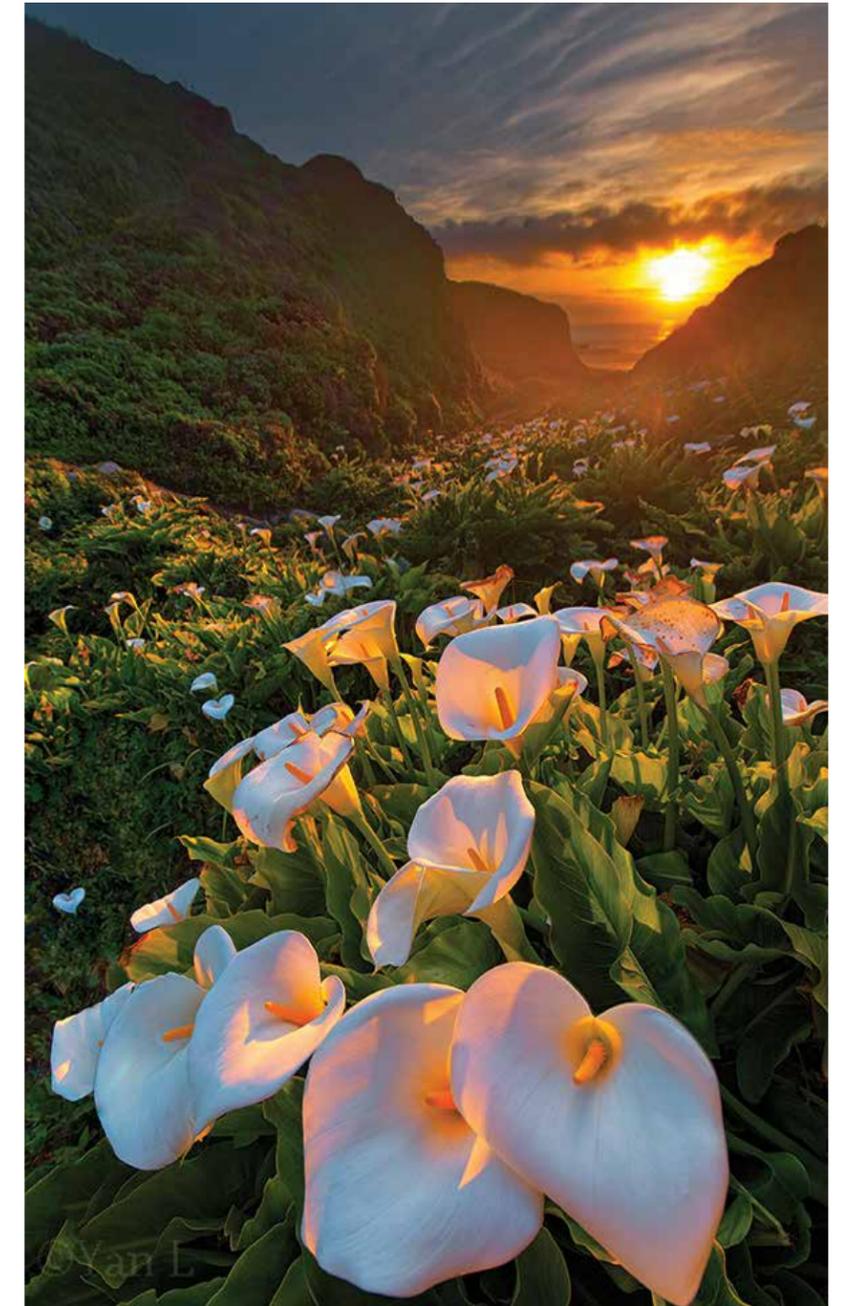
Parents Night Out end-of-school blast will be Friday, May 12 from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Activities Center. Sign up in Sunday School or online. Cost is \$5.00 per child.

Muffins with Mom will be held for our preschool/children's ministry and their moms. Kids, bring your moms Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day) to the Preschool Reception area from 8:00-9:00 am.

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 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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Worship

Prelude Tara Partington, organ

Choral Introit *Thine Is the Glory*
Sanctuary Choir G.F. Handel

*Hymn of Praise 6 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou dwellest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

*Invocation Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Meredith Hanna

*Hymn

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus:

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. (Chorus)

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.

Anthem *It Is No Secret*
Singing Seniors arr. Marty Parks

Scripture Reading Clista Adkins
Isaiah 40:3-5 (pew Bible page 511)

*Hymn 344 *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Chorus:

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
(continued)

Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gates to open wide!
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. (Chorus)

Jesus loves me! loves me still, tho' I'm very weak and ill;
From his shining throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie.
(Chorus)

Jesus love me! He will stay, close beside me all the way;
If I love Him, when I die, he will take me home on high. (Chorus)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Andy Liu

Offertory Anthem *I Wanna Be Ready*
Sanctuary Choir, Gale Odom, soloist Powell

I wanna be ready to walk in Jerusalem jus' like John,
My feet stand steady to walk in Jerusalem jus' like John,
John said that Jerusalem was four-square,
I hope good Lord to meet you there,
If you get to heaven before I do,
Tell all of my friends I'm coming too,
O John, now didn't you say,
That you'd be there on that great day,
Now some came crippled and some came lame,
And some came walking in Jesus' name.

Sermon: Kingdom People Scott Bryant
Matthew 6:25-34 (pew Bible page 685)

*Hymn of Response 198 *At the Name of Jesus*

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand