



*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.

**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!

**Church offices will be closed Monday, May 29**

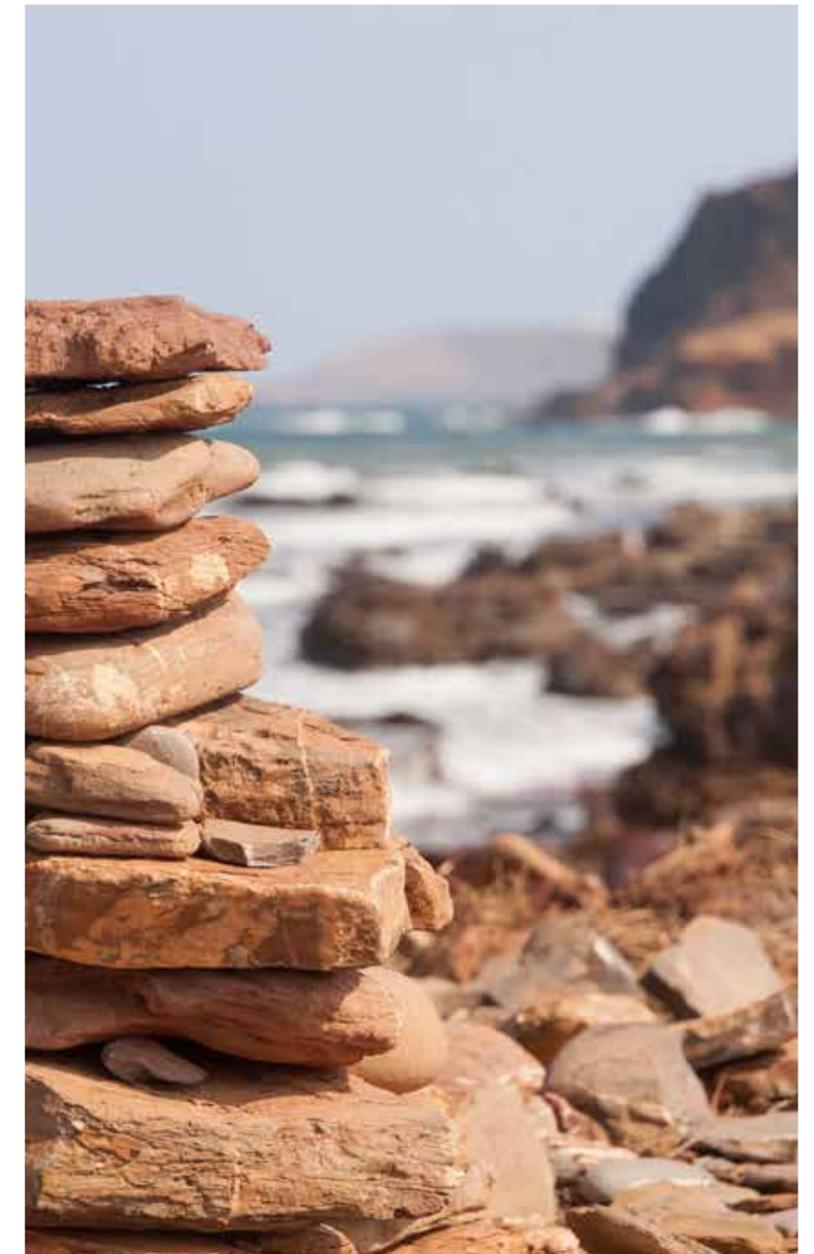
**Youth Midweek Missions** kicks off Wednesday, May 31. We will meet at the Youth Center at 8:45 and travel to The Hub. Make sure you have a current medical form on file if you plan to attend.

**Youth Pool Party** at the Webbs' home on Sunday, June 4 from 5:00-7:00 pm

### **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 Eric Vandiver, piano

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

\*Hymn of Praise *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

**Come, now is the time to worship,  
Come, now is the time to give your heart,  
Come, just as you are, to worship,  
Come, just as you are, before your God, come.**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God,  
One day every knee will bow,  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,  
Who gladly choose you now.**

\*Invocation Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshippers

\*Doxology

Children's Sermon Meredith Hanna

\*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.**

(continued)

**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.**

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

Scripture Reading Haley Greer  
Joshua 4:1-7 (pew Bible, page 153)

The Spirit of Generosity Amye Wilson

\*Hymn 634 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

**My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountain-side, let freedom ring!**

**My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free, thy name I love:  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song:  
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake,  
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**

**Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Reid Wilson

Offertory Anthem *From Sea to Shining Sea*  
Sanctuary Choir Samuel Ward

Sermon: Always Remember Ronney Joe Webb  
2 Peter 1:12-15 (pew Bible, page 861)

\*Hymn of Response 305 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.**

**Though none go with me I still will follow,  
Though none go with me I still will follow,  
Though none go with me I still will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back.**

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

\*Choral Benediction *Christ Go Before You*  
music by Glen Adkins  
words by William Hull

5 Christ go be - fore you, Christ go be - hind you,  
9 Christ go be - side you, Christ go with - in you,  
Christ go be - neath you, Christ go a - bove you.

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand

*The two flower arrangements in the Sanctuary today are from the wedding  
Samuel Glidewell and Rachel Taylor, granddaughter of Jocelyn Wilson.*

*The arrangement in front of the podium is in memory of  
Novelin Heffner and is given by her family.*