



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*

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.

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.

Youth Summer Mountain Camp is set for July 15-22 in Winter Park, Colorado. The cost is \$450.00 per person and the registration deadline is Sunday, May 14. If you can sponsor a youth for this event it would be greatly appreciated. We are in need of 9 full scholarships but can use a loving donation of any amount.

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.

The **Children's Choir Spring Concert** has been moved up a week to Sunday, May 14 at 5:00 pm in the Chapel.

Sunday School Forum is Sunday, May 21 at 11:45 in the Parlor. There will be a light lunch.

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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Blessed
 to be a
 Blessing

Worship

Prelude
FBC Handbell Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Kevin McChesney

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

Thine Is the Glory
G.F. Handel

*Hymn of Praise 36 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

**Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him;
Praise Him angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Law which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath He made.**

**Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His Name.**

**Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee;
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore Thee.
We would bow before Thy throne;
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.**

*Invocation Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshippers

Recognition of High School Graduates

Bryan Chen – Caddo Magnet High School
Andrew Hollier – C.E. Byrd High School
Hannah Langley – Caddo Magnet High School
Alicia Thomas – Huntington High School
Chance Townsend – Caddo Magnet High School

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Meredith Hanna

*Hymn *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

**Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth, to show the way.
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.
Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

Solo *The Blessing*
Jamie Huguet, soloist *David Downes*

Scripture Reading Clista Adkins
Luke 6:27-36 and Genesis 1:27-28a (pew Bible page 729 and 1)

The Spirit of Generosity Shannon Johnston

*Hymn 197 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Handbell Offertory *Proclamation*
FBC Handbell Choir *Kevin McChesney*

Anthem *Total Praise*
Sanctuary Choir *Richard Smallwood*

Lord I will lift mine eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from you,
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life,
I lift my hands in total praise to You, Amen.

Sermon: Channel or Final Destination? Clista Adkins
1 Peter 3:8-9 (pew Bible page 858)

*Hymn of Response *All Who Are Thirsty*

**All who are thirsty All who are weak,
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away,
In the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep we sing,
Come, Lord Jesus, come, come, Lord Jesus, come. (2x)**

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
Sanctuary Choir *Peter Lutkin*

Postlude

*Please stand