



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.

Make plans to attend our **Soak Up South Highlands Independence Day Celebration** this evening from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. From great food and music to the giant water slides, this is the place to be!

The **church office** will be closed Tuesday, July 4.

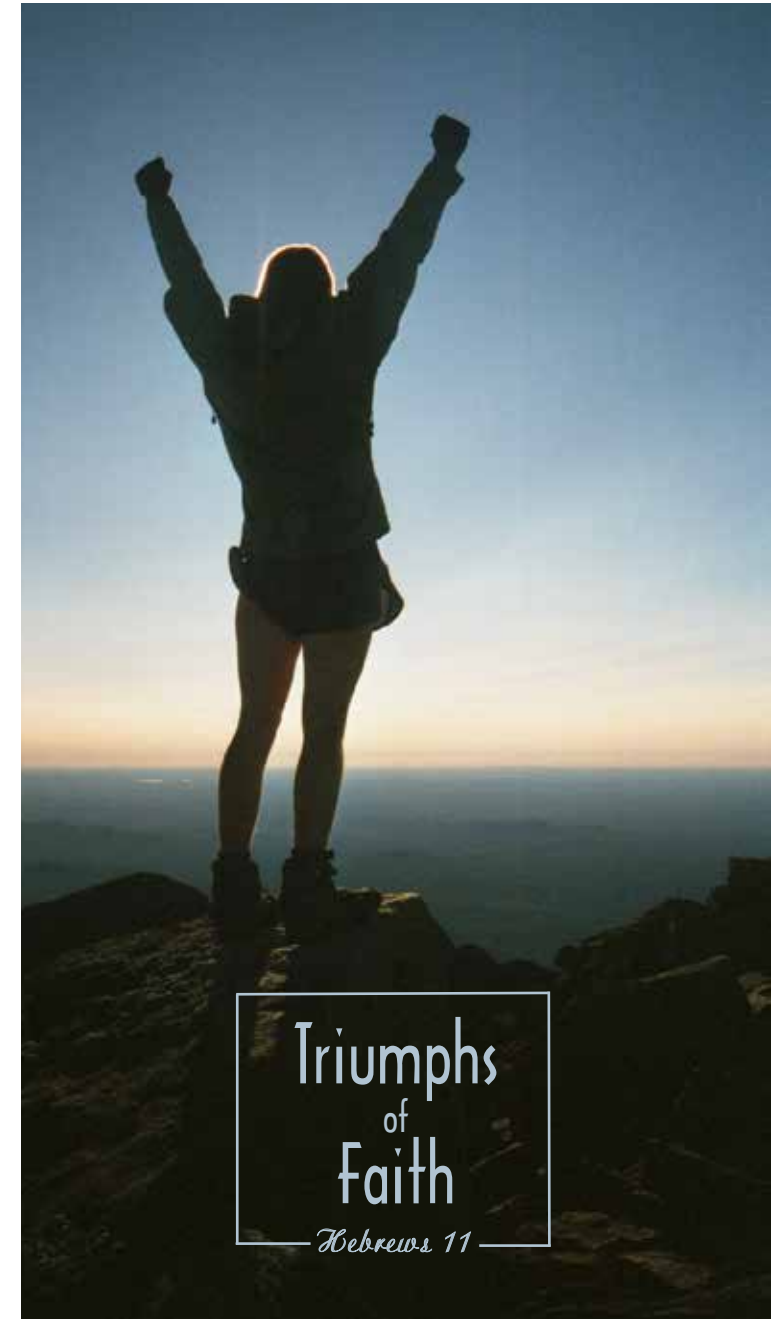
Please pray for the 42 people going on the **Youth Mountain Camp** July 15-22.

The Music Ministry is in need of pianos that are in very good to excellent condition. If you have such a piano that you would consider donating to the church, contact Minister of Music, Glen Adkins @ glenadkins@gmail.com or (318) 678-3776 (mobile).

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

My Country 'Tis of Thee
Murry C. Bradshaw

Choral Introit

This Is My Prayer, O God of All the Nations
Jean Sibelius

*Hymn of Praise 629

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

*Invocation

Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshipers

Guatemala Mission Trip 2017

*Doxology

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*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 mountainside, let freedom ring!
(continued)

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!

Scripture Reading

John 15:12-17 (pew Bible page 764)

Clista Adkins

*Hymn

This Is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my song for those who live in darkness,
Where warring tribes choose conquest over peace,
Where lives of joy and purpose seem illusive,
Where hatred reigns t'ward powerless and least,
This is my song 'till morning breaks with justice,
A song of light, 'till dark divisions cease.
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This is my prayer O ruler of all nations,
Let Thy reign come, on earth Thy will be done,
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
And hearts united learn to live as one,
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations,
Myself I give Thee, let Thy will be done.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Paul Hardison

Offertory

Andrea Fultz, piano

The Old Rugged Cross
arr. Mark Hayes

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

From Sea to Shining Sea
arr. Keith Christopher

Sermon: Immigrant Story/Redemption Story/American Story

Ruth 4:13-15 (pew Bible page 190)

Jeff Raines

*Hymn of Response 54

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Opportunities for Service

Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction

Christ Go Before You
Hull/Adkins

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.

Postlude

Finale
Janet Correll

*Please stand