



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:

Sermon Scripture References:

Hebrews 12:12
Matthew 5:14-15
Romans 12-15
Psalm 40:1-10
Psalm 27
2 Corinthians 4

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the Word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-6, 16-18

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.

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 at glenadkins@gmail.com or (318) 678-3776 (mobile).

Bags of Hope school supplies are being collected now. We have been asked to supply **95 SETS** of the following items: 1 box of 16 Crayola crayons, 10 #2 pencils, 3 pocket folders with 3 hole clamps, 1 rubber eraser, 1 yellow (non-bleed) highlighter, 2 one subject notebooks. You may leave your supplies in the front office. Deadline is Friday, August 4.

KidServe Summer Leadership Night is Saturday, July 29 from 6:00-9:00 pm and is \$5.00 per child. Contact Meredith to sign up.

Church Conference is Sunday, July 30 immediately following worship.

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

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ~Hebrews 12:1-2

Prelude *We All Believe in One True God*
Tara Partington, organ *J. G. Walther*

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

*Hymn of Praise 221 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**The night becomes as day, when from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet song they hear,
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around, ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let earth, and sea, and sky from depth to height reply,
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

*Invocation *Clista Adkins*

Welcome to Worshipers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon *Meredith Hanna*

*Hymn *Mighty to Save*

**Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing,
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour,
The Hope of nations.
Chorus:
Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!**

**So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again,
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender.
(Chorus)**

**Shine your light, and let the whole world see, we're singing
for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light, and let the whole world see, we're singing
for the glory of the risen King. (Chorus)**

**Saviour, He can move the mountains,
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Scripture Reading *Meredith Hanna*
2 Corinthians 4 (pew Bible, page 818)

*Hymn 63 *Abide with Me*

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!**

**I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Thro' cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine thro' the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Skip Sayres*

Offertory Solo *How Can I Keep from Singing*
Gale Odom, soloist *Robert Lowry*

Anthem *It Is Well with My Soul*
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Mark Edwards*

Sermon: Broken And Brilliant *Clista Adkins*
2 Corinthians 4 (pew Bible page 818)

*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

*Congregational Benediction *Christ Go Before You*
Hull/Adkins

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

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand