



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.

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.

Church Conference is today immediately following worship.

Slip n' Slide from summer to school! Youth and parents join us Sunday, August 6 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Youth Center for water fun and games. Dinner will be pizza and popsicles

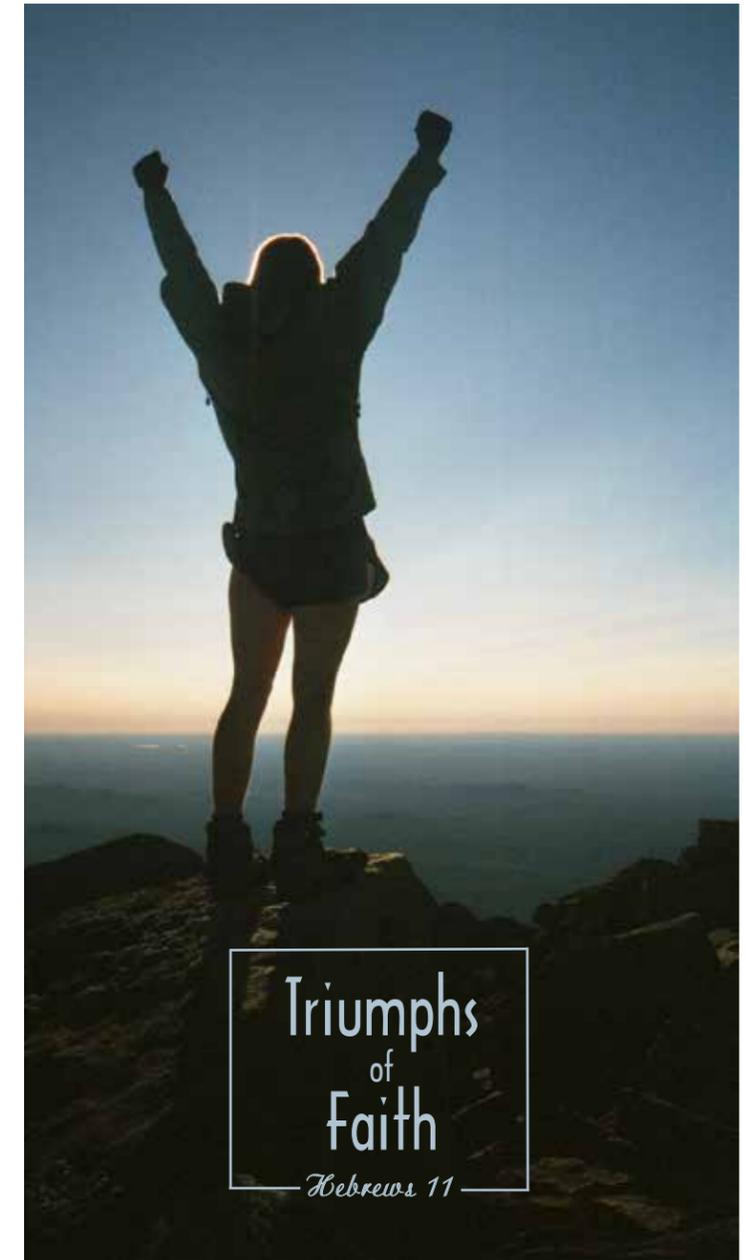
Sunday School Forum is Sunday, August 6 at 11:45 in the Parlor. Light lunch will be served.

Rise and Shine with Power and Purpose on Sunday, August 13 and join us as we kick off our new Sunday School year. We will begin our breakfast of fruit, pastries, casseroles, and meats at 8:30am. After our meal and fellowship, the youth and children will be dismissed to their regular Sunday School classes. The adult classes will remain in Fellowship Hall for a overview of the fall classes including an introduction to Genesis. Regular adult classes will begin Sunday, August 20.

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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Tara Partington, organ *arr. Craig Phillips*

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

*Hymn of Praise 14 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

*Invocation *Jeff Raines*

Welcome to Worshipers

Preteen Camp 2017

*Doxology

Children's Sermon *Jeff Raines*

*Hymn

Cornerstone

**My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.**
Chorus:
**Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love,
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.
When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus)**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

Scripture Reading *Ronney Joe Webb*
Isaiah 40:1-8 (pew Bible, page 511)

*Hymn

Ten Thousand Reasons

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)**

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)**
(continued)

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Mike Woods*

Offertory Duet *Broken Vessels*
Sarah Briery and Mary Grace Humphries *Huston/Myrin*
Hannah Sanders, pianist

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth*
Sanctuary Choir *arr. John Rutter*

Sermon: A Clear Sign *Jeff Raines*
John 1:19-28 (pew Bible page 750)

*Hymn of Response 412 *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*

Opportunities for Service *Ronney Joe Webb*

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