



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:

We invite the church to memorize Psalm 23 during the **summer months.**

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength. He guides me in right paths, as he has promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me. Your rod and your shepherd's staff protect me. You prepare a banquet table for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim. I know that your love and goodness will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live." (Good News Version)

Announcements:

Today's worship service will be broadcast on KPXJ CW21 next Sunday at 8:00 am.

Attention Parents: For your convenience we have a cry room located in the Bridal Suite on the West side of our Foyer. Older children might enjoy picking up one of our kids worship folders located in each side hall of the Sanctuary.

Tuesday Team meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am in Hunter Hall 115. It is designed for volunteers to give help to ongoing ministries or special events. There are snacks and great fellowship. Come join us!

Deacon's Meeting next Sunday, August 28 at 6:30 pm in Hunter Hall 110.

Early Bird classes will be available beginning on Sunday, September 4 at 8:30 am. Bible 102, How to Use Your Bible, will run for 4 weeks in Hunter Hall 102. Intentional Parenting will run for 7 weeks in Hunter Hall 110. Call the church office to register.

The church offices will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

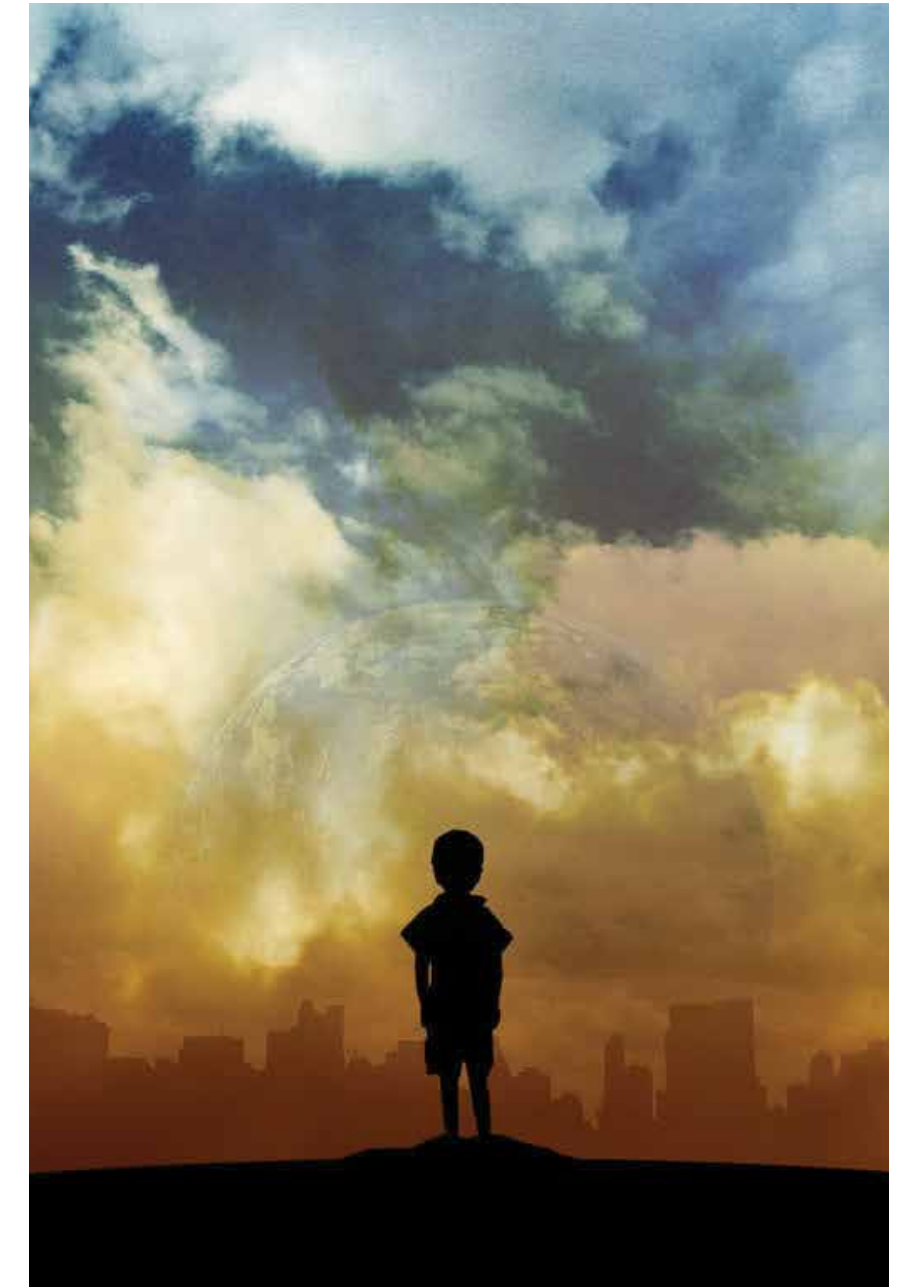
Small Group Launch will be the first week in September. Call the office to inquire about group options.

The new **Women's Bible Study** by Beth Moore, "Entrusted", begins Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 pm in Hunter Hall 115 and Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30 am in the same room. There is childcare available (with a reservation) on Wednesdays only. Books are \$15.00 and will be available at the first session.

Our Staff

Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
 Rev. Clista Adkins, Minister of Discipleship
 Dr. Glen Adkins, Minister of Music
 Rev. Compi Chao, Chinese Mission Pastor
 Dr. James Gillespie, FBC School, Head
 Meredith Hanna, Minister to Children
 Rev. Katie Mussat, Minister to Students
 Tara Partington, Organist
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Worship

Jerub-Baal (Gideon) got up early the next morning, all his troops right there with him. They set up camp at Harod's Spring. The camp of Midian was in the plain, north of them near the Hill of Moreh. God said to Gideon, "You have too large an army with you. I can't turn Midian over to them like this - they'll take all the credit, saying, 'I did it all myself,' and forget about me. Make a public announcement: 'Anyone afraid, anyone who has any qualms at all, may leave Mount Gilead now and go home.'" Twenty-two companies headed for home. Ten companies were left. God said to Gideon: "There are still too many. Take them down to the stream and I'll make a final cut. When I say, 'This one goes with you,' he'll go. When I say, 'This one doesn't go,' he won't go." Gideon took the troops down to the stream. God said to Gideon: "Everyone who laps with his tongue, the way a dog laps, set on one side. And everyone who kneels to drink, drinking with his face to the water, set to the other side." Three hundred lapped with their tongues from their cupped hands. All the rest knelt to drink. God said to Gideon: "I'll use the three hundred men who lapped at the stream to save you and give Midian into your hands. All the rest may go home." Judges 7:1-7 *The Message*

Prelude *Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God*
Tara Partington, organ *Andreas Armsdorf*

Choral Introit *Let Us Break Bread Together*
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Carlton Young*

*Hymn of Praise *O God of Vision*

**O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,
Gather us now in Your presence, refreshing, redeeming.
Show us anew - life in Your breath-taking view,
Lovely beyond all our dreaming.**

**Pour out Your Spirit on all now assembled before You.
May our diversity here be a means to adore You.
Women and men - young, old and youthful again,
Make us as one, we implore You.**

**Grateful we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken,
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken.
Christ for us all! Come let us answer the call,
Off'ring our lives as the token.**

*Invocation Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Jeff Raines

*Hymn *This Is Amazing Grace*

**Who breaks the power, of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty, and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings,
Who shakes the whole earth, with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless, in awe and wonder.
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Chorus:

**This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You lay down Your life, that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.**

**Who brings our chaos, back into order?
Who makes the orphan, a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory,
Who rules the nations, with truth and justice.
Shines like the sun, in all of its brilliance,
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (Chorus)**

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (repeat 2x)
Worth is the Lamb that was slain,
Worthy, worthy, worthy. (Chorus)**

Scripture Reading Clista Adkins
1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (page 807 in pew Bible)

*Hymn 368 and 366 *Here, at Your Table Lord
Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Here, at Your table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel You near, in loving pow'r;
Calling our thoughts away from self and sin,
As to Your banquet hall we enter in.
(continued)**

**Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
Touch with Your pierced hand each common day,
Making this earthly life full of Your grace,
Till, in the home of heav'n, we find our place.**

**Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Bettye Ann McQueen

Offertory Anthem *In This Very Room*
Sanctuary Choir *Ron Harris*

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

Sermon: On Being Hobbit-Like Jeff Raines
Luke 17:1-6 (page 741 in pew Bible)

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn of Response 377 *Jesus At Your Holy Table*

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand