



*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:

### Now Receiving Nominations for Deacons to Serve through 2019

The office of Deacon is one of the highest calls to service offered by our church. Qualifications are set forth in Acts 6:3-8 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Each deacon should be a committed, growing Christian; support the total ministry and mission of our church; attend regularly, unless providentially hindered; accept the tithe as the norm for proportionate giving; be a consistent, personal witness to the unsaved and demonstrate compassion in dealings with all people. Nominations will be received in the church office from September 1 - September 30, 2016.

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.

**Deacon's Meeting** this evening 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.

**The WMU** will host Lisa and Greg Shyne as speakers at their Monday, September 12 program. This kicks off the Georgia Barnette State Missions Week of Prayer. All are welcome. Program begins at 10:30 in the Parlor with lunch following for \$6.

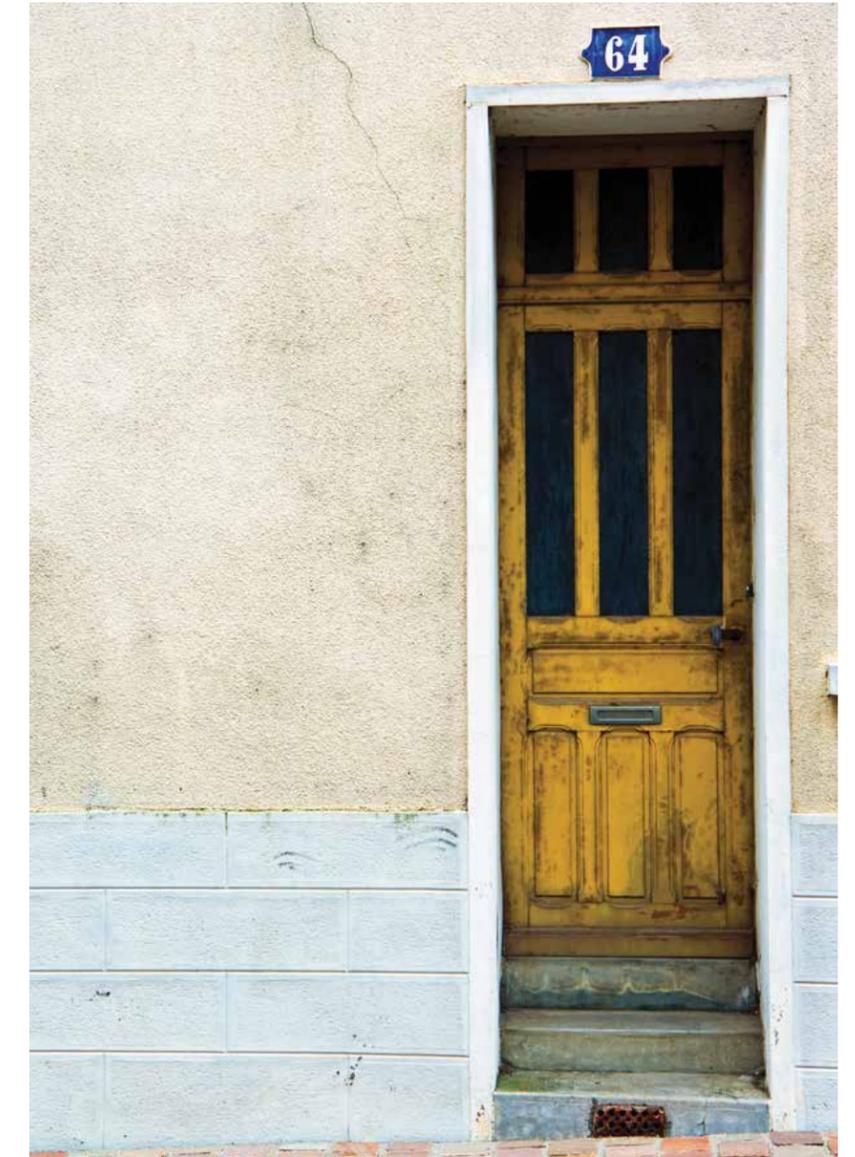
First Baptist Church is committed to responding with Christ's love to the **tragic flooding in south Louisiana**. We will now be collecting cleaning supplies, bedding, rubber gloves, and mold resistant masks. You can bring these by the church and place them in our collection bins near the office. In addition, we will be taking a group of anyone wishing to go and help in the Baton Rouge area, September 7-10. Contact Ronney Joe for more details on traveling with him. In the coming months, we will have additional opportunities for both donations and work trips to the affected areas. Email: ronneyjoe@fbcshreveport.org or Call 318-841-8421. All supplies need to be in by September 6.

We need your help! Our annual **Hungary trip** is quickly approaching and there are specific items we need your assistance in collecting: pipe cleaners, pony beads, slightly used t-shirts, and new or used baby item such as sleepers, gowns, blankets, socks, hats, etc. Just drop your donations off at the church office by September 18. In addition, you have the opportunity to pre-pay for a t-shirt that will go to a student at the Gandhi School. Drop your check by the front office made out to FBC in the amount of \$10.00.

### 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  
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

*Variations on Nicaea*  
*Piet Post*

Choral Introit  
Sanctuary Choir

*Worthy of Worship*  
*York/Blankenship*

\*Hymn of Praise 2

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**  
**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
**Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**  
**Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,**  
**Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,**  
**Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;**  
**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

\*Invocation

Clista Adkins

Welcome to Worshipers

First Grade Choir Church and School  
Lisa Alford, director

*Hymn Medley*

Presentation of Bibles

James Gillespie and Meredith Hanna

\*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.**  
**Oh, 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)**  
**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,**  
**Worthy, worthy, worthy. (Chorus)**

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 22:29-37 (pew Bible page 233)

Katie Mussat

\*Hymn 585

*Tell It Out with Gladness*

**Tell it! Tell it out with gladness, God's good news to ev'ry man;**  
**Sin forgiven, lives transfigured, all in God's great loving plan.**  
**In the Book is found the witness, to His mighty acts of yore,**  
**Listen, heed, obey, and serve Him, kneel before Him and adore.**

**Lord, we thank Thee for the treasure, hid within the sacred page.**  
**We would be Thy faithful heralds, to our deeply troubled age;**  
**We would publish Thy salvation, ever on Thy side to stand,**  
**Living, serving, giving, sending, life to quicken ev'ry land.**

**"Go and teach," thus spoke the Master, risen victor from the grave**  
**Still He gives this great commission to His faithful ones, and brave**  
**Let men know the gospel story, of what man through Christ can be**  
**Send it! Send it to the nations, that God's love may set men free.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

James Gillespie

Offertory Anthem  
Sanctuary Choir  
Gale Odom, soloist

*I Wanna Be Ready*  
Richard Smallwood

I wanna be ready to walk in Jerusalem jus' like John,  
My feet stand steady to walk in Jerusalem jus' like John,  
John said that Jerusalem was four-square,  
I hope good Lord to meet you there,  
If you get to heaven before I do,  
Tell all of my friends I'm coming too,  
O John, now didn't you say,  
That you'd be there on that great day,  
Now some came crippled and some came lame,  
And some came walking in Jesus' name.

Sermon: The Upward Path  
Luke 13:22-30 (pew Bible page 738)

Jeff Raines

\*Hymn of Response 3

*Worthy of Worship*

**Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honor and glory;**  
**Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,**  
**Worthy of all of the offerings we bring.**

*Chorus:*

**You are worthy, Father Creator You are worthy, Savior Sustainer,**  
**You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;**  
**Worthy of worship and praise.**

**Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear, worthy of love and devotion;**  
**Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,**  
**Worthy of all this and added to these. (Chorus)**

**Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer**  
**Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,**  
**Savior and Source of our life without end. (Chorus)**

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand