



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 guest information packets. These 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.

Mission collection needs for September are cake mixes and icing for the Community Renewal Friendship House's Birthday Boxes. We are asking for 144 each of white cake mixes, chocolate cake mixes, white icing, and chocolate icing.

Worship Care Volunteers needed! Contact Meredith if you are willing to serve.

WMU Brunch and Meeting is tomorrow at 9:30 am in the Parlor. The meeting will be focused on the week of prayer for the Georgia Barnette State Mission Offering.

We are still accepting financial donations for the **Hurricane Disaster Fund**. We will post any additional items as the need arises.

Domino Night is Thursday, September 21 at 6:00 pm in the Activities Center.

Tech Talk is a parent seminar on technology and social media. It is Friday, September 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm. It will be hosted by Darcie and Jeff Raines at 10197 Traildrige Dr. There will be activities for children and youth during this time in the Activities Center. Drop your kiddos off at 6:30 pm, then head to the Raines' home. An RSVP is required to either Katie or Meredith.

Pray for our group that will be traveling to **Hungary** September 28-October 7.

Deacon's Meeting is Sunday, October 8 at 6:30 pm in Hunter Hall room 110.

There is a **family camping trip** planned for October 13-15. If you are interested contact Jeff Raines.

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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SELF CONTROL**

September 17, 2017

Worship

"When I talk with people who come to me in preparation for marriage I often say, 'Weddings are easy; marriages are difficult.' The couple want to plan a wedding; I want to plan a marriage. They want to know where the bridesmaids will stand; I want to develop a plan for forgiveness. They want to discuss the music of the wedding; I want to talk about the emotions of the marriage. I can do a wedding in twenty minutes with my eyes shut; a marriage takes year after year after year of alert, wide-eyed attention.... In marriage we work out in every detail of life the promises and commitments spoken at the wedding. In marriage we develop the long and rich life of faithful love that the wedding announces. The event of the wedding without the life of marriage doesn't amount to much. It hardly matters if the man and woman dress up in their wedding clothes and re-enact the ceremony every anniversary and say 'I'm married, I'm married, I'm married' if there is no daily love shared, if there is no continuing tenderness, no attentive listening, no inventive giving, no creative blessing."
-Eugene Peterson

Prelude *Tuba Tune in D Major*
Tara Partington, organ C. S. Lang

Choral Introit *Where Two or Three Are Gathered*
Sanctuary Choir John Purifoy
Marilyn Green and Dick Day, soloists

*Hymn of Praise 507 *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families*
(verses 1 and 2)

**Would You bless our homes and families,
Source of life Who calls us here;
In our world of stress and tension teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles, love's expressed in many ways.**

**When our way is undemanding, let us use the time that's ours,
To delight in simple pleasures, sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking and a heavy path we plod,
Teach us trust in one another and in You, our gracious God.**

*Invocation Megan Thomas

Welcome to Worshippers

Anthem *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*
Children's Choirs Converse
Heather Vandiver, Director

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Jeff Raines

*Hymn *Speak O Lord*

Speak O Lord as we come to You To re-ceive the food of Your
Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence Ho - ly re - ver - ence true hu -
4 Speak O Lord and re - new our minds Help us grasp the heights of Your
ho - ly word Take Your truth plant it deep in us Shape and
mi - li - ty Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
7 plans for us Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will
fa - shion us in Your like - ness That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty Cause our faith to rise Cause our
10 e - cho down thru e - ter - ni - ty And by grace we'll stand on Your
seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of — faith
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - tho - ri - ty
13 pro - mi - ses And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord and ful - fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief
Speak O Lord till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry

Scripture Reading Allie Johnston
1 Corinthians 13:4-13(pew Bible page 813)

*Hymn 182 *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

**What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**
(continued)

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer:
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer:
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Chris Chen

Offertory Anthem *Old Time Religion*
Sanctuary Choir arr. Moses Hogan and Benjamin Harlan
Heather Vandiver, alto; Gale Odom, soprano

Sermon: The Right Diet for a Great Marriage Jeff Raines
Galatians 5:13-26 (pew Bible page 826)

*Hymn of Response 507 *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families*
(verses 3 and 4)

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Congregational Benediction *Christ Go Before You*

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

Postlude

*Please stand