



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 Proverbs 3:5-6 during the month of September.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. (NIV)

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.

Early Bird classes will be available beginning today 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 tomorrow, 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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Family matters



September 4, 2016

Worship

Prelude *What Wondrous Love Is This*
Tara Partington, organ *John G. Barr*

Choral Introit *Worthy of Worship*
Sanctuary Choir *York/Blankenship*

*Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Opening Sentences *Clista Adkins*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: From our daily labors and all the circumstances
that surround us, we have come to worship.

**People: Let us offer to God songs of praise and
thanksgiving, for in our worship we can find
rest for our souls.**

Leader: And in our worship we will be renewed.

**People: For the Lord our God is steadfast and sure,
teaching us the ways in which we should go.**

All: Thanks be to God!

*Invocation

Welcome to Worshippers

Doxology

Children's Sermon *Jeff Raines*

*Hymn *To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.
O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *(Chorus)*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see. *(Chorus)*

Scripture Reading *Katie Mussat*
Genesis 2:20-25 (pew Bible page 2)

*Hymn 546 *Love Lifted Me*

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Chorus:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me! (repeat)
(continued)

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing,
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs,
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs. *(Chorus)*

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves,
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today. *(Chorus)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Glen Adkins*

Offertory Solo *There Is Love*
Glen Adkins, soloist *Paul Stookey*

Anthem *More Love to Thee*
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Tom Fettke*

Sermon: The Marriage Mystery *Jeff Raines*
Ephesians 5:21-33 (pew Bible page 829)

*Hymn of Response *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.

Opportunities for Service *Meredith Hanna*

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand