Sunday Morning Worship

March 14, 2021



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Scripture Readings

Lamentations 3:21-24

²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Other Readings

The Gospel

The Gospel is the joyous declaration that God is redeeming the world through Christ, and that He calls everyone everywhere to repent from sin and trust Jesus Christ for salvation.

Each of us has sinned against God, breaking His law and rebelling against His rule, and the penalty for our sin is death and hell.

But because of His love, God sent His Son, Jesus, to live for His people's sake the perfect, obedient life God requires and to die on the cross in our place for our sin.

On the third day, Christ arose bodily from the grave and now reigns in heaven, offering forgiveness, righteousness, resurrection, and eternal blessedness in God's presence to everyone who repents of sin and trusts solely in Him for salvation.

Sermon Notes He Must Increase :: John 3:22-36

Song Lyrics

The Gospel Song

Bob Kauflin | Drew Jones

Holy God in love became Perfect Man to bear my blame On the cross He took my sin By His death I live again

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman | Jonas Myrin

Chorus:

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

Verse 1:

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

Verse 2:

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

Verse 3:

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

Happy In Jesus

Eric McAllister

Verses 1 & 2:

Are you happy in Jesus? Does the news leave you thrilled — That He carried the burden of sin That we rightly deserved to feel? Would you rather have Jesus Than the praises of kings for you rest in the sweet commendation of knowing you've been redeemed?

Chorus:

Happy in Jesus! Forgiven and free — He means more than this Whole wide world to me; Wonderful Jesus, The One that I call My life, my peace, my joy, My all in all!

Verses 3 & 4:

When temptation is calling Do you flee to His side — As the pleasure of sin is eclipsed By the beauty of Jesus Christ? Have you made Him your treasure? Have you counted the cost — And consider the life that He offers Is worth any early loss?

Bridge:

Grace to cover all my sin, My life made new in Him I'm happy in the Lord Peace to ease my anxious mind, Upheld by love divine I'm happy in the Lord Hope invincible and sure Is mine forevermore I'm happy in the Lord God and heaven are my own, My Father and my home I'm happy in the Lord

Verse 5:

Do you long for His presence Just to be where He dwells For a day with the Savior is better Than thousands anywhere else

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of March 14

Prayer of the week:

It's often helpful to pray the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. As you pray for yourself and others this week, we encourage you to consider the brief prayer of the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 3:5:

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ."

We recognize our need for God's help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with friends, family, co-workers (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the preaching of God's word for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God's glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph. 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

Prayer items outside our church:

- Pray for wisdom for local, state, and federal political leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)
- Pray that God would help government leaders locally and nationally to make wise decisions going forward that will help protect all people from evil and unjust suffering. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)

- Pray for the safety and good health of medical personnel, first responders, and those working on the front lines of contact with those who are suffering with coronavirus.
- Pray that God would provide relief for those suffering from the effects of the virus throughout the world, and that He would draw people to His Word and to salvation. (Ps. 139:23-24)
- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area even as many are still unable to gather together for public worship. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for our missionary partners around the world and especially those we are directly involved with: Mack and LeAnn Stiles (Central Asia), Daniel and Brandi Spandler-Davison (East Asia), and Dave and JoAnn Brown (Guatemala). Pray that the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray God would strengthen their faith and supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- Praise God for the new members that were brought into our church family at the Members Meeting last Sunday: Ellie Bain, Corey and Sharon Foster, and Josh Matherlee. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray that God would deepen our desire for prayer as a church family. May we not grow weary or apathetic in bringing our cares and concerns to Him. May God help us to sense His presence and power as we pray. (Rom. 12:12, Col. 4:2)
- Pray that God would renew our strength when we're weary and use our weakness to display His power. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Pray that we know a profound contentment no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in a contentment from knowing God is our help. (Heb. 13:5-6)
- Pray that God would guard our church from fear, anxiety, and disunity. Pray that we would trust that God is good and be assured that He is in control. (Mt. 14:22-36)
- Pray that God would stir our hearts to hope in His glorious return and our place with Him in the New Heaven and New Earth where sickness shall be no more. (Rev. 21:1-4)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Ralph and Margaret Austin, Mary Auth, John Barbour, Bob and Alice Copeland, Walt De Marr, George Griffin, Susanna Schriever (military deployment), Karin Simmons, Marty and Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker, Ron Whitely

(Click the link to submit a prayer request via our Digital Communication Card)

Announcements

1. <u>FBCUM Virtual Prayer Meeting on Wed., March 17th at 6:30 PM.</u> Lord willing, we plan to meet online as a church family for a prayer meeting. Please check your email for the ZOOM information to join us.

2. <u>Testimony of God's Grace</u>. In case you missed it last week, consider taking a moment to listen to this short <u>video interview</u> with Jason Brown and a few of our Dad's and their sons on what they're doing to encourage each other and spur each other on to love and good deeds during this season.

3. <u>Mid-week "Pastor's Post"</u>. Check your email each Wednesday afternoon for a midweek update from Pastor Zach. Expect to see several different things; important announcements about things going on in the life of the church, a link to a devotional from one of our pastors, and even some song recordings and music videos from our music ministry. <u>Click here</u> for the latest installment of "Pastor's Post".

4. <u>New Seating Arrangement.</u> We've arranged to begin having our regular chairs back in the auditorium and fellowship hall. There are various groupings of chairs in socially-distanced sections throughout the sanctuary. Chairs will be cleaned/disinfected each week. Families can still bring in blankets, extra chairs, or play items for children if they need them. We'll gladly accommodate any chair changes you need if you'll let us know by contacting the church office.

5. <u>Sermon Card.</u> Click the link to access the new <u>sermon card</u> for February—April. It's a great practice to read the text that is being preached on the coming Sunday to help you prepare your heart and mind to be an active listener like the Bereans (Acts 17:11) and as a reminder to pray that God would bear fruit in our lives as we sit under His word.

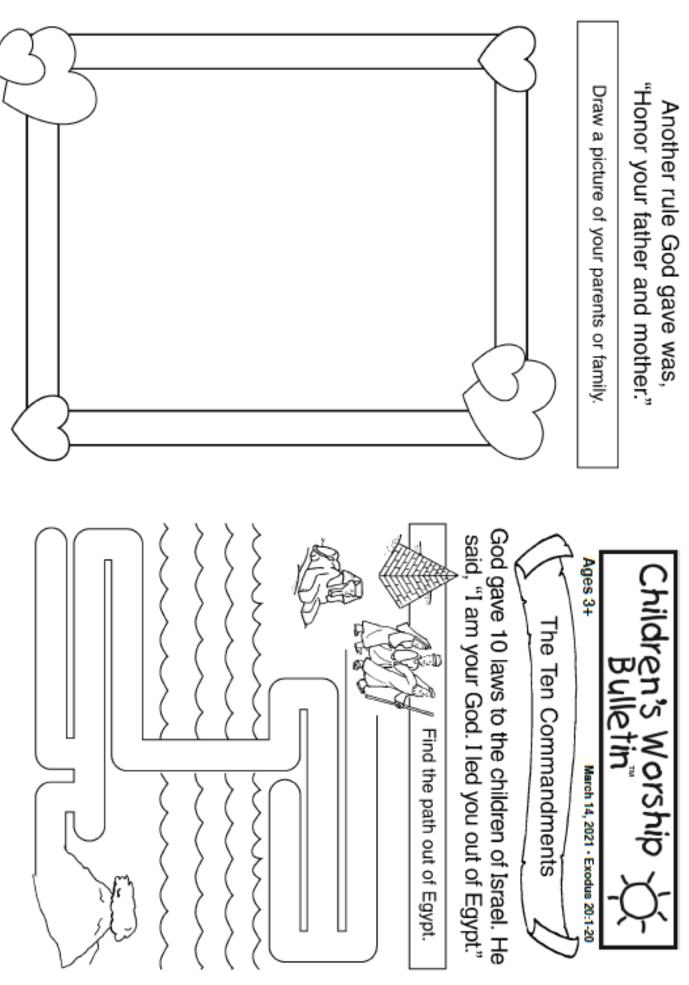
6. <u>Giving.</u> We encourage you to continue to faithfully give as a way to sustain the gospel ministry at FBCUM and as a means for us to care for those in need as a church family. You can give <u>online</u> or mail in your offering to the church office. To guide and help us consider the New Testament's teaching on giving, we've included a quick read <u>here</u>. *Church members who have a benevolence request, please contact the church office at* <u>fbcum@firstbaptistum.com</u>.

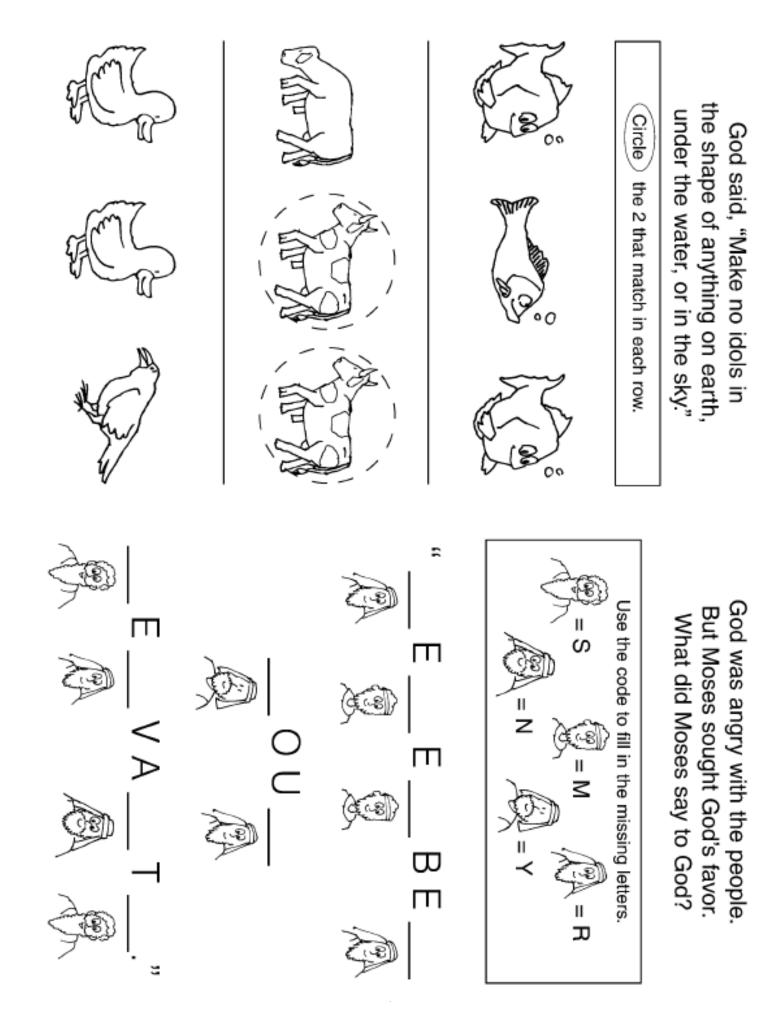
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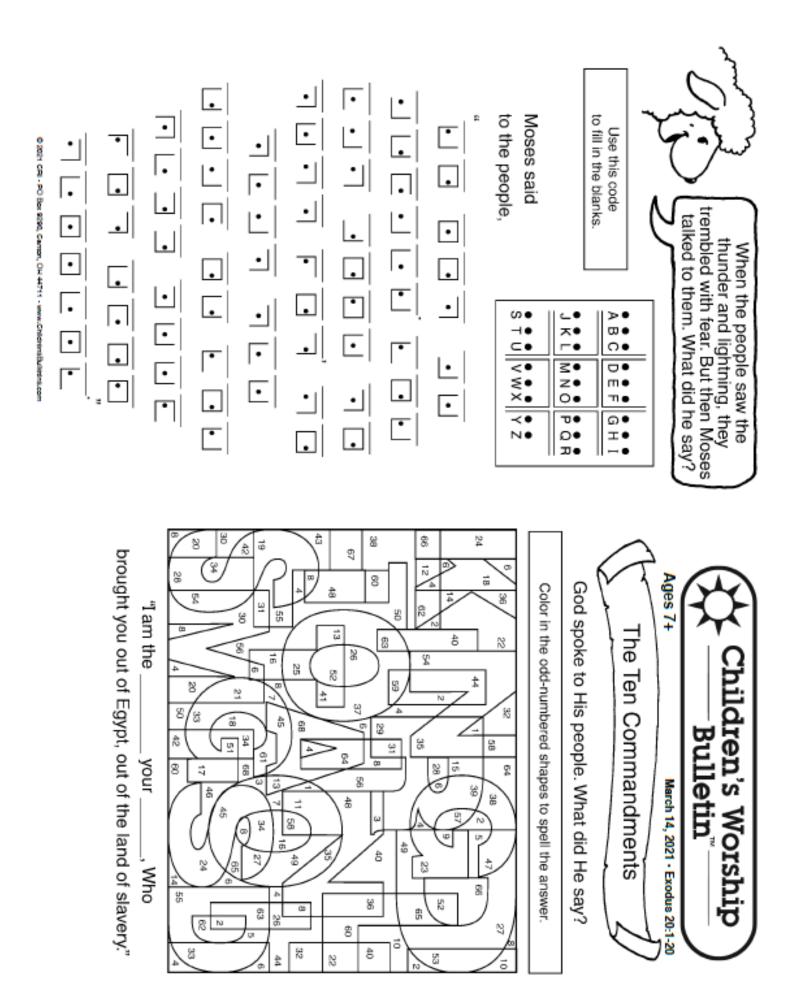
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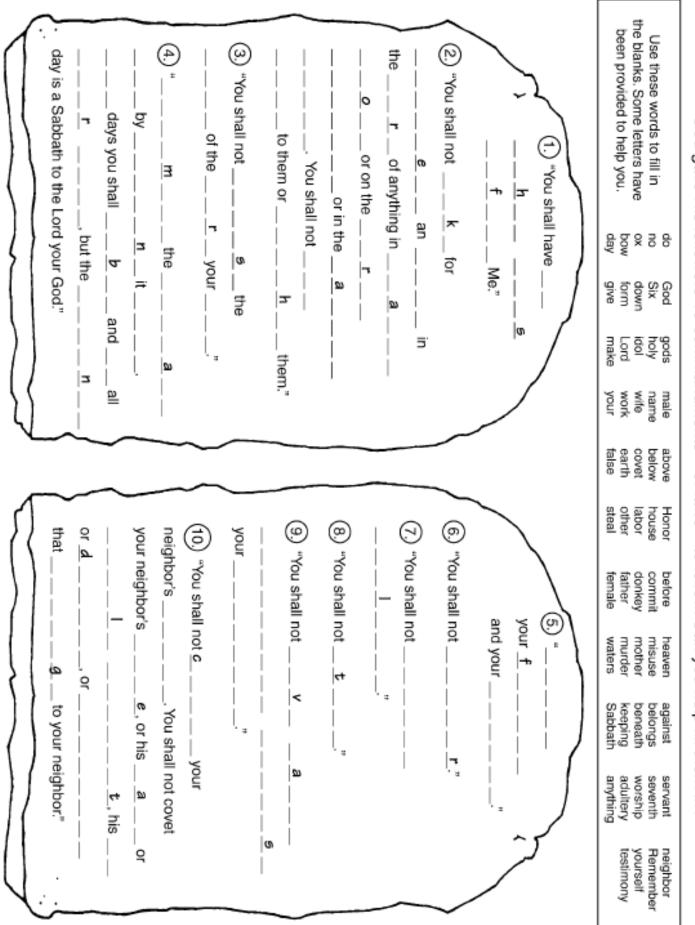
or fill out our new Digital Communication Card











God gave His followers 10 commandments - or laws - to follow. Can you help fill them in?