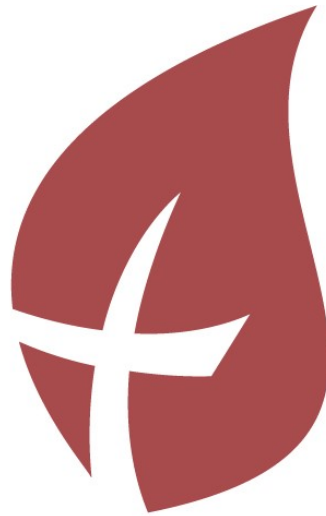


Sunday Morning Worship

September 24, 2023



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Order of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

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Celebration of Baptism

Prayer of Praise

Song — Glorious and Mighty
Song — Bless the Lord Medley

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Pastoral Prayer

Message — Tony Edwards
“God Is Omnipotent (All-Powerful)”
Psalm 115

Song — A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Benediction

Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

Call to Worship — Ephesians 4:1-6 (ESV)

¹...walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Glorious and Mighty

Joel Sczebel | Todd Twining | Bob Kauflin

Verse 1:

Majesty, Your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars
Marveling, we honor and fear You
Above all gods

Chorus:

Glorious and mighty,
You're awesome In beauty
Joyful songs we raise
Glorious and mighty,
You're awesome in beauty
Greatly to be praised

Verse 2:

Majesty, You fashioned the heavens
Your decrees can never be changed
Over all the plans of the nations
Your judgments reign

Verse 3:

Majesty, we'll sing with creation
When You come again in the clouds
Every knee will bow down and worship
The one true God

Bless the Lord Medley

Andrae Crouch | Esther Watanabe | Jason Brown

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord:

I will bless Thee, O Lord!
I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With a heart of thanksgiving,
I will bless Thee, O Lord!

With my hands lifted up,
And my mouth filled with praise
With a heart of thanksgiving,
I will bless Thee, O Lord!

Bless the Lord:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless his holy name!

He has done great things,
He has done great things,
He has done great things,
Bless his holy name

Scripture Reading — Acts 17:22-31 (ESV)

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Sermon Notes

“God Is Omnipotent (All-Powerful)” :: Psalm 115

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther | Matt Boswell | Frederick Hedge

Verse 1:

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not His equal

Verse 2:

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of Hosts, His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Chorus:

A mighty fortress! A rock unfailing
The King of Glory forever! Amen!
For endless ages enthroned in praises
The King of Glory forever! Amen!

Verse 3:

And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

Verse 4:

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thro' Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of September 24

Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from the book of Ephesians 3:14-16:

*¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened
with power through his Spirit in your inner being,*

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 loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- 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 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 that our elected officials would fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)
- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)

- Pray that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray the people would trust in God in the midst of suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)
- Pray for those effected by natural disasters around the world (Hawaii, Florida, Morocco, Libya). Pray God would provide for immediate needs and preserve life. Pray God would comfort those grieving the death of loved ones. Pray for relief workers to work safely and quickly to bring stability (Psalm 119:88; 34:18)
- Pray for our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we are directly involved with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Joe and Andi Carroll (Central Asia), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would 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 recently brought into our church family; Hayden Janes, Thomas and JoAnn Jenkins, Lia Kergel, Caitlin Kneen, Ben and Chelsea Svendsen. Pray God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound. (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Praise God for those being baptized this month (Hayden Janes, Lia Kergel). Pray that God would strengthen their faith and help them to build strong discipling relationships with other brothers and sisters in the church. (Isaiah 41:10; Mt. 28:19-20)
- Pray that good spiritual fruit would come from discipleship efforts in small groups, one to one meetings, and as people show hospitality to others in our church. (1 Pt 4:9; Gal 6:2)
- 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 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. (John 13:34-35)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Ralph and Margaret Austin, Bob and Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Deborah Dick, Chris Guerra (military deployment), Rita Hall, Tyler Koch (military deployment), Manase Langi (military deployment), Bonnie Trott, Janet Tull, Glenn Walker

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, September 24

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ baptism
6:00 PM Youth — Student Parent Mtg

Monday, September 25

Tuesday, September 26

Wednesday, September 27

5:40 PM King's Kids Choir
6:30 PM AWANA
Elder-led Bible Study
Choir/Band Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

Sunday, October 1

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper
6:00 PM Youth Group

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Wednesday, October 4

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

Saturday, October 7

8:00am - Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 29

12noon — Starting Point Seminar
(see p.11 for details)

Announcements

1. Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday, Oct 1. Lord willing, we'll gather next Sunday, Oct 1, and celebrate the Lord's Supper together. We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf. Part of our celebration is reaffirming our unity as the body of Christ. Therefore, if you know of any reconciliation that needs to happen between you and another brother or sister in Christ in the church, we hope you'll take the time to prayerfully do that before we gather next Sunday.

2. Men's Breakfast — Saturday, October 7 at 8am. Guys... join us Oct 7 at 8am for a full breakfast and a devotional time led by Pastor Tony Edwards on "Peace in the Body" (1 Thes. 5:12-24). There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Scan the QR code with your phone or contact the church office to register.



3. Interested in Church Membership? Join us for Starting Point on October 29 after worship. Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting following the worship service open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. A light lunch will be served. Register by contacting the church office.

4. Giving. We continue to encourage your faithful giving as the means to sustain the gospel ministry here at FBCUM. You can [give online](#), mail your offering to the church office, or place your offering in the designated basket at the Welcome Desk in the church foyer on Sunday morning. To guide and help us consider the New Testament's teaching on giving, we've included a [quick guide](#) here. *Church members who have a benevolence request, please contact the church office.*