

Sunday Morning Worship

March 3, 2024



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Order of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

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Song — Taste and See (Psalm 34)

The Gospel

Song — Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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Pastoral Prayer

Song — I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Message — Omar Johnson
“Strange Ways the Gospel Advances”
Philippians 1:12-18

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Song — Jesus, Messiah

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 — Psalm 34:1-7 (ESV)

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers
them.

Taste and See (Psalm 34)

Jimmy Needham | Shane Barnard | Joseph Rigney

Verse 1:

I sought the Lord
And He answered me
And delivered me
From every fear
Those who look on Him
Are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

Verse 2:

This poor man cried
And the Lord heard me
And saved me from
My enemies
The Son of God
Surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

Chorus:

Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever

Verse 3:

Oh, taste and see
That the Lord is good
Oh, blessed is he
Who hides in Him
Oh, fear the Lord
Oh, all you saints
He'll give you everything
He'll give you everything

Bridge:

Let us bless the Lord
Every day and night
Neverending praise
May our incense rise

The Gospel

The Gospel is the good news 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.

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleacher

Verse 1:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Verse 3:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave Could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Scripture Reading — Genesis 50:15-20 (ESV)

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Steve and Vikki Cooke

Verse 1:

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin
that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on
that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power
of sin and death
My only Savior
before the holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
The Lamb Who is my righteousness

Verse 2:

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought
My love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone

I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness
My standing place
Though foes are mighty
And rush up on me
My feet are firm held by His grace
My feet are firm held by His grace

Verse 3:

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me
at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold

Sermon Notes

“Strange Ways the Gospel Advances” :: Philippians 1:12-18

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Our guest preacher, Omar Johnson, grew up in Temple Hills. He has served as Senior Pastor at Temple Hills Baptist Church since September 2019. He is married to Stephanie, and they have three children: Cameron, Leah, and Chloe.

## Church Covenant

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Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will engage in assembling ourselves together while praying for one another. We will strive for and promote the spiritual growth and advancement of the church by; sustaining worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; contributing cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

As a body of believers, we agree to maintain family and personal devotions, to educate our children in the Christian faith, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances. We will seek to avoid all practices or speech which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We will walk together in Christian love by faithfully caring for, watching over, and admonishing one another as occasions may require. In conflict, we will seek to follow Christ's example of reconciliation without delay. We will always strive to be humble and courteous in our speech and slow to take offense. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Jesus, Messiah

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

Verse 1:

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself
and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Verse 2:

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus:

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

Bridge:

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen!

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, March 3

Youth Retreat — Camp Wabana

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper

Monday, March 4

Tuesday, March 5

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

Thursday, March 7

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

Sunday, March 10 (DST—Clock forward 1 hour)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

12:00 PM Members' Meeting

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 6

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

Sunday, March 10

12noon - Church Members' Meeting

March 22-23

Spring Women's Retreat — Hyatt Regency, Cambridge, MD
(see p.11 for details)

Friday, March 29

7:00pm - Good Friday Worship Service

March 31 — Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 14

12noon - Church Potluck Meal after worship

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of March 3

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 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 that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)

- 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), 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:

- Pray God would grant our congregation wisdom as we pray and make important decisions in our Members' Meeting next Sunday. (Acts 14:23; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Heb 13:17)
- Pray for good spiritual fruit to come from the Youth Winter Retreat going on this weekend. Continually pray that the students of our church would hear and understand the gospel and be saved. Pray especially for their families and other faithful Christian adults in the church to faithfully teach and show them how to live out God's commands. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for those in our church family facing a season of fear and anxiety. Pray that they would be reminded of the Holy Spirit's continued presence with them. Pray for a heart of peace and a mind that will trust Christ in the midst of suffering. (2 Cor 1:5, Prov. 29:25; Ps 94:19)
- 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 renew our strength when we're weary and use our weakness to display His power. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Pray that a culture of discipleship, joyful hospitality, and care grows in us as a church family (1 Pt 4:9; Col. 3:16)
- Pray for those in our church family who are going through a significant time of suffering—physically or mentally. Pray for peace. Pray for a keen awareness of God's presence and a desire to draw near to him. Pray for experiences of joy in Christ and in fellowship with church family. (Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 34:18, Ps. 30:1-5)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Joyce Amaker, Bob and Alice Copeland, Mary Dina (death of mother), Family of Mary Lou Flynn (died Feb. 9), Chris Guerra (military deployment), Jackie Jones, Lucie Lowe, Family of Joseph Thomas (died Feb. 14), Bonnie Trott, 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.)

Announcements

1. Nursery Volunteers Needed. In the last few weeks, it has been such a blessing to greet new families with young children, giving us many more children in our nursery. However, we must maintain our child-to-volunteer ration to help ensure the proper care and protection of the children in our care, which is our top priority. To avoid turning people away, we are asking for additional volunteers to serve our 2—4 year olds once every 5 weeks. No preparation or experienced needed. A basic background check is required. If you wish to be considered for this important position, please see Pam Jensen today or contact her at the church office.

2. New DiscipleLIFE (Sunday School) Classes for Adults. New DiscipleLIFE classes for adults began this morning. It's not too late to attend. See information at Welcome Desk for class info or contact the church office. Classes available for all ages, every Sunday morning, beginning at 9am.

3. Church Prayer Meeting THIS Wed., March 6th at 6:30 PM. We look forward to praying together, as well as hearing testimony and biblical encouragement as a church family.

4. Young Adult (18-30) Event - Dave & Busters - Mar 9. Young adults, join us at 6pm on March 9. Friends are welcome, but please register. Scan the QR code for all the details and registration information. Questions? Contact Josh Strickland (joshstrick@icloud.com)



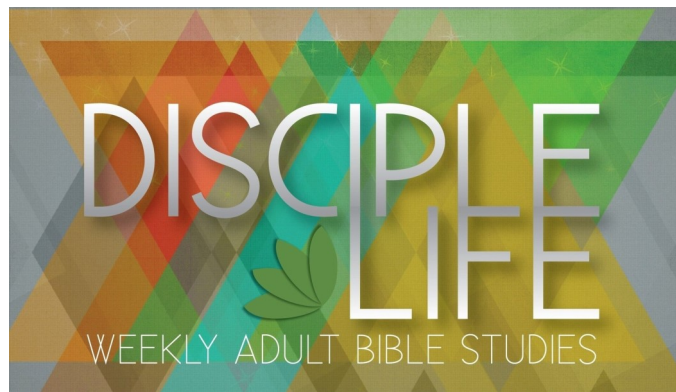
5. Members Meeting — Sunday, March 10. If you're a member at FBCUM, please make plans to attend the Members Meeting following the worship service on Sunday, March 10. We'll be voting on memberships, praying together, and hearing ministry updates. Minutes for our last meeting are available in the church office.

6. Giving. We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: place your offering in the designated boxes in the church foyer
- by mail: send to the church office.

Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.





Spring 2024 (March - May) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:

SPRING SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Explore the Bible – Genesis 20-50

This spring, we'll continue our study of Genesis. In Genesis 20–50, readers get a deep dive into the stories of the descendants of Abraham. Through these patriarchs, God built the nation of Israel and established a line to the Savior. Their examples of faith continue to resonate with Christ followers today. And these studies bring their stories to life. (Books are available in the classroom starting 2/25).

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118 :: Teachers: Bill Lowry, Charles Kirkland Jr, Faris Hawit**
- **Explore the Bible (Women) — Room 113 :: Teacher: Tanya Joy**

How to Study the Bible

Understanding the Bible isn't just for the gifted or scholar. God made His word clear and accessible. As miners dig for gold, we by the Holy Spirit, can enjoy the riches of God's word (Proverbs 2:1-6). Join us as we learn to be workman of God's word to rightly grasp the meaning of God's word and fall in love with the divine Author."

- **Room 115 :: Teachers - Zach Schlegel and Darryl Arrington**

Forgiveness

Are you struggling to forgive someone—or multiple people—who have deeply hurt you? Do you frequently feel bitter or offended? When the sin of the people around us looms large in our minds, we need to look to God. His great love is not only an encouragement amidst our pain but also the foundation on which we build true forgiveness for others. In this class, we'll walk along with biblical counselor and author Hayley Satrom as she turns us to Scripture to see the grace and mercy that God daily pours out on us despite our sins against him—then shows us how to forgive others in practical terms. Pick up Satrom's devotional book titled, "Forgiveness: Reflecting God's Mercy" from the church bookstall or order online and join us this quarter.

- **Room 114 :: Teachers - Jay Crandell and Mike Rogers**

***** DiscipleLIFE classes for all ages meet every Sunday morning at 9am. *****

