

Welcome to the Worship Gathering at FBC Cordele

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Spirit — and for what he has done in creation and redemption, and for what he will do in the coming consummation, to whom be all praise and glory, now and forever, world without end. Amen.

And so, as we gather each Lord's Day, between the now and not yet of God's kingdom, let us worship God for who he is, as one eternal God in three persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — and for what he has done in creation and redemption, and for what he will do in the coming consummation. Let us worship God on earth as he is worshipped in heaven!

In our worship service we aim to be Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, and glorify God in all things. The Scriptures guide all that we do as we sing the Word (Eph 5:19; Heb 13:15) in congregational singing, read the Word (I Tim 4:13; Col 4:15-16), pray the Word (Col 4:2-4; I Tim 2:1), preach the Word (Acts 4:24; I Tim 4:13), and see the Word (Matt 28:19; I Cor 11:24-25) through the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We pray that through all of this that you will be edified (I Cor 14:26) as we focus wholly on our Triune God and His inspired Word.

We believe that every part of the service should be participatory. By this we mean, we encourage you to sing every song, open your Bibles, read along, and take notes during the sermon, engage in responsive reading, and pray with us. We hope that through this you will grow in the Word and will behold the glory of Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria
To God Alone be the Glory

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Worship Liturgy

Call to Worship
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

He Is Our God
Pastoral Prayer
Jesus Is Better
I Will Follow

Sermon: Acts 5:17-26
Blessed Be The Name
Doxology

Call to Worship

Receive the Word of the Lord from Jude 24-25:

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

We, poor sinful people, confess ourselves before you, our Lord God and Maker, that we have sinned much, with our senses, thoughts, words, and deeds. You know very well all these things. We regret them and ask for your grace. Amen. - Heinrich Bullinger

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Romans 8:31-34:

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

SING THE WORD

He Is Our God

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

Who can light the fires
of a thousand burning suns
Blazing in the heavens

There is only One

He is our God

Verse 2

Who commands the nations
Building up and tearing down
Silencing His rivals

there is only One

He is our God

Chorus 1

Holy

You alone are Holy

Matchless

in Your glory

Holy God

Verse 3

Who would come to save us

When we turned away His love

Conquer us with kindness

there is only One

He is our God

He is our God

Chorus 2

Holy

You alone are Holy

Matchless

in Your glory

no one is like You

Worthy

You alone are worthy

We adore You only

Holy God

Bridge

Now to the King on the throne

Who was and is to come

and to the Lamb

Who was slain be glory

Jesus Is Better

Austin Stone Worship

Verse 1

There is no other
so sure and steady

My hope is held in Your hand

When castles crumble

and breath is fleeting

Upon this rock I will stand

Upon this rock I will stand

Chorus 1

Glory glory we have

no other King

but Jesus Lord of all

We raise the anthem

our loudest praises ring

We crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Your kindly rule has

shattered and broken

The curse of sin's tyranny

My life is hidden

'neath Heaven's shadow

Your crimson flood covers me

Your crimson flood covers me

Bridge

In all my sorrows

Jesus is better

Make my heart believe

In ev'ry vict'ry Jesus is better

Make my heart believe

Than any comfort Jesus is better

Make my heart believe

More than all riches Jesus is better

Make my heart believe

And our souls declaring

Jesus is better

Make my heart believe

And our song eternal

Jesus is better

Make my heart believe

I Will Follow

The Worship Initiative

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move

I will follow You

Who You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight

High above my life

I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move

I will follow You

Who You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You

Verse 2

Light unto the world
Light unto my life

I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy

And I will follow

Ending

I will follow You

Blessed Be The Name

Charles Wesley

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
Blessed be the name
name of the Lord
The glories of my God and King

Blessed be the name
name of the Lord
Blessed be the name
name of the Lord

Chorus

Blessed be the name
Blessed be the name
Blessed be the name
name of the Lord

Verse 2

Jesus the name
that calms our fears
Blessed be the name
name of the Lord

'Tis music in the sinner's ears
Blessed be the name
name of the Lord

Verse 3

He breaks the pow'r
of cancelled sin
Blessed be the name
name of the Lord

Verse 4

I never shall forget that day
Blessed be the name
name of the Lord

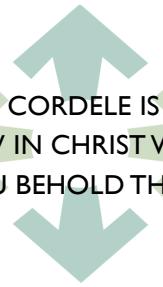
When Jesus washed my sins away
Blessed be the name
name of the Lord

THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING	6PM: AWANA ICE CREAM SOCIAL • FBC STUDENTS
WAYS TO SERVE/WHO TO CONTACT:	
PASTOR VON	• HOSPITALITY
PASTOR JACK	• DISCIPLESHIP • STUDENT MINISTRY
PASTOR DANIEL	• AUDIO/VIDEO • INSTRUMENTALISTS/VOCALISTS
PASTOR CHUCK	• LIFE GROUPS
CHRISTY SAYLOR	• AWANA • KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

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ALL THAT WE DO AT FBC CORDELE IS INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED
TO HELP YOU GROW IN CHRIST WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS
AND TO HELP YOU BEHOLD THE GLORY OF CHRIST!



Sunday School	We desire to help you grow in knowledge of the Word of God by applying it to daily life. Quad: New Testament Classroom A: Church History Classroom B: Membership Matters
Worship Gathering	We desire to fellowship, learn through corporate singing, learn through exposition of the Word (conviction, edification, beholding Christ's glory, call to respond), encourage, and console.
Life Groups	Community, fellowship, life-on-life, accountability, service opportunities. <i>Today at 5pm, Life Groups will meet at the church for a Life Group Fellowship. Everyone is invited. Come get plugged in!</i>
Midweek Bible Study	No Midweek Bible Study on Wednesday, February 11. We will be back in Lamentations on Wednesday, February 18 @ 6pm.
FBC Students	February's Sunday School series is entitled <i>Idols</i> . Students will be equipped to identify the idols in their lives and learn how to reorient that area of their life towards Christ.
FBC Kids	Each Sunday School class is led by wonderful teachers who love the Lord. Nursery and childcare is available for kids <i>birth-Pre-K</i> during the 10am Worship Gathering.



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 5:17-26

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 5:17-26?

Why did the religious leaders rise up and seize the apostles?

What was it about the early church that evoked such an angry response from the religious leaders? What other Biblical stories can you think of where someone is motivated by jealousy like we see here?

The religious leaders who opposed Jesus

- and now oppose the apostles - are the most pious people in the nation. Yet they reject God's Christ and stand against what God is doing in the world. What lessons can we pull from the idea that one can be devoted and appear very pious while being far from God in heart? How do we prevent ourselves from slipping into a posture of heartless religious ritual? Why should we?

Pride is at the heart of the religious leaders' jealousy,

as it is for every sin. Talk a bit about pride and how destructive it is and how we can overcome it. Augustine famously said that we were made for God and our hearts are restless until they rest in Him. What do you make of this statement? Do you think it accurately explains the basic human need and problem? Explain.

What other events in the Bible does the angel of the Lord freeing the apostles remind of you of? Is there a connection?

What does the angel tell the apostles to do? Why might this command be dangerous? If you were in the apostles' shoes, would you want to go back to the very place that you were arrested? Explain.

Do you find that a fear of people keeps you from being obedient (or more obedient) to Christ? Discuss ways that fear of man keeps us from being more devoted to the Lord.

Why does the angel tell the apostles to preach in the temple?

Why is proclamation so important?

The angel tell the apostles that the message is "all the words of this Life." Notice in your Bible that the word "Life" is capitalized.

Why might that be?

That the apostles are to preach "all the words" means they are not to hold anything back in their teaching and evangelism. Why might we be tempted to withhold some truths in our own living and evangelizing?

What are some things we might be tempted to leave out?

The apostles were freed unto a mission. In our salvation, how are we saved unto a mission as well?

If our salvation is a sort of 'freeing from captivity,' how are we supposed to respond to having received the Word of this Life?

Why should we expect opposition when we do faithful gospel ministry? What does this text teach about being ready to present the gospel at all times? What does this passage teach about God's sovereignty over persecution?

Can you think of times in your life that looked desperate and hopeless, but through which you saw the sovereignty of God at work? How does this encourage you to remain faithful to him today?

Take a moment to pray for the persecuted church around the world. Take some time to confess and pray together using this text as a guide.



Lord's Day Gathering
February 8, 2026

Come
Behold
the
Glory
of Christ