

**Welcome to the Worship Gathering
at FBC Cordele**

Worship is the right, fitting, and delightful response of moral beings — angelic and human— to God the Creator, Redeemer, and Consummator, 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, 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.¹

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 (1 Tim 4:13; Col 4:15-16), pray the Word (Col 4:2-4; 1 Tim 2:1), preach the Word (Acts 4:24; 1 Tim 4:13), and see the Word (Matt 28:19; 1 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 (1 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

¹Jonathan Gibson, “Worship On Earth as It Is in Heaven,” in Reformation Worship: Liturgies from the Past for the Present, ed. Jonathan Gibson and Mark Earngey (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2018), 2, 21.

Worship Liturgy

Call to Worship

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Redeemed How I Love To Proclaim It (Hymn 429)

Pastoral Prayer (Jeff Whelchel)

Yours Alone

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death (Hymn 183)

Sermon: Acts 15:1-21

Your Words Are Wonderful (Hymn 572)

Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Revelation 5:9-10:

And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Father of mercies, you do not delight in the death of a sinner. Extend your compassion to us, and wash us from all our sins that we have committed against you since the time we entered the world. Create in us a clean heart, and strengthen us continually with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we, being fully consecrated to your service may set forth your praises, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. - The Scottish Collects (1595)

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Nahum 1:7:

The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble;
he knows those who take refuge in him.

**Redeemed How I Love
To Promclaim It**

(Hymn 429)

Fanny J. Crosby

Verse 1

Redeemed how I
love to proclaim it
Redeemed by the
blood of the Lamb
Redeemed thru His infinite mercy
His child and forever I am

Chorus

Redeemed redeemed
Redeemed by the
blood of the Lamb
Redeemed redeemed
His child and forever I am

Verse 2

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus
No language my rapture can tell
I know that the
light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell

Chorus

Redeemed redeemed
Redeemed by the
blood of the Lamb
Redeemed redeemed
His child and forever I am

Verse 3

I think of my
blessed Redeemer
I think of Him all the day long
I sing for I cannot be silent

His love is the
theme of my song

Chorus

Redeemed redeemed
Redeemed by the
blood of the Lamb
Redeemed redeemed
His child and forever I am

Verse 4

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose law I delight
Who lovingly
guardeth my footsteps
And giveth me songs in the night

Chorus

Yours Alone

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

O what a love is this
that rescues and forgives
You suffered in our place
to make us heirs of grace

Verse 2

You chose unworthy ones
as daughters and as sons
Redeemed to be Your Bride
the prize for which You died

Chorus 1

We are Yours alone
Our life our everything
is Yours alone
Oh King of mercy
make our hearts Your throne
We are Yours alone

Verse 3

You saved us to proclaim
the beauty of Your name
To make Your glory known
for we are not our own

Bridge

Lord reign unrivaled
within Your people
Your Kingdom come
Your will be done in us
Tear down our idols
we are Your temple
May all our days unfold
in praise to You
Own our affections
claim our devotion
All we adore forevermore

Chorus 2

We are Yours alone
Our life our everything
is Yours alone
Oh King of mercy
make our hearts Your throne
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**Christ Our Hope
In Life And Death
(Hymn 183)**

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Verse 1

What is our hope
in life and death
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart
from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm
the troubled soul
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace
and goodness known
In our great Redeemer’s blood
Who holds our faith
when fears arise
Who stands above
the stormy trial
Who sends the waves
that bring us nigh
Unto the shore
the rock of Christ

Verse 3

Unto the grave
what will we sing
Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
everlasting life with Him
There we will rise
to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

**Your Words Are
Wonderful
(Hymn 572)**

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

Your words are wonderful
unfolding like the dawn
A wellspring and
the rock we rest upon
We trust Your promises
that keep our hope alive
They steady us throughout
life’s weary climb

Chorus

Where else can we go
Where else can we go
You have the words of life
the words of life

Verse 2

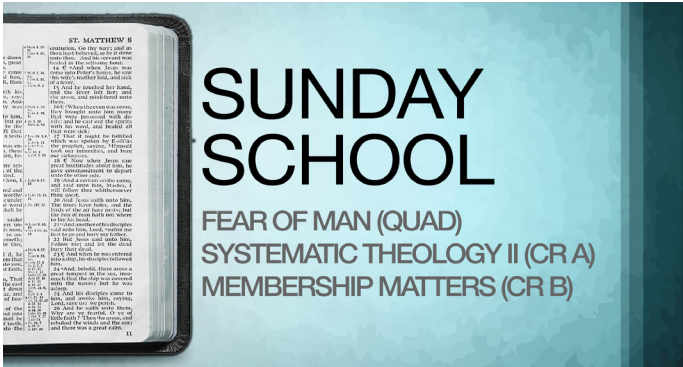
Come write Your holy truth
upon our longing hearts
And strengthen us
to shine against the dark
Lord, guard us from the lies
the enemy will speak
No guilt remains for those
You have redeemed

Chorus 2

Where else can we go
Where else can we go
You have the words of life
the words of life
Make Your glory known
make Your glory known
Through all Your words of life
Your words of life

Bridge (3x)

Give us ears to hear
and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief



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: Fear of Man Classroom A: Systematic Theology II 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>On Sunday evenings at 5pm, Life Groups meet in various locations. For more details and meeting locations contact Pastor Chuck Hollingsworth. Come get plugged in!</i>
Midweek Bible Study	Discussion around the Word, learn to read the Bible, consider context of Biblical texts, application to daily life: <i>Adult Bible Study, FBC Students, FBC Kids (AWANA)</i> Book Club in the Round: We'll meet on Tuesdays at 4:30PM. We will be reading <i>The Pleasures of God</i> by John Piper as we study, discuss, and grow together each week. We'll announce the start date soon. Contact Pastor Von for more information.
FBC Students	In Sunday School, our students are studying The Lord's Prayer . Through this series, we hope to guide our students through the Lord's Prayer that they may learn how to live in daily fellowship with their Heavenly Father. This Wednesday the students will continue their Wednesday night study through the <i>Gospel of John</i> . John's gospel shows us that Jesus really is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.
FBC Kids	Each Sunday School class is led by wonderful teachers who love the Lord. Nursery and childcare is available for kids birth-Pre-K during the 10am Worship Gathering. On Wednesdays our kids participate in AWANA @ 6PM .



Use your phone's camera to scan this QR Code
to get more information and to sign up
for our 2026 Thanksgiving Basket Donations.

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TRUNK
OR
TREAT

WE NEED CANDY!

Bring your candy by the Church Office Monday-Thursday
from 8:30am-4:30pm or on Sundays.
A Sign-Up Sheet is located at the Welcome Desk.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION
Read Acts 15:1-21
Talk about it...
What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 15:1-21?

In verse 1, the Pharisees were teaching that Gentiles must be circumcised to be saved. How does this contrast with what Paul and Barnabas had been teaching on their missionary journey? How could it be destructive to the work they were doing?

These Pharisees believed that salvation was by grace, through faith, in Christ. Yet, they were still adhering to Mosaic law. What was the goal of requiring the Gentiles to live like them through circumcision? How does this theology undermine Jesus' teachings and his finished work on the cross? What does this theology really say about the sacrifice of the Spotless Lamb? How does this compare to Jesus' teaching that He came to fulfill the law, not abolish it?

Discuss ways in which we tend to be like the Pharisees. Can you think of idols (and potential idols) in your own life that you are tempted to prioritize before God? What are some things in your life that you tend to trust in to justify yourself before God and people? Are there "religious" things that we do that might make us think doing them will make us right before a holy God?

We must get the gospel right – for anything more and anything less leads to death.

What does this passage teach us about sound doctrine and the effects that could come from wrong doctrine? What did the early church do to protect doctrine? Should we protect our church against heresy and false doctrine? How can we practically do that? What is your responsibility in protecting sound doctrine here at First Baptist? Additionally, what do we have in place at FBC that stand as guardrails against heresy and false doctrines?

James quotes Amos in vv. 16-17 to teach the Pharisees that Jesus was the fulfillment of the OT writings. Why do you think James uses Amos here? Who are the Gentiles in v. 17? Do you delight in the fact that you, a Gentile, have been chosen by God to seek him? God gave the gospel to the apostles, and it has been defended against heresy from the beginning. Now that it has been handed down for 2,000 years and you have heard the gospel, what are you doing to protect it from heresy and to pass it down to the next generation?

Could you, if asked, present the gospel in plain, clear, and precise words to someone who asks you about it? Could you defend the gospel truths against heresy were it to arise? If time permits, take a moment, turn to your neighbor, and present the gospel to them in clear terms.

THIS WEEK
@ FBC CORDELE
SUNDAY

9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING
5PM: LIFE GROUPS
WEDNESDAY
6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

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Lord's Day Gathering
October 18, 2026

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Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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