

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

August 24, 2025

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday

August 24, 2025

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 NKJV

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Chris Hillman

Spoken Call to Worship

Leviticus 19:2

Congregation

*Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel,
and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.*

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 36

Congregation

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him
The heavens declare the glory of God. Psalm 19:1 KJV*

Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

Excerpts from Psalm 133 and Colossians 1

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when we all live in unity!

People: **It is like precious oil on the head, running down on the beard.**

Leader: Yes! It's running down on Aaron's beard—running down on the collar of his robes.

People: **And it is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.**

Leader: Bless our Lord Jesus Christ through Whom all things are made.

People: **Let us join together, the seen and the unseen. Everything was created through Him and for Him.**

Leader: He existed before anything else! And He holds all creation together.

People: **Our Lord Jesus is also the head of the church, which is the body.**

Leader: He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead!

**All: HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS WHEN WE ALL LIVE IN UNITY! IN CHRIST,
MAY WE BE AS ONE BODY, ONE PEOPLE, AND ONE GOD!**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Senter

Old Testament Reading	Proverbs 4:20-27	Mr. Johnny Britt
Offertory Hymn, No. 149	<i>Blessed Redeemer</i> <i>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. Galatians 3:13 NIV</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		Mr. Coburn Powell
Offertory	Jesus Loves Me <i>Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, They are weak, but He is strong.</i> <i>Jesus loves me He Who died Heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.</i> <i>Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Albin Whitworth
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.	Congregation
Children's Sermon		Mrs. Donna Prince
Epistle Reading	Romans 8:9-13	Ms. Ella Jo Sellers
Worship through Song	Morning Has Broken	The Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	2 Peter 1:3-4	Dr. Hillman
Sermon	"The Serious Business of Eternity"	Dr. Hillman
Hymn of Invitation, No. 483	<i>Footsteps of Jesus</i> <i>They . . . left everything and followed Him. Luke 5:11 NIV</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Dr. Hillman
Postlude	<i>Glory to God!</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Albin Whitworth

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Willard Cole,
by Mike and Lauren Cole.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, August 24
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
 12:30 p.m. Morning Worship
 Church After Church—Anna's Tex Mex

5:30 p.m. Monday, August 25
 Book Study—Chapter 12

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 27
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

Ministerial Staff

Dr. Christopher T. Hillman, Pastor
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LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m. Sunday, August 31
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
 Morning Worship

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 27
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

Support Staff

Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Ministry Assistant
 Mrs. Dinah Reaves, Financial Ministry Assistant
 Mrs. Patricia Slomanski, Organist

Church Office Hours 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
 Monday—Thursday
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Deacons of the Week

8/24 Lauren Cole/Jeff Mahanes
 8/31 Buster Carter/Bobby Hensley
 9/07 Willis Pinnell / Mary Alice Stanley
 9/14 Donna Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte

Bylaws excerpt concerning voting for deacons:

3. Election.

a. The election for deacons shall be held on the second Sunday in September during the morning worship service. At that time, the membership of the church shall list four (4) names for deacons.

Please note the following people are ineligible for your vote as they are currently serving on the deacon body or rotated off last year:

<u>Term Expired 2024</u>	<u>Term Expires 2025</u>	<u>Term Expires 2026</u>	<u>Term Expires 2027</u>
Kate C. Lee	Willis Pinnell	Buster Carter	Leigh Cook
Stephen Prince	Betty Jo Prevatte	Brownie Cook	Jeff Mahanes
Hilda Ray	Mel Ray	Charlie Duncan	Gina Morningstar
Glenn Waters	Ella Jo Sellers	Bobby Hensley	Donna Prince
		Kirby Sanderson	Mary Alice Stanley