

## God's Plan for Salvation

**God's Purpose:** God loves us and wants a personal relationship with us. He wants us to enjoy both eternal life and an abundant life now. One day, He wants us to spend eternity with Him in heaven (John 3:16; 10:10).

**Our Problem:** We are all sinners by nature and by choice. Our sin separates us from God. Therefore, we deserve to spend eternity in a place called hell (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

**God's Provision:** Jesus is the only answer to our sin problem. He came to earth, died on the cross, and rose from the dead, paying the penalty for our sin and bridging the gap between God and sinners (1 Peter 3:18).

**Our Part:** God has provided everything necessary for our salvation. Our only part is to respond to His offer of salvation by repenting of our sin, placing our faith in Jesus alone for our salvation, and surrendering our lives to Him as Lord (Romans 10:9-10).

## How to Receive God's Gift of Salvation

*Admit we are sinners, repent of our sin, and ask for God's forgiveness.*

*Believe that Jesus died on the cross, rose from the dead, and trust in Him alone for our salvation.*

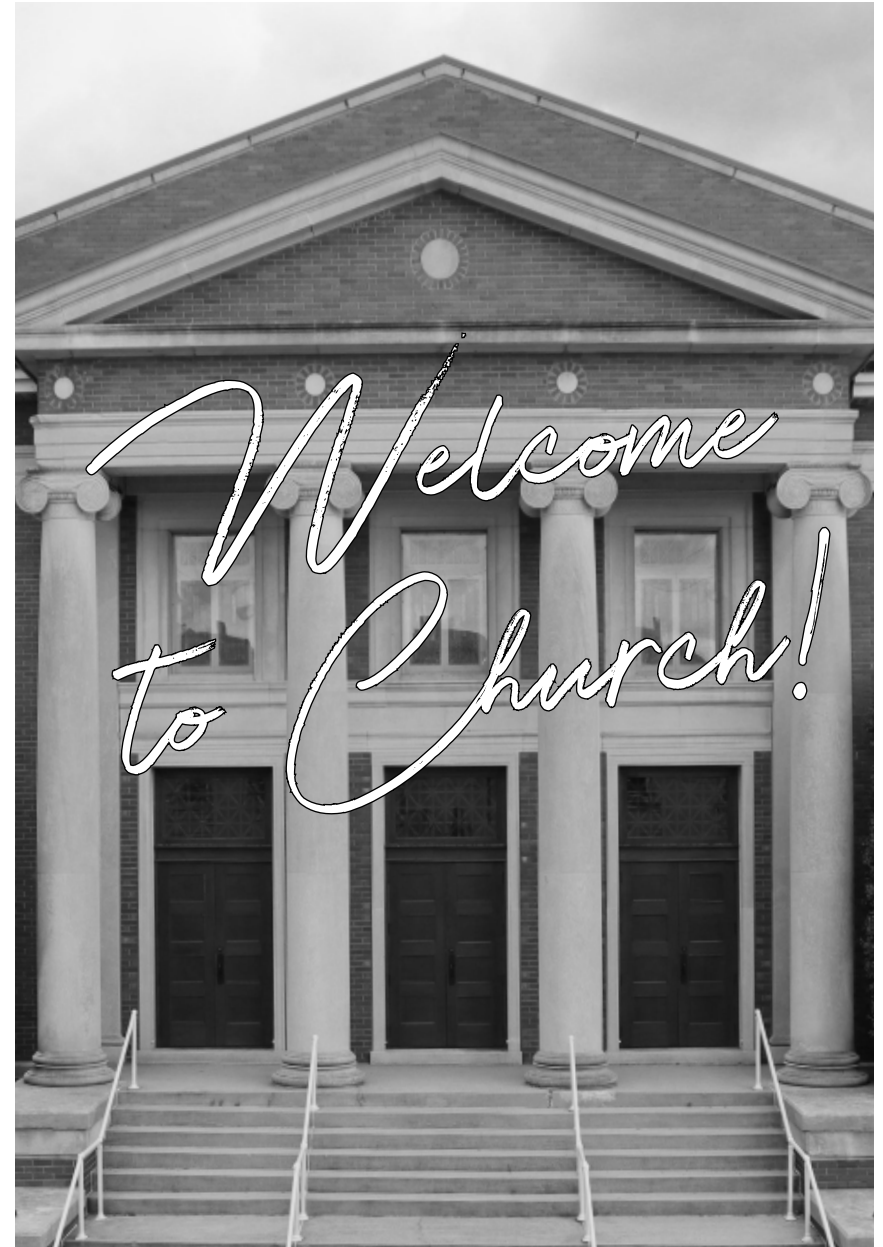
*Confess publicly that Jesus is Lord and surrender our lives to Him.*

## How to Become a Member of First Baptist Church

Any member of the church staff would be glad to talk with you about church membership. Any person desiring church membership should come forward during the response time of any worship service. Our church receives new members in the following ways:

- 1. Upon profession of faith in Jesus and baptism by immersion.*
- 2. Upon transfer of membership from another Baptist church.*
- 3. Upon statement of prior conversion and baptism by immersion.*

In addition, all new members are required to complete a membership class before they will officially become members of this church.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

5/17/2026

## May LLL Meeting

The May LLL meeting will serve as the annual Western District Baptist Association Senior Adult Extravaganza. The meeting will be held Monday, May 18, at 11 a.m. in Orr Hall. Rev. Jim Twilbeck will present the program.

## Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, May 24, at 10:15 a.m. The annual service will remember those who have given their lives in service to our country, as well those of our church who have died since last Memorial Day.

## VBS Registration

Use the QR code provided to register your child for VBS.



Vacation Bible School will be held June 1-5 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Children who have just completed kindergarten through the 5th grade are eligible for VBS.

## Basketball Skills Camp

An outreach event, the Active Impact Basketball Skills Camp, will be held Saturday, May 30, at Ogburn Park. The free camp is for boys and girls who have just completed the 5th through the 8th grades. The camp is sponsored by FBC Paris and the Active Impact International organization.

## Children's Choirs Program; Uganda Choir Performance

The annual Children's Choirs Spring Program will be held Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Immediately following the program, the visiting Imani Milele Children's Choir will present a special performance.

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- **May 25** - Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
- **May 31** - Prayer Time for Vacation Bible School @ 5 p.m.
- **June 11-18** - Guatemala Mission Trip
- **June 21** - Father's Day - No Evening Activities
- **June 22-26** - M-Fuge Youth Camp

## STAY CONNECTED

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## SERMON NOTES

### Introduction:

I. \_\_\_\_\_ God above \_\_\_\_\_. (1-8)

A. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life. Psalm 139:13-16

B. Your life will be \_\_\_\_\_ than you think. Psalm 90:10

C. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is of primary importance.

D. You can \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord for a lifetime. Matthew 6:33

II. \_\_\_\_\_ from God's \_\_\_\_\_. (9-12)

III. \_\_\_\_\_ for God's \_\_\_\_\_. (13-14)

### Conclusion:

### TAKE AWAY

