

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

2/22/2026

Time of Prayer

Today • 5 p.m. • Orr Hall

Tomorrow's Hope Baby Bottles Due March 1

Equipping Center Studies

There are three new Equipping Center studies for the spring semester. All three studies begin at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday. A Grief Share class is being held in the Staff Conference Room, located in the basement of the sanctuary building. Bro. Trent is leading a study on **Heaven** in Orr Hall, and Tas Smith is leading **The Way of Wisdom: A Study of Proverbs** in the Schultz classroom.

Annie Armstrong Offering

The Week of Prayer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the North American Mission Board is March 1-8. The national goal for the offering is \$80 million. The FBC goal is \$15,000.

Matt Papa Concert

Tickets are still available for the Matt Papa concert, which is scheduled for 7 pm. on March 6 at the Krider Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the event are available at www.KriderCenter.com. If you are not able to obtain tickets through the internet, please contact the church office or a staff member to assist you.

more events ...

- **February 27** - Church League Volleyball @ 5:30 p.m. in the gym
- **March 4** - Student Ministry Team Meeting @ 7 p.m. in The LOFT
- **March 7** - MANistry Breakfast @ 8 a.m. in Orr Hall
- **March 8** - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- **March 9** - LLL Meeting @ 11 a.m. in Orr Hall

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The "Lost" Parables

Luke 15:1-32 - Dr. Trent Bullock

SERMON NOTES

Introduction:

I. The parable of the lost sheep. (3-7)

II. The parable of the lost coin. (8-10)

III. The parable of the lost son. (11-32)

A. The picture of a _____ son. (11-16)

1. His _____ (11-12)

2. His _____ (13-14)

3. His _____ (15-16)

B. The picture of a _____ son. (17-20)

1. His _____ (17)

2. His _____ (18-20)

C. The picture of a _____ father. (20-24)

1. His _____ (20)

2. His _____ (21-24)

D. The picture of a _____ son. (25-30)

E. The picture of a _____ father. (31-32)

Conclusion:

TAKE AWAY

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