

WELCOME

Our mission is to glorify God by helping people know, love, obey and exalt Jesus Christ.

FBC is one church meeting in two locations, Decatur and Madison.

The sermon is delivered live at the Decatur Campus at 9:15 in the main auditorium every Sunday morning. At the 10:45 services, the sermon is delivered either live or via video at both the Decatur and Madison Campus depending on the Sunday. Either way, the message is from God's Word for God's people on that Lord's Day at First Bible Church!

We exist to glorify God together. Our core values are to *teach and defend the Word/Truth and to fulfill the Great Commission*. Our aspirational values are to *model compassion, pursue authentic serving relationships, foster generational evangelism, develop redemptive relationships and be a praying people*.

If you are visiting with us...

We are glad that you chose to worship with us. Please take a moment to complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate. **Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.** Giving is an act of worship for those who consider First Bible their church home. As our guest, we want you to focus on what God has for you this morning. Our desire is to encourage you in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

What's Next...

First Bible Church is joyfully committed to a three stage approach to making disciples of Jesus. This will require a commitment on your part. That is, if you truly desire to follow Jesus Christ, there are three specific and time-tested things that you can begin today.



GATHER: Show up on Sunday morning. Every Sunday morning, we gather in corporate worship for God-glorifying praise and singing, expository preaching, reading of Scripture, prayer, and frequent celebration of baptism and the Lord's Supper. For the follower of Jesus, public worship on the Lord's Day is a priority.



GROW: Grow up in a community group. Active participation in a community group ensures that you are prayed for, supported, encouraged, held accountable, equipped in your Christian life, and missed when you're not there! In these groups, there is more freedom to voice doubt, confess sin, express grief, and ask the hard questions in a safe environment. Here, facades fade and genuine friendships flourish.



GO: Step up and serve. When you go, you take what you've been given and share it with others. Just as more mature disciples helped you get to this place, you are now ready to help others. In the end, this ministry of multiplication bears much fruit as disciples make disciples who make disciples.

Contact Us

If you want to know more about following Jesus, we encourage you to talk to one of our pastors. For more information call (256) 353-2711.

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Announcements sheets are also available in the main lobbies.

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 2, 2017 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Call to Worship "You Are My All In All"

Welcome Sanctuary Service: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor
Field House Service: Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor
Madison Campus: Jeff Hodge, Worship Leader

Special Music "Lamb of God"

Songs of Worship
"Our God Saves"
"Revelation Song"

Responsive Reading & Prayer Psalm 142
Sanctuary Service: Steve Bateman
Field House: Matthew Dubach, Director of Student Ministry
Madison: Alexander Roberts, Campus Pastor

Worship Through Giving "Center My Life"

Message "Adrift From God"
Jess Montegudo, Associate Pastor

Song of Response "Be Thou My Vision"

SERMON NOTES

“Adrift From God”

1 Kings 19:1-18

Psalm 142

Pages 301 & 523 in the Church Bible

This morning we are going to talk about a subject that is rarely talked about in Christian circles: grief and depression. The Psalms, Lamentations, Job, and many other passages in the Bible go into great detail concerning the plight of believers who wrestle with dark thoughts and emotions.

The Model of Depression and the Christian’s Response

D _____ “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? ... How long will my enemy be exalted over me? (Psalm 13:1)

D _____ “O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” (1 Kings 19:3-4)

D _____ “The spirit of a man can endure his sickness, but as for a broken spirit, who can bear it” (Prov. 18:14)

D _____ “I am like ... an owl of the waste places, I lie awake, I am like a lonely sparrow on the house top.” (Psalm 102:6,7)

D _____ “Whom the Lord loves he disciplines and he scourges every son whom he receives.” (Heb. 12:6)

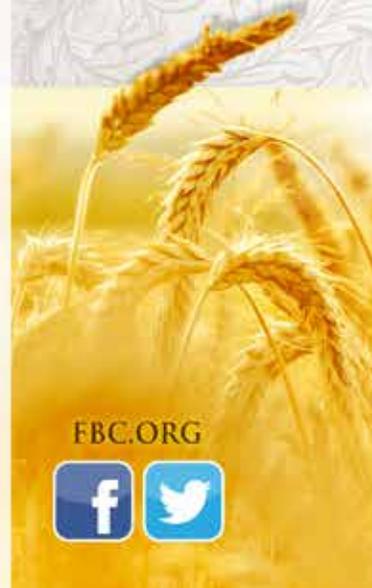
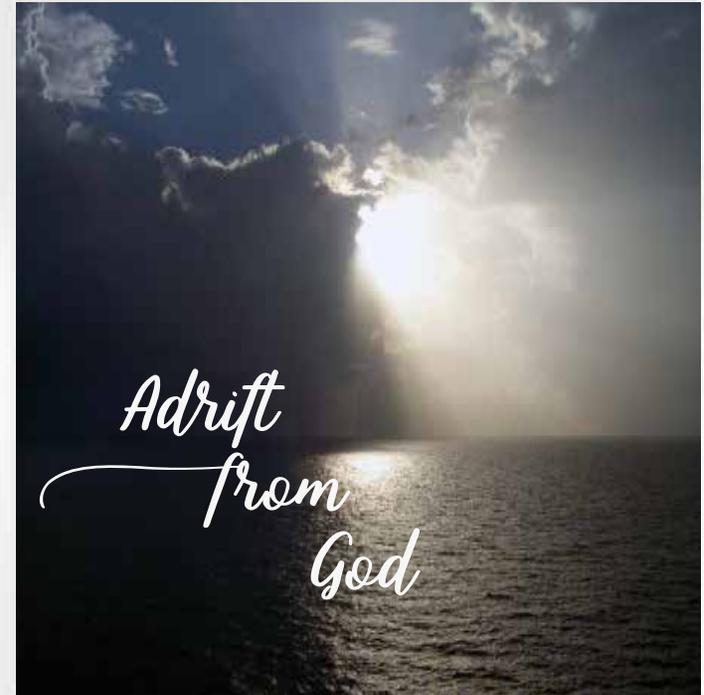
D _____ “I cry to you O Lord; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.” (Psalm 142:5)

A Case History of the Depressed Prophet: Elijah (1 Kings 19:1-18)

- After a great victory, Elijah runs, he takes his eyes off the Lord and puts them on his circumstances.
- God meets us where we are, in our failures, in our depression.
- When all is stripped away, we are able to hear God’s small voice.
- God gently restores Elijah, He gently corrects and disciplines him.

A Case History from the Lament Psalms (Psalm 142)

1. Vent your Lament: “... I pour out my complaint before Him...” v.2
2. Express your Trust: “... You knew my path...” v.3
3. Cry for Deliverance: “... You are my refuge, My portion...” v. 5
4. Vow to Praise Again “... So that I may give thanks to Your name...” v.7



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