

WELCOME

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

MORNING WORSHIP

April 30, 2017 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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.

For announcements and events visit FBC.org
Announcements sheets are also available in the main lobbies.

Welcome

Sanctuary Service: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor
Field House Service: Lew Sample, Worship Leader
Madison Campus: Jeff Hodge, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

"Our God"
"God of Wonders"
"Jesus Messiah"

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Ephesians 5:25-33
Sanctuary Service: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor
Field House: Jess Montegudo, Associate Pastor
Madison: Alexander Roberts, Campus Pastor

Worship Through Giving

"The Solid Rock"
"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Mission Report

Pastor Peter Kasirivu, African Renewal Ministries

Message

"Therefore, Husbands, Love Your Wives"
Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Song of Response

"Jesus Son of God"

SERMON NOTES

“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority
“**Therefore, Husbands, Love Your Wives**”

Ephesians 5:25-33

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Ephesians 5:25-33

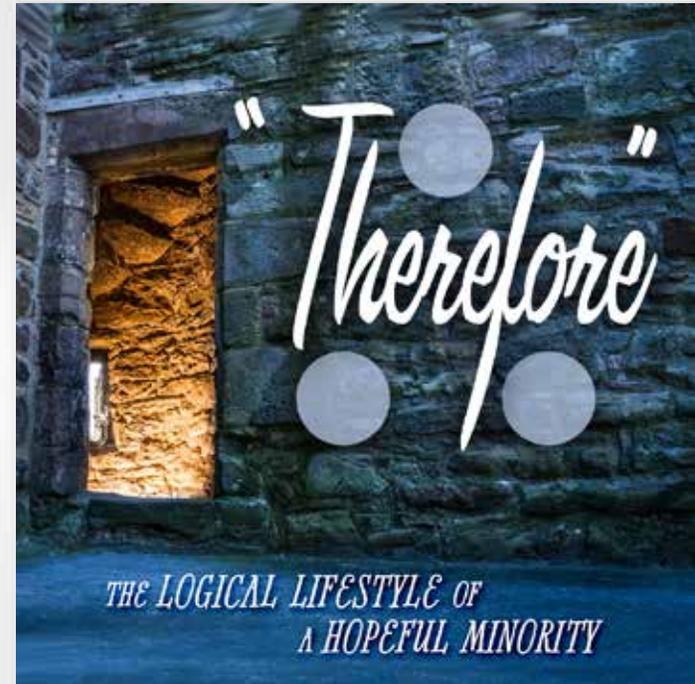
²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body.³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Fact: Most of the _____ in the world belongs to _____ who have three options:

1. _____ power by actively serving and protecting _____.
2. _____ power by passively disengaging from _____ and _____.
3. _____ power by humbly serving and protecting _____.

So what is God, through Paul, saying to husbands who love Jesus?

1. Your role model is _____ (25a).
2. Your wife is more willing to _____ herself to you when you _____ yourself for her (25b).
3. Your _____ in marriage is to _____ your wife to glorify God by helping people know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ (26-28).
4. Your _____ with _____ is more important than your career, hobbies, and any other human relationship (29-31).
5. Your conduct as a husband communicates _____ to the world about _____ (32-33).



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