

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.

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

MORNING WORSHIP

May 14, 2017 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Baptism (10:45, Decatur)

Tim Douthit
Paul Cheshier, Outreach Pastor

Call to Worship

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Psalm 10:12-18

9:15 Sanctuary Service: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor

10:45 Service: Matthew Dubach, Decatur Director of Student Ministries

Field House: Jeremy Gilbert, Decatur Director of Student Ministries

Madison: Jared Pittman, Madison Director of Student Ministries

Worship Through Giving

"All I Have Is Christ"

"Behold Our God"

Message

"When God Feels Far Away"
Alexander Roberts, Campus Pastor

Song of Preparation

"Mercy"

Communion

Song of Response

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given by the family of Mrs. Libby Brown in recognition of her retirement from Decatur Heritage Christian Academy.

SERMON NOTES

Psalms: A Mirror to the Soul
"When God Feels Far Away"

Psalm 10

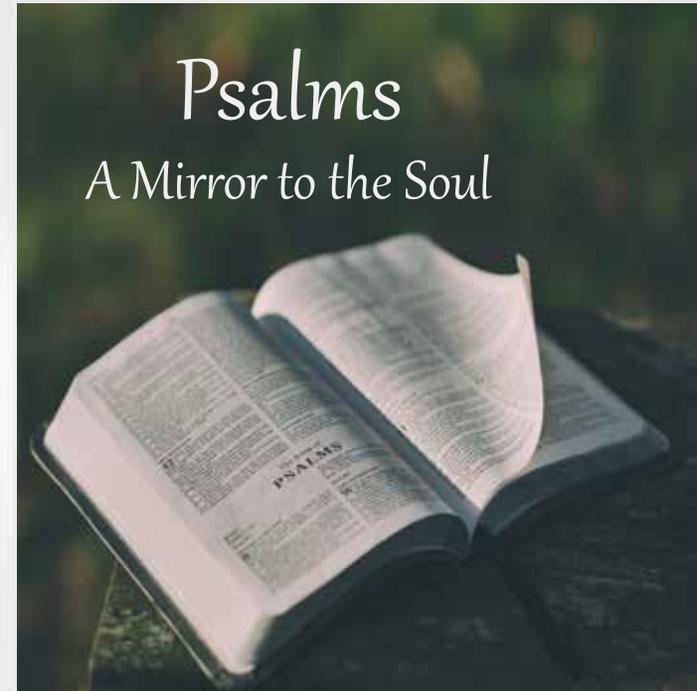
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Elements in a Lament

1. Invocation/plea for God's help
2. Complaints
3. Confession of sin or assertion of innocence
4. Curse of enemies/wicked
5. Confidence in God's response
6. Hymn or blessing

Five things the psalmist wants you to know in Psalm 10:

1. It is not _____ for you to feel like God is far away.
2. Sometimes it seems as if the wicked _____ over the afflicted and will never face _____.
3. Do not mistake God's _____ as apathy towards wickedness.
4. God hears our prayers.
5. The Lord is king forever. He will bring _____ and leave no wickedness _____.



Psalms
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