

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. Either way, the message is from God's Word for God's people on that Lord's Day at First Bible Church!

If you are visiting with us...

We are glad that you chose to worship with us. **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?

Discover FBC is the next step for anyone interested in learning more about First Bible Church. This four-week class will help you better understand the beliefs, philosophy, and direction of our church. For more information, contact us at discover@fbc.org.

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.



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!



GO: Step up and serve. 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.

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

MORNING WORSHIP

July 23, 2017 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Call to Worship

“O Church Arise (Arise Shine)”

Songs of Worship

“Cornerstone”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Responsive Reading

1 Peter 5:8-11

Decatur Campus: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor
Madison Campus: Barry Byrd, Worship Leader

Prayer

9:15 Decatur Service: Vance Helms, Discipleship Pastor
10:45 Decatur Service: Paul Cheshier, Outreach Pastor
Madison Service: Jared Pittman, Madison Director of Student Ministries

Songs of Worship

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

“Good Good Father”

GO! Spotlight

Italy Mission Trip Video

Message

“Therefore, Pick Up Your Faith Shield”
Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Song of Response

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

SERMON NOTES

“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority
Therefore, Pick Up Your Faith Shield

Ephesians 6:16, Page 979 in the Church Bible
The Lord’s Day Morning,
July 23, 2017

“In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.” –Ephesians 6:16

Q1: How does the devil deceive people to create doubt about God?

A1: Here are four examples of “flaming dart” lies:

1. The Smart Atheist: Faith is irrational belief in something in spite of the _____, so smart people know there is no God (Eph. 1:11).
2. The Wise Inclusivist: Everybody’s concept of God is true for them because the presence of faith is more important than the _____ of faith (Eph. 2:12).
3. The Emotional Pragmatist: It doesn’t matter what God is like if your faith gives you good _____ (Eph. 4:17–20; 5:10).
4. The Prosperity Optimist: God guarantees health, wealth, and your best life now if you just have enough _____ (Eph. 3:13).

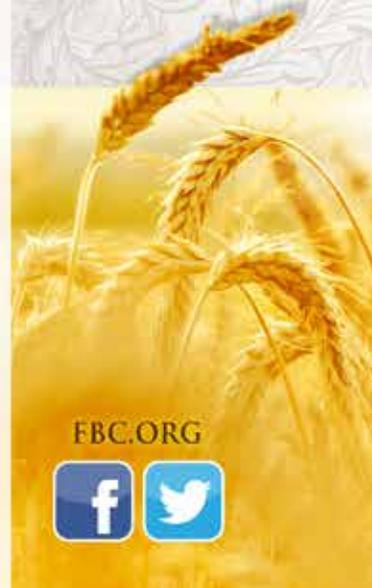
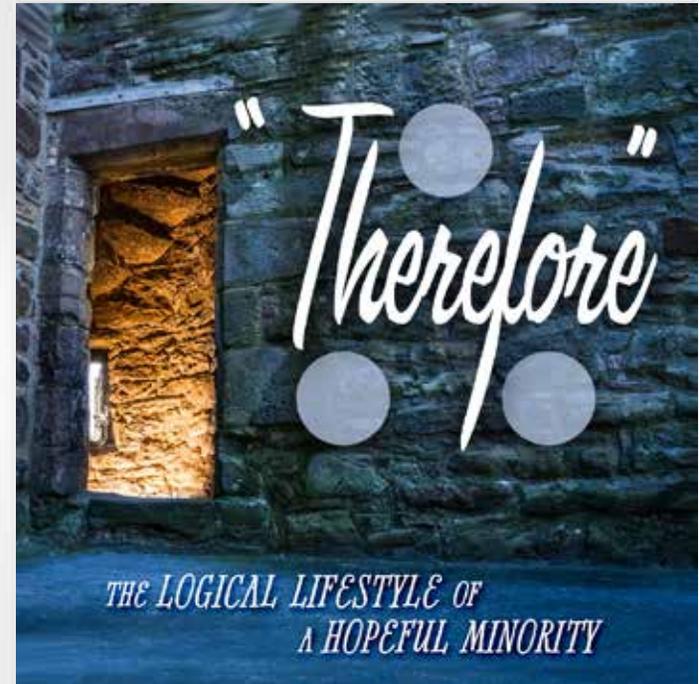
Q2: How does Scripture define faith?

A2: Faith is the firm conviction, based on solid facts and actionable evidence, that a proposition or promise of God is true. Biblical faith has three parts:

1. Knowledge: I am _____ of the facts about Jesus (Ro. 10:17).
2. Assent: I _____ that these facts about Jesus are true (Jn. 14:1,6).
3. Commitment: I _____ Jesus with my life (Jas. 2:19).

Q3: How does the shield of faith protect us?

A3: The more you _____ your commanding officer, the more likely you will stand firm when the battle becomes _____ (2 Tim. 2:3,4).



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