

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

August 6, 2017 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Call to Worship

“Oh Our Lord”

Welcome

Decatur Campus: Andy Wisner, Pastor of Biblical Counseling
Madison Campus: Jared Pittman, Madison Director of Student Ministries

Songs of Worship

“How Firm a Foundation”
“This I Believe”

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Ephesians 6:17-24
Decatur Campus: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor
Madison Campus: Alexander Roberts, Campus Pastor

GO! Spotlight

Song of Worship

“My Savior My God”

Message

“Therefore, Get a Strong Grip On the Sword”
Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Commissioning of Children's Ministry Workers

Song of Response

“O Church Arise (Arise Shine)”

SERMON NOTES

“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority
Therefore, Get a Strong Grip On the Sword”

Ephesians 6:17-24, Page 979 in the Church Bible
The Lord’s Day Morning,
August 6, 2017

Ephesians 6:17-24

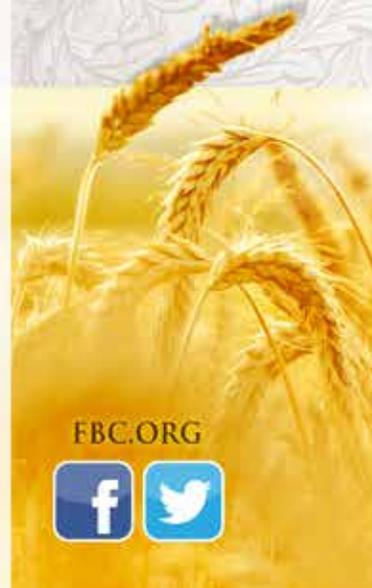
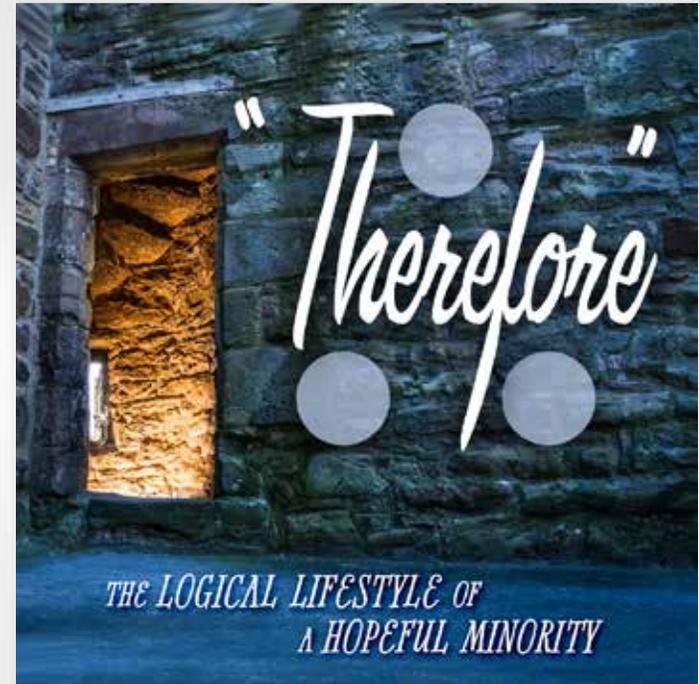
¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. ²¹So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. ²²I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts. ²³Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

We need the sword of the Word of God to:

1. _____ the tempting lies of the devil (Eph. 5:6).
2. _____ our growth to become like Jesus (Eph. 4:15; 5:10).
3. _____ the prisoners of war so they can be saved too (Eph. 6:18-19).

How do we get a strong grip on the Bible?

1. _____ : Show up on Sunday mornings to hear it taught (Heb. 4:12).
2. _____ : Grow up in community groups to ask your hard questions (Heb. 10:24,25).
3. _____ : Step up by teaching others what you learn (Mt. 28:18-20).



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