

# 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. The next Discover is scheduled for **January 28-February 18, 2018**. For more information, contact us at [discover@fbc.org](mailto: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



**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](http://FBC.org)  
Announcements sheets are also available in the main lobbies.

# MORNING WORSHIP

December 17, 2017 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Call to Worship	"Angels We Have Heard On High"
Special Music	"Adore"
Scripture Reading & Prayer	Isaiah 9:6,7; Luke 2:8-16 Sanctuary Service: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor Field House Service: Scottie Hubbard, Executive Pastor Madison Service: Jared Pittman, Madison Director of Student Ministry
Song of Worship	"Glory In the Highest"
Message	"Certainty #7: You Will Enter the New Earth In Your Forever Body" Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor
Song of Preparation	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Communion	
Song of Response	"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

# SERMON NOTES

Forever: Eight Certainties in Every Believer's (Relatively) Near Future  
An Exposition of 2 Corinthians 5

## “Certainty #7: You Will Enter the New Earth In Your Forever Body”

2 Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 21-22  
Pages 966 and 1041 in the Church Bible  
The Lord's Day Morning - December 17, 2017

### The First Six Certainties

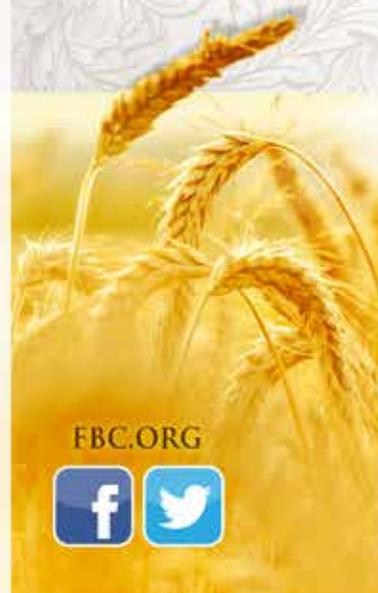
- Certainty #1: You will experience adversity that God will forever work for your good and his glory.
- Certainty #2: You will die and your temporal body will be separated from your forever soul.
- Certainty #3: You will enjoy life after death with the Lord in the intermediate state.
- Certainty #4: You will experience the uniting of your soul with your forever body in the resurrection.
- Certainty #5: You will witness the return of Christ to the earth in your forever body.
- Certainty #6: You will stand before Christ in judgment and receive consequences that last forever.
- Certainty #7: You will enter the New Earth in your forever body.

### Christian Disagreement and Agreement

Pretribulational Premillennial and Historic Premillennial Views	Judgment of Believers (Judgment Seat of Christ)	1000 Year Reign of Christ on the Earth (Millennial Kingdom)	Judgment of Unbelievers (Great White Throne Judgment)	New Heavens New Earth (Eternal State)
Amillennial and Postmillennial Views	Judgment of All (Final Judgment)			New Heavens New Earth (Eternal State)

### Four Things You Need to Know About The New Earth (Revelation 21)

1. It will be \_\_\_\_\_ as a physical place of intimate fellowship with God (21:1-4).
2. It will be \_\_\_\_\_ by the racially diverse children of God (21:5-21).
3. It will be \_\_\_\_\_ by the incorruptible King of kings (21:22-27).
4. It will be \_\_\_\_\_ with work, worship, service, and reign with Christ (22:1-5).



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