

# 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 24, 2017 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Call to Worship

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”  
“God Made Low”

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Matthew 2:1-11

9:15 Service: Vance Helms, Discipleship Pastor

10:45 Service: Scottie Hubbard, Executive Pastor

Field House Service: Jeremy Gilbert, Decatur Director of Student Ministry

Madison Service: Alexander Roberts, Campus Pastor

Worship Through Giving

“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”

Song of Worship

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Message

“Certainty #8: You Will Enjoy God Forever”  
Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

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 #8: You Will Enjoy God Forever”

2 Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 21,22

Pages 966 & 1041 in the Church Bible

Christmas Eve Morning - December 24, 2017

Q1: What is the chief end of man?

A2: Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

- Westminster Shorter Catechism, 1647

### The Eight 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.

Certainty #8: You will fully enjoy God and his gifts of worship, work, play, and friendship forever.

### Four Things You Need to Know About Your Schedule In Heaven

1. Our worship will be emotionally \_\_\_\_\_ and intellectually \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Our work will be determined by present \_\_\_\_\_ and marked by perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Our play will be pure \_\_\_\_\_ in God's creation that inspires our \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Our friendships will always encourage us to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.



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