

# 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 (Sundays) will help you better understand the beliefs, philosophy, and direction of our church. The next

Discover is scheduled for January 6, 13, 20, 27.

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 you can begin today.



**GATHER:** Show up on Sunday. Every Sunday, 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! For more information on getting connected to a community group, contact [grow@fbc.org](mailto:grow@fbc.org).



**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 more information about serving in ministry, contact [go@fbc.org](mailto:go@fbc.org).

### Financial Update as of December 2, 2018

YTD Budget Need: \$3,051,696

YTD Contributions: \$2,914,741

Variance =/(-): (\$ 136,955)

# MORNING WORSHIP

December 9, 2018 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Christmas Instrumental

Baptisms (Decatur Campus, 10:45 svc.) Matthew Dubach, Pastor to Students  
Taylor Barran, Jabe Anderson

Call to Worship

"Joy to the World (Shout for Joy)"

Songs of Worship

"Glory In the Highest"

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Matthew 1:18-25

9:15 Service: Paul Cheshier, Outreach Pastor

10:45 Service: Scottie Hubbard, Executive Pastor

Field House Service: Jess Montegudo, Associate Pastor

Madison Service: Alexander Roberts, Campus Pastor

Worship through Giving

"The First Noel"

Message

"The Gift of Marriage"

Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Song of Response

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Benediction

Romans 15:13

# SERMON NOTES

*Freedom: The Unexpected Logic of Blood-Bought Liberty*  
**“The Gift of Marriage”**

Exodus 20:14 ♦ Page 61 in the Church Bible  
The Lord’s Day Morning - December 9, 2018

*You shall not commit adultery.*  
- Exodus 20:14

*We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning, which is the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union designed by God to last as long as they both shall live.*

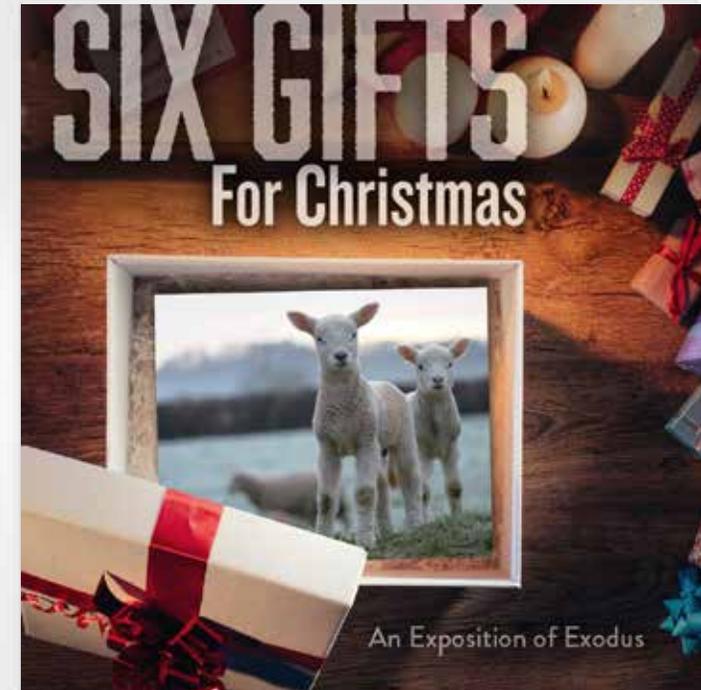
–First Bible Church Constitution, Article 8, Section 7

## Three Ways the Gift of Marriage Blesses All People

1. Partnership: Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ the conditions for unrivaled \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Parenthood: Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ society for peaceful \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Picture: Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ God’s covenant love and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Instructions That Come With the Gift of Marriage

1. Define \_\_\_\_\_ the word “marriage.”
2. Decline \_\_\_\_\_ outside of marriage.
3. Develop \_\_\_\_\_ inside of marriage.
4. Display \_\_\_\_\_ through the marriage.



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