

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.

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.



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.

Financial Update as of December 9, 2018

YTD Budget Need: \$3,115,273
YTD Contributions: \$2,994,520
Variance =/(-): (\$ 120,753)

MORNING WORSHIP

December 16, 2018 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Christmas Instrumental
Special Music	"Joy to the World"
Scripture Reading & Prayer	Matthew 2:1-12 9:15 Service: Jess Montegudo, Associate Pastor 10:45 Service: Jeremy Gilbert, Decatur Director of Student Ministry Field House Service: Matthew Dubach, Pastor to Students Madison Service: Jared Pittman, Madison Director of Student Ministry
Worship through Giving	"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Rejoice Rejoice)"
Message	"The Gift of Possessions" Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor
Song of Preparation	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Communion	
Song of Response	"Glory In the Highest"
Benediction	Hebrews 13:20-21

SERMON NOTES

Freedom: The Unexpected Logic of Blood-Bought Liberty

“The Gift of Possessions”

Exodus 20:15 - Page 61 in the Church Bible

The Lord's Day Morning

December 16, 2018

Meditation

You shall not steal.- Exodus 20:15

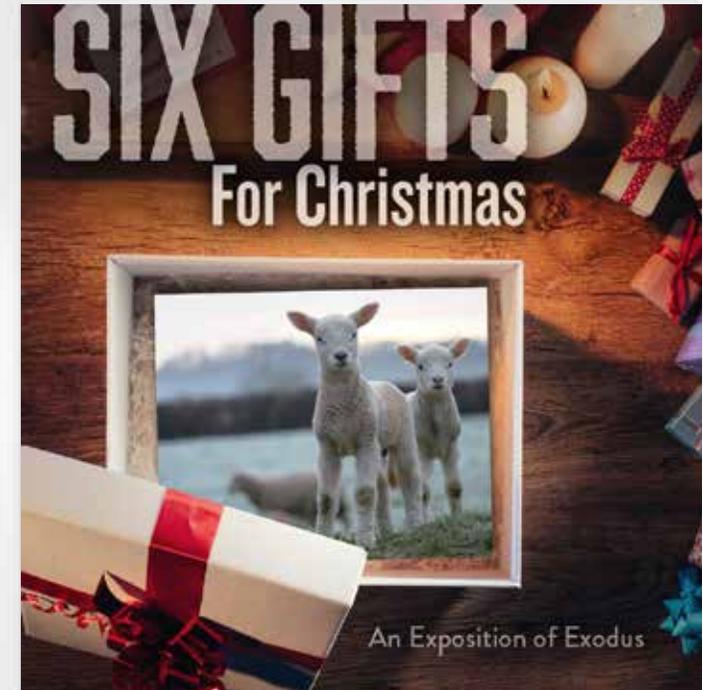
Q 110: What does God forbid in the eighth commandment? God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, but also such wicked schemes and devices as false weights and measures, deceptive merchandising, counterfeit money, and usury; we must not defraud our neighbor in any way, whether by force or by show of right. In addition God forbids all greed and all abuse or squandering of his gifts.

Q111: What does God require of you in this commandment? I must promote my neighbor's good wherever I can and may, deal with him as I would like others to deal with me, and work faithfully so that I may be able to give to those in need.”

—The Heidelberg Catechism

Four Ways to Break the Eighth Commandment

1. _____ God's ownership and my stewardship of _____.
2. _____ by force, fraud, or stealth, the possessions God has _____ to another person.
3. _____ for myself the possessions God intends for me to _____.
4. _____ through carelessness and mismanagement, the possessions God _____ to me.



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