

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 16, 2018

YTD Budget Need: \$3,178,850

YTD Contributions: \$3,058,441

Variance =/(-): (\$ 120,409)

MORNING WORSHIP

December 23, 2018 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Christmas Instrumental

Songs of Worship

“Glory In the Highest”

“Silent Night”

Scripture Reading & Prayer

John 1:9-18

Sanctuary Service: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor

Field House Service: Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Madison Service: Alexander Roberts, Campus Pastor

Worship through Giving

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Song of Worship

“What Child Is This?”

Message

“The Gift of Truth”

Steve Bateman

Song of Response

“Joy to the World”

Benediction

Revelation 22:21

Announcement sheets are available on both campuses at the main entrances and also available on fbc.org.

SERMON NOTES

Freedom: The Unexpected Logic of Blood-Bought Liberty

“The Gift of Truth”

Exodus 20:16 & John 1:1-18

Page 61 & 886 in the Church Bible

The Lord’s Day Morning - December 23, 2018

Meditation

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

–Exodus 20:16

Q 112: What is required in the ninth commandment? I must not give false testimony against anyone, twist no one’s words, not gossip or slander, nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard. Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil’s own works, under penalty of God’s heavy wrath. In court and everywhere else, I must love the truth, speak and confess it honestly, and do what I can to defend and promote my neighbor’s honor and reputation.

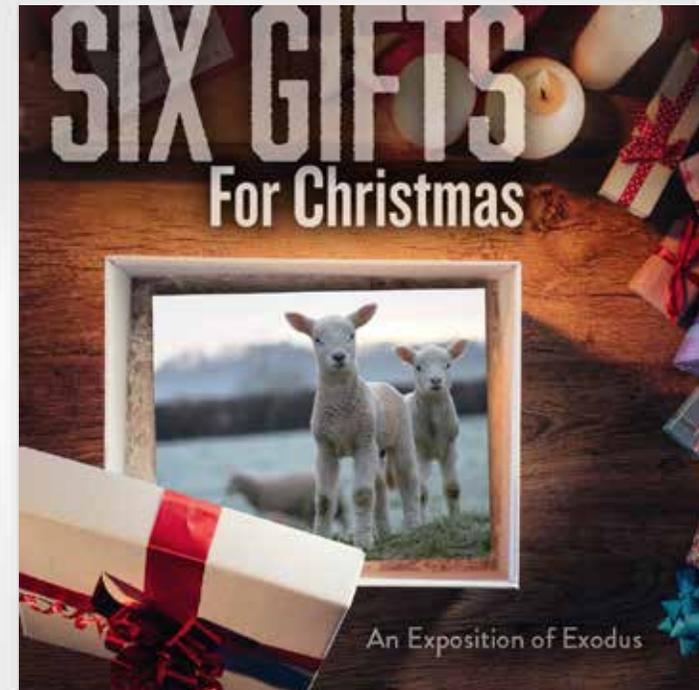
–The Heidelberg Catechism

Three Christmas Truths

1. Mary is a _____ not an _____ (Matthew 1:19).
2. Herod wants to _____ Jesus, not _____ him (Matthew 2:8).
3. Jesus was a seven pound _____ not another _____ (John 1:14).

The Incarnation and the 9th Commandment

1. Only Jesus lived _____ to God, others, and himself.
2. It is _____ if Jesus is only full of truth because we are guilty of _____.
3. It is _____ if Jesus is full of truth *and* grace because his gift is _____.



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