

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 April 28, May 5, 12, 19.

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.

MORNING WORSHIP

January 20, 2019 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	“Jesus Thank You”
Call to Worship	“The Lion and the Lamb”
Song of Worship	“Your Grace Is Enough”
Scripture Reading & Prayer	James 1:26-2:9 9:15 Service: Paul Cheshier, Outreach Pastor 10:45 Service: Matthew Dubach, Pastor to Students Field House: Jess Montegudo, Associate Pastor Madison Service: Jared Pittman, Madison Director of Student Ministry
Worship through Giving	“Good Good Father”
Song of Worship	“How Deep the Father's Love For Us”
Message	“Social Justice vs. Social Gospel” Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor
Song of Response	“Immortal Invisible God Only Wise”
Benediction	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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

“Social Justice vs. Social Gospel”

Exodus 21:22-23:19 - Page 62 in the Church Bible

The Lord’s Day Morning - January 20, 2019

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Social Justice: The just requirement in God’s Word to love our neighbors and humbly seek their good by equally treating and protecting them under the rule of law. Social justice normally involves a generous, intelligent, and voluntary redistribution of wealth. True Christians seek social justice as a *consequence* of experiencing God’s grace of justification (being declared righteous upon faith alone in Christ alone):

Faith → Justification + Social Justice

Social Gospel: The false teaching that pursuing social justice earns the favor of God and obligates him to respond by awarding the social justice advocate with eternal life. Because the social gospel seeks social justice as a condition for justification, it fosters human pride and replaces the true gospel by denying the need for the substitutionary death of Christ on the cross:

Social Justice → Justification

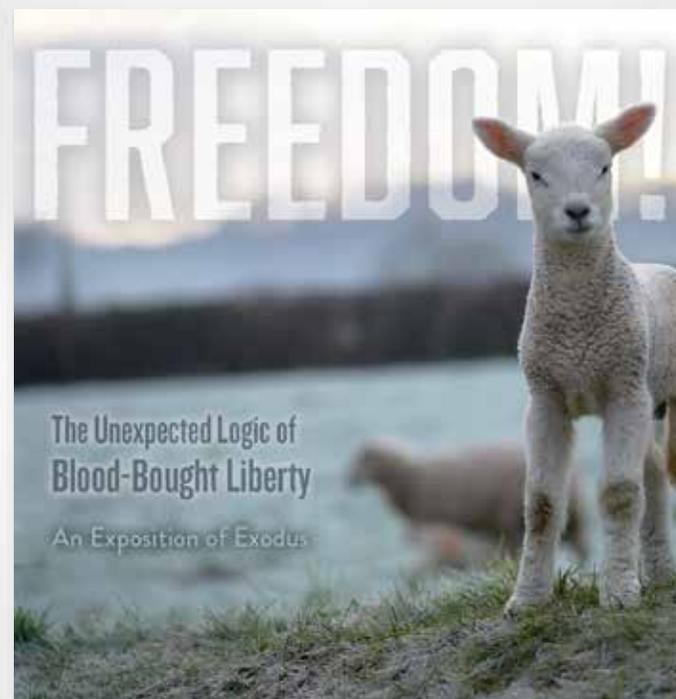
Examples of Social Justice In Exodus 21:22–23:19

1. Legal protection for the poorest of the poor (21:1–16; 26,27).
2. Compensation for injury (21:18,19).
3. Legal status for unborn babies, the weakest of the weak (21:22–24).
4. Proportionate punishment must fit (and not exceed) the crime (21:24).
5. Protection from an unsafe environment due to negligence (21:28–22:6).
6. Protection from a breach of contract (22:7–15).
7. Protection of women from sexual abuse (22:16,17).
8. Regulation of harmful sexual relations (22:16,17,19).
8. Protection and compassion for immigrants (22:21).
9. Protection of widows (husbandless) and orphans (fatherless) (22:22–24).
10. Protection from predatory lending that exploits the poor (22:25–27).
11. Protection from a corrupt justice system that favors the majority or the wealthy, or is prejudiced against the poor, the immigrant, or racial minorities (22:1–9).

Application

1. _____ on marriage and sexual ethics.
2. _____ injustices against unborn children.
3. _____ and/or support families who do.
4. _____ women in crisis pregnancies.

- Check out “Chosen Children–Orphan Care and Foster Care Ministry of First Bible Church” on Facebook.
- Check out “Sav-A-Life” Pregnancy Resource Center at decaturnpregnancy.com or huntsvilleprc.org.



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