

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.

Announcement sheets are available at the HUB in the lobby of both campuses and also posted on fbc.org.

MORNING WORSHIP

March 24, 2019 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

"Jesus Son of God"

Song of Worship

"Crown Him (Majesty)"

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Matthew 16:13-21

Sanctuary Services: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor

Field House Service: Jeremy Gilbert, Decatur Student Ministry Director

Madison Service: Alexander Roberts, Campus Pastor

Song of Worship

"Man of Sorrows"

Special Music

"Gracefully Broken"

Message

"Because Christ is Raised, We Will Put Politics In Its Place"
Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Song of Response

"In Christ Alone"

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23

The sanctuary flowers are given with thanksgiving to the Lord and in honor of Blythe Orr's 80th birthday by her family.

SERMON NOTES

Because Christ is Raised: How the Resurrection Changes Everything
“Because Christ is Raised, We Will Put Politics In Its Place”

Matthew 16:1-18:4

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The Lord’s Day Morning—March 24, 2019

Inquirer: Why do you believe what you believe and do what you do?

Christian: The resurrection of Jesus.

The Political Landscape Jesus Encounters

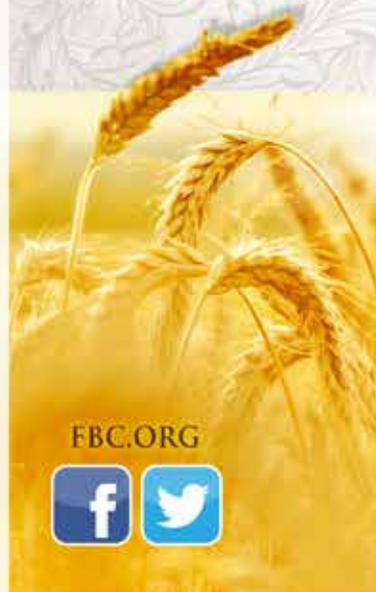
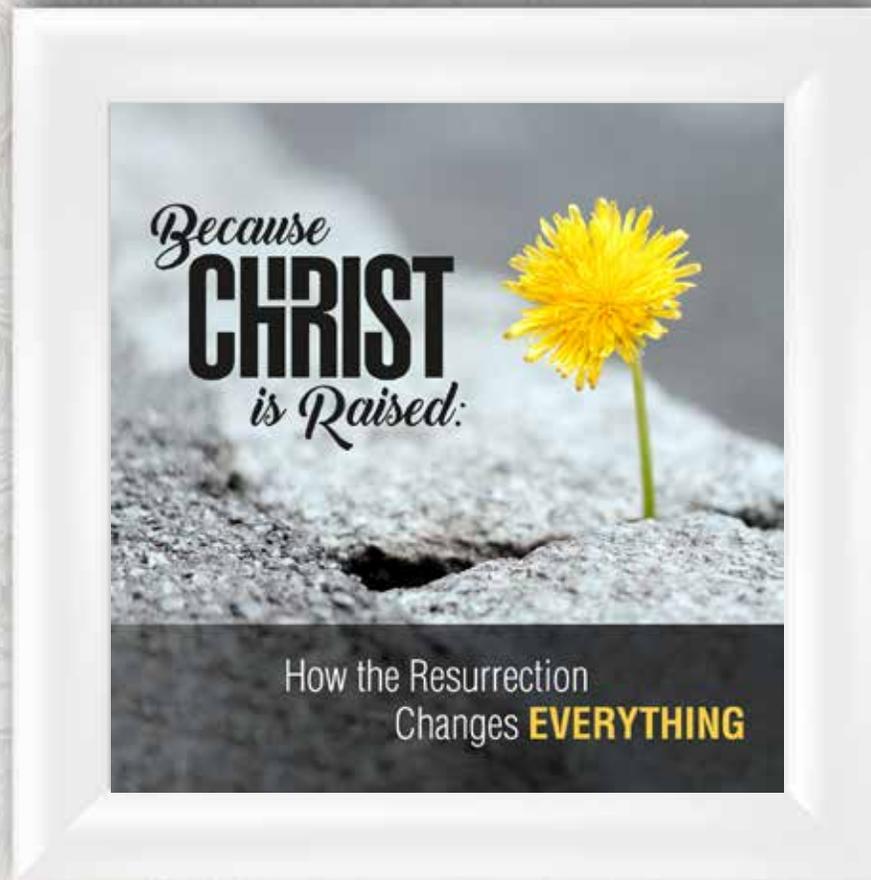
Pharisees: We can make Israel great again by returning to the traditions of our past and carefully following rules and rituals in preparation for the Messiah who will agree with us and deliver us from foreign invaders. Popular with the people.

Sadducees: Israel is great now and we don’t need a Messiah, so we will continue to be progressive and pragmatic in accommodating the culture and cooperating with Rome. Popular with the elite.

Summary: Jesus was hated by both political parties because he called out both of them on their misinterpretation of Scripture, deception, double standards, and hypocrisy. The Pharisees thought he was too much like a Sadducee and the Sadducees thought he was too much like a Pharisee. If Jesus is right, then both political parties are wrong. Therefore, they were willing to join forces to silence Jesus.

Five Things (Among Many) The Resurrection Proves

1. Jesus is right about the political _____ (16:1–12).
2. Jesus is above all political _____ (16:13–17).
3. Jesus’ church takes priority over _____ (16:18–28).
4. Jesus’ agenda conquers political _____ (17:1–27).
5. Jesus’ followers bring humility to the political _____ (18:1-4).



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