

# 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 class will help you better understand the beliefs, philosophy, and direction of our church.

Please email [discover@fbc.org](mailto:discover@fbc.org) for information about the new format and date for the next class.

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).

Announcement sheets are available at the HUB in the lobby & posted on [fbc.org](http://fbc.org)

# MORNING WORSHIP

October 6, 2019 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

## Baby Dedication (9:15 Decatur Service)

The act of dedication is held in high regard throughout Scripture. In Baby Dedication, the parents formally declare their intention to lead their child, by instruction and example, to knowledge of their God. They are making a public commitment that their parenting shall be Biblically informed and acknowledge God's right to the child. Furthermore, the church family commits to faithfully support the parents in this daunting duty.

Harrison Booth Alessandro Shaneyfelt, son of Dustin and Sarah

Bible verse chosen for Harrison, Colossians 3:17

Call to Worship

Psalms 145:18; Isaiah 55:6-7

Song of Worship

"O Worship the King"

Robert Grant (1833)

Corporate Confession

"Worship Sourcebook, #51"

Assurance of Pardon

"Isaiah 53:5,6"

Song of Worship

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Charitie Bancroft and Vikki Cook (1997)

Scripture Reading & Prayer

1 Peter 2:1-10

Sanctuary: Bruce Ellsworth, Worship Pastor

Field House: Jeremy Gilbert, Decatur Director of Student Ministry

Madison Campus: Jared Pittman, Madison Student Ministry Pastor

Song of Worship

"Sing To the King"

Billy Foote and Charles Horne (2003)

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Message

"The Distinction Between Church and State"

Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Song of Response

"The Lord Is My Salvation"

Jonas Myrin, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Nathan Nockels (2016)

Benediction

Revelation 22:21

# SERMON NOTES

*Semper Reformanda*: The Church That Is Always Reforming  
“The Distinction Between Church and State”

1 Peter 2:11-17

The Lord’s Day Morning - October 6, 2019

## A Brief Overview on the Relationship of Church and State

**Jesus and the apostles (1st century):** The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of this world are separate, so that the state is obligated to protect, but not promote, the church through just laws. The power of the sword is given to the state to restrain evil by punishing the wicked, protecting the innocent, and providing for the weak (Jn. 18:36; Mt. 22:21; 26:52; Ro. 13:1-7).

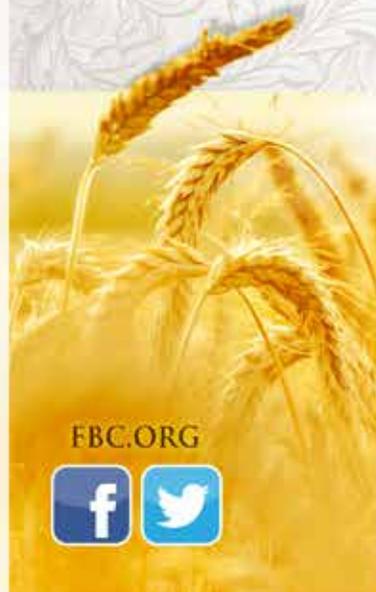
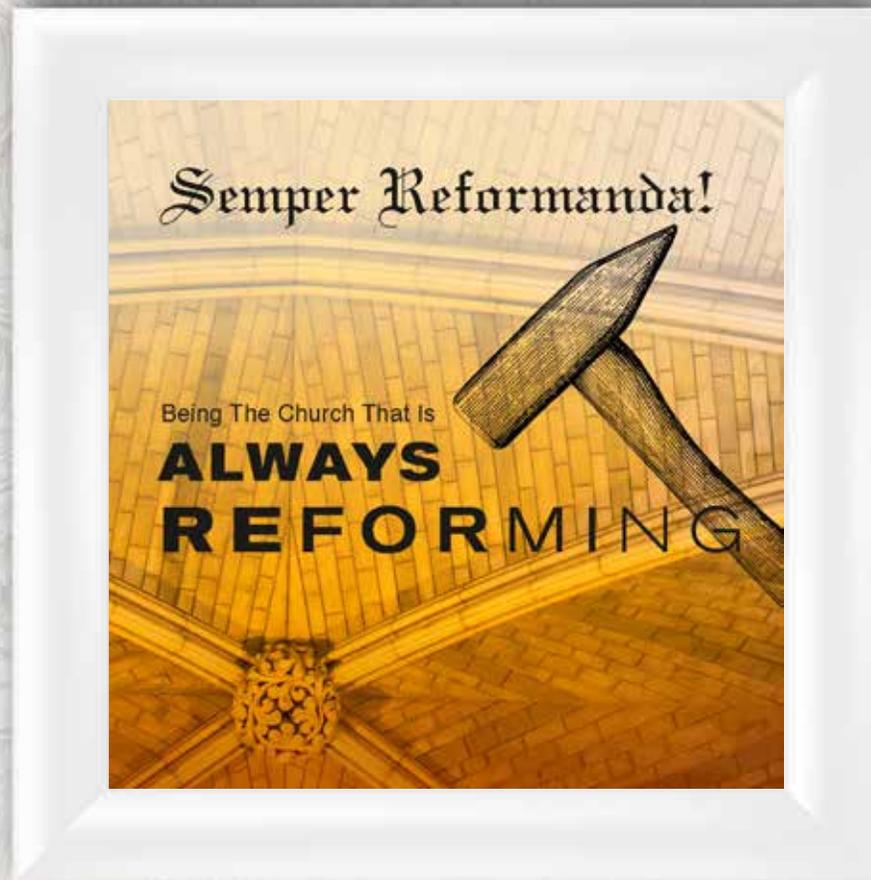
**The Roman Church (16th century):** The two kingdoms are united in “Christendom” (Constantinianism) so that the church protects *and* promotes the gospel by the power of the state’s sword.

**The Reformers (16th century):** The two kingdoms are separate as the state protects people from physical harm with the power of the sword and the church protects people from spiritual harm with teaching and preaching. In practice, the two kingdoms cooperated in Europe to protect *and* promote the true gospel and demote all false gospels.

**James Madison (18th century):** The two kingdoms are separate and the state is obligated to protect, *but not promote*, the true gospel and all false gospels by the power of the sword. Equal treatment under just laws protect healthy competition in the marketplace of ideas and the church is free to persuade unbelievers through love and logic.

## The Essence of Good Citizenship

1. Earn \_\_\_\_\_ for the gospel by \_\_\_\_\_ good laws.
2. Endure \_\_\_\_\_ while \_\_\_\_\_ evil laws.
3. Display \_\_\_\_\_ while making your \_\_\_\_\_.



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