

## 2025 Church Theme:

“Christians: Letting Go of the Past to Embrace the Present”  
(Isaiah 43:18-19)

10:00 A.M. Order of Service

Devotion

First Baptist Church of Perris Deacons

Call to Worship - Affirmation .....Clergy

Praise and Worship.....FBC Mass Choir

Responsive Reading .....Clergy

Announcements..... Pastor

Deacon & Deaconess Ordination ..... Pastor

Welcome of Guests & Two Minute Fellowship

Benevolent, Tithes & Offerings.....Ushers/Trustees

Selection.....FBC Mass Choir

Altar Prayer.....Clergy

Selection.....FBC Mass Choir

Gospel Message.....Pastor-Teacher Rev. Terry L. Wells

Invitation to Discipleship.....Pastor-Teacher Rev. Terry L. Wells

Benediction.....Pastor-Teacher Rev. Terry L. Wells

Sermon Outline Notes

## The Heart of a Servant Philippians 2:3-7 (KJV)

### Main Point 1. Humility in Heart

**KJV Scripture:** Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. (Philippians 2:3)

**Definition:** Humility is the quality of having a modest or low view of one's importance; it involves a deliberate choice to regard others as more significant than oneself, fostering a spirit that is gentle, unpretentious, and willing to serve.

- **Explanation Summary:**

True Christian service begins with humility—valuing others above self, rejecting selfish ambition as Christ exemplified. It is counter-cultural, requiring intentional lowliness of mind.

- **Application Summary:**

Believers, especially deacons, are called to esteem others highly, fostering peace, unity, and relational harmony both in church and daily life.

- **What We Can Learn:**

**Humility** is foundational to servant leadership; it breaks down strife and builds strong Christian community.

### Main Point 2. Honor in Imitation

**KJV Scripture:** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (Philippians 2:5)

**Definition:** Honor in imitation means intentionally adopting and embodying the mindset and character of Christ—particularly His humility and obedience—making His thoughts, values, and attitudes the guiding force in one's life and ministry.

- **Explanation Summary:**

Believers are called to daily adopt the mindset of Christ—a continuous attitude of humility, obedience, and self-sacrifice—modeling His example in all areas of life.

- **Application Summary:**

Imitating Christ's mind transforms church culture and builds unity. Leaders who practice this foster spiritual growth and reconciliation.

- **What We Can Learn:**

Spiritual maturity and effective ministry flow from adopting Christ's humble attitude and ongoing example.

## Additional Notes

### Main Point 3. Holiness in Service

**KJV Scripture:** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (Philippians 2:7)

**Definition:** Holiness in service is the act of living a consecrated, God-centered life through self-sacrificing service to others. It reflects being set apart for God's purposes by willingly embracing humility and servant leadership as sacred responsibilities.

- **Explanation Summary:**

Christ's voluntary servanthood models holy service—self-sacrificial, consecrated living for God's glory, even in the unseen and humble duties.

- **Application Summary:**

Leaders and believers are urged to serve faithfully with reverence and joy, demonstrating God's love visibly through dedicated ministry.

- **What We Can Learn:**

True holiness and spiritual power are revealed through sacrificial service, lifting the church's witness and growth.

### Practical Weekday Applications

**Monday:** Reflect on humility—seek areas where pride may hinder your service; pray for a humble heart.

**Tuesday:** Practice imitating Christ's mindset in your thoughts and conversations.

**Wednesday:** Engage in a small act of service, unnoticed but done with joy and holiness.

**Thursday:** Mediate a conflict or encourage unity within your family or church.

**Friday:** Commit to a ministry responsibility for the weekend or upcoming week, serving faithfully.



First Baptist Church Members focus on reaping the benefits of God's Word, with the goal of cultivating spiritual fruit in our character, conduct, and actions that lead others to Christ. We aspire to be a beacon of positivity towards Jesus Christ, embracing our Church, Community, Co-Workers, City, and Country through the principles encapsulated in the acronym F.R.E.S.H. & V.A.L.U.E.

## **FRESH**

- F – Forget the Past (Isaiah 43:18)
- R – Repent Immediately (1 John 1:9)
- E – Embrace Change (Isaiah 43:19)
- S – Study the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15)
- H – Happy Giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)

## **VALUE**

- V – Vigilant of People Harmful Actions (3 John 9)
- A – Avoid Those Who Do Evil (3 John 10)
- L – Lead by Following What is Good (3 John 11)
- U – Unite by Supporting Those Who Act Righteously (3 John 11)
- E – Exemplify Good Behavior from Others (3 John 11)