

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

- * Our sanctuary is equipped with assisted hearing devices for the hearing impaired. If you wish to use one, please see an usher.
- *Nursery service is available. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery area.



Following God's Will

How can we know whether we're following God's will? Sometimes we act, only to see in hindsight that we caused harm. Or self-righteousness blinds us to the good guidance of others.

St. Ignatius of Loyola pondered the difficulty of aligning our actions to God's ways. He taught the need for "discernment of spirits" — examining internal thoughts and emotions to see if they originate with and lead to God. Ignatius called it "consolation" when he felt loved by God and eager to care for people in need, and "desolation" when something left him full of darkness and fear that moved him away from God and neighbor.

Think of a time you made a decision and then felt peaceful, full of light, convinced it was "right." And when have you done something despite feeling tangled in knots about it, and perhaps later felt worse? Life isn't always so clear-cut, but the more we practice discernment, the better we will recognize and follow God's will.

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Welcome to Worship at First Baptist Church

This is the house of the Lord.

All are welcome to enter and worship our loving Creator.

May God's love fill you with kindness, mercy and joy.



Deacons of the Month

August September

Tom Mitchell	Tony Thompson
Grant Staton	Pete Davis
Linda Thompson	Annette Fleming

Where He
Leads Me
I Will Follow



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Paul Spradley, Pastor

Mr. Daniel Barry, Youth Director

Mr. Tony Thompson, Deacon Chairman Mrs. Jean Elhoffer, Office Manager

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The church office is open 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



AS WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

*True spiritual worship will cause God Almighty to come and sit with you,
for He is enthroned in the midst of your praises. — Joseph L. Garlington*

Join us as we sit, with God in our midst, and worship Him.

July 27, 2025

Honoring Rev. Paul Spradley and his Family

Announcements

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Praise

Nobody Loves Me Like You Love Me, Jesus

Psalm

Psalm 85

Children's Sermon

The Epistle

Colossians 2:6-15

Hymn of Offering

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Music for Reflection

Anthem

Jesus Saves

Sanctuary Choir

The Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Morning Message

Rev. Paul Spradley

Hymn of Invitation

Oh, How I Love Jesus

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The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

AS WE DEPART TO SERVE

*As you go, share His love. Be the voice of the savior. Offer hope, speak His peace, let the Gospel be
seen in you. For Christ has enabled you and the Spirit shall lead you.*