

## Sermon Series: Following Jesus

### Today's Sermon: "The Twelve" Mark 3:13-19

"It will be increasingly vital that we learn to distinguish between what is pro-Christian and what is actually Christlike." Beth Moore

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - the apostle who had trouble keeping his mouth shut.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - the apostle of small things.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - the apostle of passion.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - the apostle of love.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ - the bean counter.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ - student of the old testament.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ - the apostle with a past.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ - the doubter.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ - the lesser known.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ - the zealot.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ - the one with three names.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ - the traitor.

### Kids Worship Begins @ 10:45 AM



Kid's Church (1st - 6th Grade) Room 17  
Kid's Church Jr. (3 Years - Kindergarten) Room 10  
Two Year Olds - Room 7  
Babies - 23 Months - Room 3

## First Steps

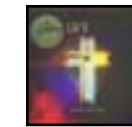
Membership is open to anyone who has 1) placed their faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and 2) has been baptized by immersion by a body of believers of like faith and practice.  
We will be happy to assist you with these spiritual decisions.  
Text FIRST to (409) 215-0332 to be contacted  
or meet one of our Ministers near the platform after the service to discuss your spiritual decision.

FIRST BAPTIST  
Church of Texas City  
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Texas City, TX 77591

# first baptist church

Pursuing Christ FIRST in Life, Love and Actions

May 6, 2018



Song: Praise Him  
Artist: Hillsong



Song: New Doxology  
Artist: Gateway Worship



Song: Build Your Kingdom Here  
Artist: Rend Collective Experience



Song: Found In You  
Artist: Paul Baloche



Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
Artist: Various artists



Song: Do It Again  
Artist: Elevation Worship

Message

Dr. Robert Miller

"The Twelve"  
Mark 3:13-19

Deacon of the Week

Doug Smith

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## This week @ FBCTC

May 6 - 12

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Band/Tech Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. "Lift Up Your Hearts in Praise" Puppet Program/  
AWANA End of Year Program

### Monday

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Cross Training Workout

### Tuesday

- 1:30 p.m. Senior Adult Game Day - Northside Baptist Church

### Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Cross Training Workout
- 5:00 p.m. Burgers, Etc. Bunch - Whataburger
- 5:15 p.m. Transitions - Foyer Room 2
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer, Praise & Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. J.A.M. - Youth - Upper Room 9
- 6:30 p.m. AWANA - Children's Building

### Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Elmcroft Senior Living Service

### Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Cross Training Workout

### Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Weight Watchers



#### Ministry Staff

Dr. Robert R. Miller, Pastor  
John Talley, Associate Pastor, Worship  
Dennis Johns, Associate Pastor, Families  
Meschel Hara, Children's Minister



Worship services are streamed live on the internet each week from our website. Recent services are also available short term. Click on the livestream.

## A message from Robert Miller

### Thoughts and Prayers

The mass shootings at churches, concerts, malls, and schools have saddened, maddened, and sickened all of us. Innocent children needlessly dying while attending school disturbs me.

On February 14, 17 students were killed at the Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida by a disturbed young man by the name of Nikolas Cruz. Politicians immediately began tweeting "thoughts and prayers" to those affected in Parkland. I was surprised by the anger towards many of the politicians for tweeting out "thoughts and prayers." The gist seemed to be "thoughts and prayers" are useless. They would go on to tweet "pass legislation." I am sympathetic to those who desire action to be done to try to prevent such atrocities from happening. There is a multitude of preventative measures that need to happen, and some require legislation, but to denigrate "thoughts and prayers" and to continually tweet that they are useless seems to be the proverbial "throwing the baby out with the bathwater." USA Today published a list of most useless slogans. "Thoughts and prayers" was top of the list.

I have always believed that we need to put feet to our prayers, but to say that "thoughts and prayers" are useless is something I have to push back on. First of all, thoughts are important! The biblical call to "repentance" literally means "to change one's mind." Proverbs states, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Paul tells us to have the "mind of Christ." Jesus' teaching on the sermon on the mount stressed the importance of our inner thoughts. Please never discount thoughts nor someone thinking of you sympathetically.

Prayer is our connection to the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God. Prayer is powerful! I think of the disturbed young man Nikolas Cruz who committed such an evil act. Would legislation change him? Would new procedures for schools change him? The answer would be no. However, a soul-bearing conversation with God in prayer where he could find love, forgiveness, and his purpose in life could change him.

In a time when it is fashionable for many in our society to attack the usefulness of prayer, the Bible, and the church, don't believe them for we know better!

#### Attendance for April 29, 2018

Bible Study	191
Legacy Ministry Visits	11
Worship	319

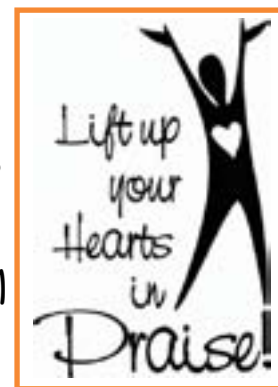
#### Financial gifts for April 29, 2018

	Week	To Date
Financial Plan	21,021.78	105,108.90
Financial Receipt	19,559.75	101,046.84
World Missions	20.00	720.00

Join us TONIGHT as the  
FBC Puppet Ministry  
Presents:

"Lift Up Your Hearts in Praise!"  
Sunday May 6, 6:00 pm  
& AWANA END OF YEAR PROGRAM

Join us for fellowship  
following programs



**Mothers & Daughters Choir**  
**Mother's Day**  
**May 13**

If you are a mother or a daughter,  
you are invited to sing with us!  
Rehearsal is Mother's Day Sunday, May 13,  
at 8:45am or just show up and join us  
on the risers right before service time.  
P.S. Father's Day is coming - June 17...

**The Good and Beautiful Life**  
Small Group Study Book is  
available in the foyer - \$10.



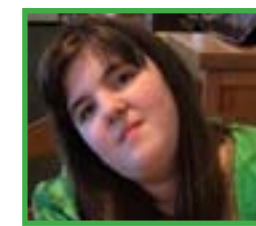
FBCTC will be collecting your  
old prescription glasses to donate  
to the *Jesse Tree* now through  
Sunday, May 13.

#### 2018 Public Servants Serving For Life

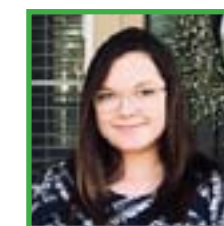
Monday, May 7, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.  
Tickets are \$25.00 per person  
Supporting Crisis Pregnancy Support Center  
Checks are payable to CPSC,  
P.O.Box 164, Texas City, TX 77592  
Questions: 409-945-2888



#### NEW MEMBERS



**COURTNEY CROW**  
BAPTISM



**MADYLAN SHAW**  
BAPTISM



**MASON SHAW**  
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