

**Patriotic Sermon**

Today's Sermon:  
**"One Nation Under God"**  
Psalm 33:12-22

1. Christians are citizens of the Kingdom of God  
(Philippians 3:20, 1 Peter 2:9-10)
2. Christians are to be good \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Romans 13:1-7)
3. Christians are to pray for our \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Timothy 2:1-3)

**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  
3210 Gulf Freeway  
Texas City, TX 77591

**first baptist church**

*Pursuing Christ FIRST in Life, Love and Actions*

July 01, 2018



Song: The Star Spangled Banner  
Artist: Various artists



Song: America, the Beautiful  
Artist: Various artists



Song: Procession of the Patriots  
Artist: Various artists



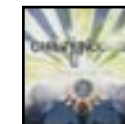
Song: God Bless the USA  
Artist: Lee Greenwood



Song: We Believe  
Artist: Newsboys



Song: Oh, How I Need You (Find You)  
Artist: All Sons & Daughters



Song: A Mighty Fortress  
Artist: Christy Nockels

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Message

Dr. Robert Miller

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Deacon of the Week

Jay Brough

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July 1 - 7

**Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m. Band/Tech Rehearsal
- 8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

**Monday**

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Cross Training Workout - Room 2
- 10:00 a.m. Donut Devos - Youth - Upper Room 9

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY 4th OF JULY!**  
**ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED**

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

- OFFICE CLOSED**
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Cross Training Workout
  - 10:00 a.m. Give Back - Susan's Market - 2000 Texas Avenue

**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.



**Patriotic Service**

This Sunday is our annual Patriotic Celebration Service. It is one of our best attended Sundays of the year along with Christmas, Easter, and Mother's Day. The Patriotic service has always been a favorite of mine.

I was surprised that in recent years there is a mounting pushback about churches holding Patriotic Services. Last year, a seminary professor, who has written many helpful Theological books that have enlightened me wrote a blog to young ministers. The thesis of his blog was "how to get rid of Patriotic Services without getting fired." He presupposed that they are wrong and should be removed from the church calendar. He believes that churches that have this kind of service are practicing idolatry. Another popular pastor that has helped me a lot in developing my prayer life has taken to Twitter to denounce these services as unchristian.

As much as I respect some of those who are arguing against Patriotic Services I respectfully disagree. As a pastor who has served churches for the past 40 years, I have led and participated in a Patriotic Service every year. I have never witnessed our nation being worshiped instead of God at any of these services. I do not believe we will commit idolatry this Sunday by honoring our country. Here is what we intend to do this Sunday.

First, we are going to thank God for allowing us to live in the United States of America that has many freedoms. The greatest is the freedom to worship.

Second, we are going to recognize and honor those who are presently serving or have served in one of the branches of the military. Our freedoms would not be possible without those who are willing to serve.

Third, we will pray for our country. We will pray for our leaders. And we will pray for more respect and civility in our country.

Last but certainly not least. We will pray for a Spiritual Revival to come to America.

See you Sunday! It is going to be an excellent service!

**Attendance for June 24, 2018**

Bible Study	206
Legacy Ministry Visits	10
Worship	344

**Financial gifts for June 24, 2018**

	Week	To Date
Financial Plan	21,021.78	273,283.14
Financial Receipt	15,687.00	256,653.68
World Missions	75.00	1,935.00
Glass Memorial Baptistry	740.00	12,223.00



**GIVE BACK**  
**SUSAN'S MARKET -- 2000 TEXAS AVENUE**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 6**  
**MEET AT SUSAN'S MARKET @ 10:00 AM**  
**PICK UP AT CICI'S AT 12:30 PM**  
**HELP STOCK SHELVES AT SUSAN'S MARKET**

**NEW MEMBER**



**ANGELA WELLS**  
**STATEMENT**



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

**SUMMER 2018**

- JUNE 11 - 15 SUPER SUMMER CAMP @ HSU**
- JUNE 18 - 21 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & SPORTS CAMP**
- JUNE 27 - 30 PRETEEN CAMP @ PINEWOODS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT**
- JULY 9 - 13 CAMP SONSHINE**
- JULY 16 - 20 YOUTH CAMP @ PINEWOODS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT**