

## WEEKLY PRAYER & PRAISE GUIDE

“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.  
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.” *James 5:13*

### Our Missionaries

#### Pray for:

#### FBC-Supported Missionaries

- ◆ Andyshak, Buhler, Calva, Gervasi, Guest, Harris, Hubbell, Humble, Kelley, Lomilo, Lovelady, Pittman, Rasmussen, Matute, Swenson, Tice, Tissell, Trussel, and Wernow.

#### FBC-Supported Ministries

- ◆ CEF Benton County, CEF Linn County, Compassion Ministries, Love INC Benton County, Options Pregnancy Center, Southside Youth Outreach, Volunteer InterFaith Caregivers, Western Seminary, and We Care.

#### Len Andyshak

- ◆ Len his wife Mary served in Kansas to international students until 3 years ago when they moved to Bend, OR. Len is on the IVCF Interim Ministry Team (south & central coast) where he mentors leaders of IVCF teams. Please pray for: wisdom and insight as he mentors college campus leaders; The campus of Ventura - ask the Lord to encourage their one remaining student as she and her staff reach out and seek to rebuild a witnessing community again to be a source of healing and blessing on that campus; Students in the fellowship of Cal Poly - they have turned a corner, rather than being intimidated by this Covid situation on campus, the students in the fellowship are really desiring to move forward and see the Lord do new things.

#### Jonathan and Annalyn Guest

- ◆ Jonathan and Annalyn serve with International Student Inc., a college ministry to orient and acquaint international students to their new home and cultural experience. Please pray for: Upcoming Virtual All-West Regional Retreat from March 14-16, 2021. Pray also for the following people he recently interacted with: Muslim man, African believer, Bible study of 6 believing students. Finally, pray for conversation partners from Asia and the Middle East.

#### Church Leadership

**Staff:** Pastor Russ Richmond, Pastor Rick Harpel, Pastor Bill Knopp, Kathy Ferrier, Jim Hinckley, Brooke Staples, Mitchell Henderson

**Elders:** Matt MacClary, Jeff Harris, Daniel Peterson, Mike Rinkin, Russ Richmond, Dale Durrell, Rick Harpel



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# WELCOME

to  First Baptist Church Corvallis

April 4, 2021



**“Knowing the Unknowable God”**

**by Pastor Rick Harpel**

*John 8:12-36*

**Worship Leader: Pastor Russ Richmond**


*We are many generations connecting the next generation to Jesus. We aim to encounter God through worship, to connect with others through smaller communities, and to engage in missional outreach to our neighbors and the nations.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



## Adult Bible Classes Spring Schedule

### ADULT BIBLE CLASSES SPRING SCHEDULE

There will be no Adult Bible Classes on 4/4 and then Spring classes will begin 4/11 at 9 am.

1 Thessalonians, led by Daniel Peterson and Steve Ferrier will meet in the fellowship hall with a Zoom option. Next Members Connection, led by Jeff Harris will be an in person, 4 week study on Church membership at FBC.

### GET CONNECTED

Use the contact info below or fill out a white connect card with the ministries that interest you! If you are interested in FBC ministries please email [office@fbccorvallis.org](mailto:office@fbccorvallis.org) and we will help you connect!

- **CHILDRENS MINSITRY**

Preschool Church and K-5th Kids Church, Sundays at 10:30 am during Worship Gathering and Awana, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, K-5th in-person with virtual option, ages 3-5 online only.

- **IMPACT YOUTH**

FBC and Chinese Christian Church's combined youth group, 6th-12th grade. Weekly Sunday School, Sundays at 9am, and twice monthly IMPACT Youth, 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7pm

- **CAMPUS AMBASSADORS**

Join College students in weekly community, worship and Bible Studies.

[clubs.oregonstate.edu/ca](http://clubs.oregonstate.edu/ca)

- **LIFE GROUPS**

Gather in homes, grow in relationships, and study the Bible with mixed-generation or young couple groups.

[lifegroups@fbccorvallis.org](mailto:lifegroups@fbccorvallis.org)

- **BIBLE STUDIES**

Study the Bible together with other FBC members. Women's Spring Bible Study on Elijah starting soon!

- **WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

Learn more about the ways that our Worship team leads Worship gatherings through teams for music, lights, sound, Zoom, and livestream.



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Sundays**—Adult Bible Classes, 9am

Impact Sunday School, In-person with Zoom Option, 9am

K-5th Kids Church and Preschool Church in-person, 10:30am

**Tues, Apr 6**—Campus Ambassadors Worship on Zoom, 7pm

**Wed, Apr 7**—All Church Prayer Zoom, 6pm

**Wed, Apr 7**—Awana (meeting virtually and in-person), 6:30pm

# MESSAGE NOTES

## “KNOWING THE UNKNOWABLE GOD” - John 8:12-36

**INTRODUCTION:** How can we know God, when he is up there in the light, and we are down here in the dark?

- ♦ Two human answers: arrogance or ignorance!

- ♦ God has an answer:

“When the time had fully come, God sent his son.” (Galatians 4:4)

“In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness.” (John 1:4-5)

### 1. Jesus is the light of God in our darkness.

a. Jesus makes the astonishing claim.

- I am the One light of the world. (v.12)
- I am the One who is the light of life. (v.12)

b. Jesus defends the astonishing claim.

- I am the One from heaven. (v. 14)
- I am the One sent from the Father. (v. 16, 18)
- I am the One Son of the Father. (v. 19)
- I am the One to believe in for salvation from sin. (v. 21, 24, 26)

### 2. The people reject his claim of light and remain in darkness.

a. They had no idea who Jesus was. (v. 14)

b. They were judging by human standards. (v. 15)

c. They did not truly know God the Father. (v. 19)

d. They could not follow him to heaven. (v. 21)

e. They did not understand. (v. 27)

f. They ask an obvious question: “Who are you?” (v. 25)

***We have a stalemate! What will break it open? What will open eyes? (v. 28)***

### 3. All will know Jesus is the light of God in our darkness when He is lifted up!

a. Being “lifted up” means exaltation.

- This is the meaning of death on the cross.
- This is the meaning of salvation on the cross. (a double meaning)
- This is the meaning of the resurrection. (triple meaning)
- This is the meaning of the ascension. (quadruple meaning!)

b. Being “lifted up” validates / proves all Jesus’ claims.

- Jesus is the One he said he was.
- Jesus is the One / the Light of God.
- Jesus is One with God.
- Jesus is the One who brings salvation from God.

**GOD’S LIGHT LIT UP OUR DARKNESS WHEN JESUS WAS LIFTED UP.**

**CONCLUSION:** The Resurrection happened at dawn.

“We can never see the sunrise by looking into the west.”