



# First Baptist Church

Dalton, Georgia

January 14, 2018



## The Would-Be Followers

Luke 9:57-61

# First Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship

Jonathan Barlow

*We ring our church bell three times to call us into the worship of God,  
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.*

Prelude

*As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus*

Mark Hayes

Invocation & Call to Worship

Phillip Cannon

\*Hymn of Gathering No. 295

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Litany of Commitment

Derrell Grantham

Once upon a time a wise man offered a challenge;  
"What is the greatest commandment?"  
The calendars on our desks share a vision of greatness;  
bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.  
**Love the Lord your God.**

The cameras of our memories share what commands us;  
children to bathe and partners to help,  
parents calling and grandchildren hopeful.  
**Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.**

Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities;  
open spaces to experience wonder,  
strangers becoming friends,  
devotion to that which transcends.  
**Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.  
Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Message in Song

*Come Follow Me*  
Sanctuary Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Take up thy cross and follow.  
Come, faithful seeker of the Light, my voice is calling in the night.  
Walk with me; I'll be your guide. Follow me, follow me.  
Come, weary pilgrim, take my hand. I'll lift you up and help you stand.  
All who seek the promised land, follow me, come follow me.  
All who hunger, all who suffer, all who sorrow, all who would be free, follow me.  
The path is steep, the road is long, but with my love I'll keep you strong;  
Then my grace will lead you home. Come follow me, come follow me.  
Come follow me, O faithful one, until the final race is won,  
Until the great Amen is sung! Follow me, come follow me.  
I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. Follow me.

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 9:23-25  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Nellie Gregg

**\*A Hymn of Discipleship No. 37**

*God, Our Father, You Have Led Us*

CWM RHONDDA

*During the last stanza of this hymn, children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Sermon*

**Children's Sermon**

Bridgette Poag

**Message in Song**

*How Great the Love*

Mary Kay Beall

Lisa Gregg

How great the love that held Him there upon a cruel, lonely tree.  
How great the gift! How great the love- that He would die for even me.  
How great the pain He had to bear, the bitter cup, the agony  
How great the pain, How great the love- that He would die for even me.  
How great the debt of love I owe for sins forgiven, soul set free.  
How great the debt of love I owe for now and all eternity.  
How great the love that held Him there! How great the cost of victory!  
How great the gift! How great the love- that He would die, would gladly die for even me.

**The Sermon**

**FOMO**  
**The Would-Be Followers**  
**Luke 9:57-61 (Pew Bible page 843)**

Jonathan Barlow

**\*A Hymn of Response No. 494**

*Take My Life, Lead Me Lord*

LANGLEY

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Bob Harrell

**Offertory**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Lloyd Larson

**\*Presentation to God**

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Benediction**

Jonathan Barlow

**\*Postlude**

*All for Jesus*

arr. John Behnke

*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

**INSTRUMENTALISTS**

Patti Cannon  
Piano

Sandra Blackwell  
Organ

*We are grateful for Debbie Autry leading us in worship today, as Susan is away.*

*Our prayer partners during worship today are Linda Brown and Betsy Parker*

*Our bell ringer in worship today is Chandler Hickman*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Bruce and Debbie Headrick  
in memory of his brother, Garland Headrick*

# Welcome!

It is our privilege to have you worshipping with us today at First Baptist Church of Dalton! Today you are worshipping with a strong and vibrant congregation with a missional heart, who is committed to revealing the living presence of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Would you allow us the pleasure of getting to know you a little better by completing the beige visitor registration card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate later in the service? You are also invited to submit prayer requests using the prayer cards in the pew rack. Please pass your prayer card to the center aisle where it will be collected during the Prelude.

Hearing devices are available for those who need them. Please ask an usher for assistance. Childcare is also available for preschoolers during our worship services. Information and assistance are available at our Preschool Registration Suite Area. A Children's Worship Cart including worship bulletins, activities, books, etc. are available beside the piano door in the Sanctuary. So that we might maintain a spirit of worship, please turn off all cell phones and pagers as you enter the Sanctuary.

## This Week at First Baptist

### Sunday, January 14

9:15 a.m. Churchwide Gathering/Depts and Classrooms  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship/Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Going to Big Church class /Room 119  
3:00 p.m. Youth Arrive Home from Winter Summit

### Monday, January 15

11:00 p.m. MLK, Jr. Celebration Volunteer opportunity/  
Mack Gaston Community Center  
12:00 p.m. Men's Ensemble/Music Suite  
4:00 p.m. New Horizons Choir/Music Suite  
7:00 p.m. First Light/Music Suite

### Tuesday, January 16

4:00 p.m. Kid's Café/Youth Center  
4:30 p.m. Soul Food/Family Life Center

### Wednesday, January 17

11:00 a.m. Saturday Sacks/Youth Center  
4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 155  
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Supper/Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Children's Choirs/Music Suite  
6:15 p.m. Prayer Gathering/Fellowship Hall  
6:20 p.m. Children's Missions/Children's Area  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir/Music Suite  
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study/Youth Center

### Thursday, January 18

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast/Oakwood

### Friday, January 19

7:30 p.m. Arabic Congregation/Chapel

January 28

## MISSIONS EMPHASIS SUNDAY



Featuring: **Melody & Sam Harrell**

9:15: Sunday School in Fellowship Hall • 10:30 Worship

New Horizons Dinner is January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm

You **MUST** RSVP by **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>!**

## It's Time for Bible Drill and Bible Buddies!



Please join us  
January 21st - April 15th  
From 5-6 p.m.

**Bible Buddies:**

1st - 3rd graders, Room 217

**Bible Drill:**

4th - 6th graders, Room 219

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