

# Welcome!

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Please help us get to know you by providing the requested information and placing this tear off tab in the offering plate during the Worship Service.

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I would like to receive the church mailings

Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

What brought you to us today?

- New to town
- HPU student
- Looking for a new church home
- Website
- Yellow Pages
- Invited by a friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a church?  Yes  No

Church name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend a class today?  Yes  No

Which class \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact you:

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Names and birthdates of children living at home:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Our Pastor would love to meet you today. He will be at the center door as you exit the Worship Service. Please introduce yourself to him before you leave.*

## Today's Worship Music

*Are You Washed In the Blood • Hymn #136*

*Glory To God  
Forever Reign  
A Mighty Fortress*

*10,000 Reasons  
I Will Wait For You There  
Doxology*

Today's Scripture Reading:

### Service Team Enrollment

Service Teams are a major way FBC members are involved in the life of our church. All members are encouraged to sign up for AT LEAST one team each year (more if you wish). Whether you are new to FBC or have been here all your life, you are needed! Sign up sheets are at the doors or you can take and return a Service Team Card. Sign up during August so teams can organize & be serving by back to school!

Service Teams:

Hospitality	Weekday Education
Family Care	Recreation Ministry
Ushers & Greeters	Music & Worship
Outreach & Prayer	University Ministries
Preschool & Children's Ministries	Denominational Relations
Women's Ministries	Meals on Wheels
Local Ministries	Church Ordinances
Library	Promo and Decor

## How to unite with the First Family

At First Baptist Church, Brownwood, we welcome you to become a part of our family of faith. We invite you to visit one of our Sunday School classes & Bible Study groups, as well as the worship choir, student & children's groups.

Membership in the church is offered to anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Savior and follows Him in believer's baptism. One of the ministers will be glad to visit with you during the invitation or make an appointment to discuss this or any other questions you may have about FBC at your convenience.

*If you have a decision to make or wish to talk or pray with someone, we invite you to come to the front of the Sanctuary during the invitation hymn, immediately following the sermon, and speak with one of the ministers.*

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Senior Pastor

I have missed some things in the London Olympics. What happened to softball? And baseball? As an Astro fan I have been missing professional baseball for the past two years and was looking forward to Olympic baseball. I could have done with less table tennis, synchronized swimming, and competitive air pistols. Although sumo wrestlers on the three meter spring board might have been fun.

It takes a lot to make an Olympian. In addition to the years of practice, travel, and competitions, there is the need for excellent coaching and the continual support of family and friends. And it takes a lot of financial investment to produce a competitive Olympic athlete.

What does it take to produce a devoted follower of Jesus? It takes a willingness to be obedient to every instruction given by the Lord. Coaches/teachers/mentors are essential. We all need consistent Christian models. And we need the love and support of family and friends. We may encourage believers to have a quiet time each day, but real spiritual formation cannot be accomplished alone. Spiritual lives are formed in community with others, communities that worship and serve together.

Everybody needs a community of faith! A church! We all need others with whom we can worship God and serve others. If you are looking for such a community, give us a look. We are not perfect. You will fit right in. Together we can follow Jesus better than we could alone.

Grace and peace!

