

THE FIRST WORD for May 25, 2025



First Baptist Church Eden

A Place of Grace to
Believe, Belong, and Become

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday Small Groups 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:45 am

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FBC Eden exists to bring glory to God by becoming a "3E community":
Embracing God in worship, Encouraging one another in love to become
fully-devoted disciples, and Engaging the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May 25: LORD's Supper

3:00 pm Nursing Home Ministry

May 26: Memorial Day

9:00 am Memorial Service at the flagpole at Eden Cemetery

May 27: 5:30 Natural Remedies

June 1-4: 5:30-8:00 pm VBS

June 9: 6:00 pm MOC Meeting

June 10: 10:00 am Community Ladies Gathering at FBCE

June 17-21: Preteen Camp

June 22: Nursing Home Ministry

June 23-27: Youth Camp

June 29: LORD's Supper

Praise & Worship

Church Meal

Today's Message

Memorial Stones

Joshua 4:1-9

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Mark your calendar!!!!

VBS June 1-4

5:30-8:00 pm

Who's Your Daddy?

"You are the children of the Lord your God," Deut. 14:1

"They are not my children, and I am not their mother." Those words were often spoken to my children when they used the "but everybody else..." argument. The expression Bryan used most often was the same admonition his own father had used with him, "We don't say/do that in our family."

It doesn't take a child long to figure out that the rules and expectations in their family are different from those of other families. As soon as that realization hits, the questions and the challenges begin. Whether you are dealing with physical or spiritual families, the issue will arise. While there are so many different physical families in this world, there are only two spiritual families...the family of God or the family of the enemy. You are either a child of the Father of Truth or the father of lies; the Father of Light or the father of darkness. There is no other option.

And just like an earthly parent, God the Father has expectations for his children. 2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the **man of God** may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Notice it says the man of God, not man in general, not just any man, not even all men. It specifically says the man who belongs to God because he wants *his kids* to be different.

Have you ever noticed that before? God's teachings, his instructions, his law, his commands were given to his children. God gave his commandments to the Israelites in the desert **after** he redeemed them from Egypt. And he doesn't expect obedience from us until we become his children because no one feels compelled to obey someone else's father. Not only does he give us the instructions and expectations for how things are done in his family, but as dearly loved children, he writes them on our hearts and provides his Spirit to help us discern and understand his teachings.

According to Romans 8:16, "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children." Now, just as an earthly father expects his children to know and obey his teachings which he establishes for the good of his children, so our heavenly Father expects us to know and obey his teachings which he established for our good.

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