

SERMON NOTES

TODAY'S TEXT: MATTHEW 13:31-33
WITH PASTOR BEN WETHERINGTON

*"A farmer plows his field, sows the seed, and fertilizes and cultivates—all the while knowing that in the final analysis he is utterly dependent on forces outside of himself. He knows he **cannot cause the seed to germinate**, nor can he **produce the rain and sunshine** for growing and harvesting the crop. For a successful harvest, he is dependent on these things **from God**.*

*Yet the farmer knows that unless he **diligently pursues his responsibilities** to plow, plant, fertilize, and cultivate, he cannot expect a harvest at the end of the season. In a sense, he is in **partnership with God**, and he will reap its benefits only when he has fulfilled his own responsibilities.*

*Farming is a **joint venture between God and the farmer**. The farmer cannot do what God must do, and God will not do what the farmer should do.*

We can say just as accurately that the **pursuit of holiness is a joint venture between God and the Christian**. No one can attain any degree of holiness without God working in his life, but just as surely, **no one will attain it without effort on his own part**. God has made it possible for us to walk in holiness. But He has given to us the **responsibility of doing the walking; He does not do that for us.**"

Jerry Bridges- "The Pursuit of Holiness"



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Loving God & Loving People, Serving God by Serving People

AUGUST 24, 2025—ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Bible Reading—*Elder Dusty Tryon*

Worship in Song

Worship Through Offerings

Announcements/Prayer—*Elder Chuck Thompson*

Message from—Matthew 13:31-33

Pastor Ben Wetherington

"The Process of the Promise"

Invitation & Worship in Song

Blessing & Benediction

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THIS WEEK @ FBCS

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Evangelism Training
7:00 PM Adult Choir Pract.

Monday

7:30 PM Praise Team

Wednesday

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting
& Youth Group

Evangelism Training

Tonight at 6:00pm

This training will replace the Sunday Evening Service for 5-6 weeks and will be held in the Sanctuary. Pastor Adam will provide the Children (Pre School–5th Grades) with an Evangelism Training of their own in the Ladies classroom. Nursery for infants and toddlers will be available.

REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School

Classes meet every Sunday at 9:00am for Nursery—Senior Adults.

Children's Church

Gospel-centered, age-appropriate teaching, offered during the service for Nursery through 5th grade. Please stop by the Check-in station at the Welcome Center.

Evening Service

The 6:00pm service will be the Evangelism Training for the next 5-6 weeks. Nursery is available.

Midweek @ First

Join us on Wednesday at 6:30pm for our Prayer Meeting. Nursery, Children's Class and Youth Group are also available.

Hearing Devices

Hearing packs are available at the Welcome Center if you need hearing assistance during the sermon.

Building Fund Recap

Total BF \$165,167.94

MISSIONS

North Carolina Mission Trip

Oct. 19-25th (Sun-Sat)

The team will partner with NC Baptists on Mission to do Essential Rapid Repairs (ERR) on homes that were damaged by Hurricane Helene making them safe, sanitary and functional (not finished). If you have questions or need a Mission Trip Application & Registration form, please or contact Misty Hunt at 812-240-9702. We will need to know this month how many are for sure going. Signup sheet is at the foyer table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sonshine Fellowship Lunch

Thurs., Sept. 4th at 11:30am

On the menu is Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Mac n Cheese and Applesauce. You're welcome to bring a dessert to share! See the signup sheet on the foyer table.

Adult Choir Resumes

The Adult Choir will start back up with practices on Sunday evenings following the Evangelism Training. They welcome new voices to join!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Team Exodus Hub

The Team helps to rescue, encourage and provide safe placement for the sex trafficked. If you're willing to pray and make phone calls, we invite you to attend our Team Exodus Hub meeting. The group meets once a month for two hours. For info contact: Linda or Dale Richey at 812-230-7512 or vahsstv@outlook.com. Poster & business cards are on the foyer table.

DOTK Women's Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for a Daughters of the King Women's Retreat on Nov. 7-8th in Nashville, IN at the Brown County Inn. More details on costs and signing up for rooms will be coming soon!

Eprayer & Church Email Lists

If you'd like to receive the Eprayers, Weekly Prayer Guides and the FBCS Happenings emails, please submit your request to Amy Lutes at alutes@fbcshelburn.com to be added to all our church email lists.



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GIVING

Received:
\$10,297.00
Needed:
\$9,798.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	85
Worship	262
Visitors	11

COMMUNITY

FOOD MIN.

Wednesday,
Sept. 17th
at 6:30pm