

Sermon Series:  
Heroes of Faith

“Faith In Hard Times”

Hebrews 11:35B-39

Sermon notes:

First Steps

Membership is open to anyone who has 1) placed their faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and 2) has been baptized by immersion by a body of believers of like faith and practice.

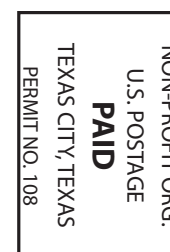
We will be happy to assist you with these spiritual decisions.

Text **FIRST** to (409) 215-0332 to be contacted or meet one of our Ministers near the platform after the service to discuss your spiritual decision.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



***Pursuing  
Christ FIRST  
in Life, Love and  
Actions***

**August 9, 2020**

**9:00 A.M.**

Holy Ground

Great I Am

Have Faith In God

In Christ Alone

The Blessing

**11:00 A.M.**

Holy Ground

Great I Am

We Believe

Because He Lives

The Blessing

Message

Dr. Robert Miller

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## This Week @ FBCTC

August 9 - 15

### Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. *Encouragers ZOOM* Bible Study  
*Logos YouTube* Bible Study  
Please refer to Church website;  
<https://fbctc.com/first-steps/find-a-bible-studysmall-group/>

### Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. **JAM** - Youth - Church parking lot under the big cross

### Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

## Coffee with the Pastor

<https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchtexascty/>  
<https://robertmiller.substack.com/?sort=top>



## FINISHING THE TASK

A stewardship ministry of FBCTC to finish the task of building out the first floor of our facility.

### BUILDING UPDATE

All rooms are near completion except for flooring. Several rest rooms and one of the drinking fountains have running water. Installation of the LVT (hard) flooring is scheduled to begin on August 17. Cleaning of the marble tile floors will take 2 weeks and may begin as early as Monday. Exciting stuff!!



Be strong and finish the task! Zechariah 8:9

## Financial gifts for August 2, 2020

	Week	To Date
Financial Plan	20,392.40	367,063.20
Financial Receipt	15,154.39	359,950.59
World Missions	140.00	3,416.00
Glass Memorial Baptistry	0.00	129,715.00
Finishing the Task	3,681.00	382,228.33

## A Message from Our Family Pastor Dennis Johns:

Last week I was privileged to have an opportunity to be involved with a memorial celebration for a recent Texas City Graduate, Kendall Sumners. I didn't actually know her personally, but I was somewhat familiar with her story and knew that she was a special person. Kendall, being a double lung and liver recipient, had been diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at birth and at that time family was told that they would probably only see 12 birthdays. As per usual, I met with her parents to plan the structure of the memorial and gain insight to who this young lady really was. I really had no idea what to expect from a couple who had just experienced the death of their nineteen-year-old baby girl.

What I encountered was a somewhat somber but proud and resilient mother and father who had been a part of a true blessing from God. They shared encouraging stories of how Kendall fought through her struggles and how she never let her situation overshadow her ability to love others. They shared of her determination to believe and achieve; in fact, she had such struggles with one of the transplants in late 2019 that doctors didn't give her much hope. She firmly stated that she had a graduation coming up in June and was not going to miss it, and she didn't. Mom and Dad shared with pride about Kendall's drive and true belief that she could make the world a better place, and she did. One of the statements that I specifically recall is that "she never saw ugly."

She reminds me of Paul's admonition to the people in Philippians 4:4-9;

*4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

That's the challenge for us today as although the world sometimes seems crazy and full of struggle, it is still part of God's creation and design and he is in control. We have the privilege of helping to make it a better place along with "warrior princesses" like Kendall.

I encourage you today with the words of Paul - to look and think and act upon things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy. It is God's design; we can make the world a better place.

Thank you, Kendall, for the reminder.

### Ministry Staff

Dr. Robert R. Miller, Pastor  
John Talley, Associate Pastor, Worship & Administration  
Dennis Johns, Associate Pastor, Families  
Meschel Hara, Children's Minister



Check out our  
**First Kids webpage for links to this weeks  
Children's Ministry lessons**  
[www.fbctc.com/ministries/children](http://www.fbctc.com/ministries/children)



**SOLES4  
SOULS**  
COMMUNITY SHOE DRIVE

## Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

Accepting gently worn or new shoes.

All sizes and styles accepted.

Community Goal of 10,000 shoes.

**Can drop off shoes at the church office.**



We will be collecting cereal,  
hygiene products and canned fruit for

**Susan's Market**

Coordinating with United Faith Alliance.

Food may be dropped off at the church office.



First Baptist Church  
LIVE @ 9:00 & 11:00 am



Worship services are streamed live on the internet each week from our website  
<https://livestream.com/accounts/900582/events/3144129>

Recent services are also available short term. Click on the livestream.