

Sermon Series: Finishing the Task

“Gratitude Leads to Generosity”

James 1:17-18

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

Hebrews 13:15

Psalms 103:1-5

1. Everything we have _____.

Every good and perfect gift is from above...
James 1:17

- 1) Stewardship shows what we believe.
- 2) Giving is what we do.
- 3) Generosity is how it is measured.
 - *Widow's mite (Mark 13:41-44)
 - *Woman who anointed Jesus (Mark 14:3-9)

2. Offerings are an expression of _____.

- 1) Mandatory offerings in the Bible.
 - *tithe (Malachi 3:8-10)
 - *Temple Tax (Matthew 17:24-27)
 - *Sin, Guilt, Burnt and Grain offerings
- 2) Voluntary Offering
 - *Peace offering (Leviticus 7:28-30)

3. Generosity is an attribute of a grateful and devout _____.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21



BABIES - 6th GRADE

1st - 6th Graders join adults for Worship at 10:45am and then are dismissed at sermon time for Kids Church with the exception of Communion Sunday.
Classes provided during the full Worship Hour (10:30am-Noon):
Babies - 23 months & 2 year olds
Kids Church Jr. (Prek-3 - Kindergarten)

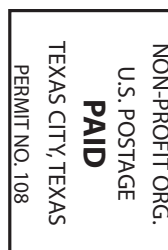
First Steps

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

March 1, 2020



Song: New Doxology
Artist: Gateway Worship



Song: Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Artist: Travis Cottrell



Song: Goodness of God
Artist: Bethel Music



Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(Beginning to End)
Artist: One Sonic Society



Song: How Can It Be
Artist: Lauren Daigle

Message

Dr. Robert Miller

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Deacon of the Week

Brad Jackson

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This Week @ FBCTC

March 1 - 7

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Band/Tech Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. J.A.M. (place TBA)
- [Until further notice ALL Wednesday evening activities are suspended due to construction.](#)

Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Elmcroft Senior Living Service
- 6:00 p.m. *Finishing the Task* Leadership Meeting

FINISHING THE TASK

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

BUILDING UPDATE

Foundations for the stage and audio/visual booth in the sanctuary are completed. Steel studs for the walls in the sanctuary and children’s area are essentially in place. Preliminary wall construction is beginning in the youth area. Fire water sprinkler system is near complete for the adult classroom area. These are not empty rooms anymore!



Be strong and finish the task! Zechariah 8:9

Financial gifts for February 23, 2020

| | Week | To Date |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Financial Plan | 21,021.78 | 988,021.78 |
| Financial Receipt | 21,822.95 | 896,573.98 |
| World Missions | 300.00 | 7,215.00 |
| Glass Memorial Baptistry | .00 | 130,884.17 |

A Message from Robert Miller

Finishing the Task!

This Sunday, we officially begin our “Finishing the Task” capital stewardship campaign. Last Fall, our church decided to build out completely the first floor of our building. This decision was reached after much prayer, discussion, and ended with a unanimous church vote. After our contractor told the building committee the project would cost 4.2 million, the committee knew there would be some difficult decisions to be made. We had 1.5 million in the bank from the sale of our Mainland property (the proceeds from the sale of our Ninth Ave property was spent on a large down payment on our building, architect plans, air conditioning water towers, etc.) With 1.5 million, we felt as if we could build out the worship center and the foyer area, but nothing else. As the committee prayed, it was the unanimous consensus that we needed to finish the downstairs area so that no program of our church would be left out. The committee then consulted with the deacons and the finance committee about the decision, and they unanimously agreed. Then the proposal was taken to the church and voted on unanimously on a Sunday morning. The church voted to secure a 1-million-dollar loan to be added to our 1.7-million-dollar loan we had on the building to be paid through the budget. That still left us 1.7 million short, and so the church again voted unanimously to go into a capital stewardship campaign where our members would give over and above their tithe for three years to pay off a separate 1.7-million-dollar loan. We have voted, and now it is time to act!

Every Sunday in March, we will have an emphasis on ‘why’ giving to “Finishing the Task” is essential for our church and the Kingdom of God! It is our desire for this to be a God Thing! It is a God-sized task, and that is why we went through our “40 Days of Prayer” immediately before going into the “Finishing the Task” campaign. No one will come to your home and ask you to give to this program. What we are asking, will you ask God what part of this 1.7-million you are to give? We are not asking for equal gifts but equal sacrifice. If you, along with every member of our church, will ask God the amount you are to give, then God will provide all our needs through His people!

Ministry Staff

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

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LIVE @ 10:45 am



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- March 1 **Gratitude Sunday**
- March 8 **Transformation Sunday**
- March 15 **Prayer Sunday and Prayer Walk throughout our facility**
- March 22 **Children and Youth Sunday**
- March 29 **Communion and Impact Sunday**

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Crazy Bold For Jesus Conference
First Baptist Church Houston
March 28 @ 9am
\$20
Contact Brenda McDonald (409) 771-2839

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Ten2Give Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

Accepting gently worn or new shoes.

All sizes and styles accepted.

Community Goal of 10,000 shoes.



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