

# SERMON NOTES

## "The Loving Father"

Luke 15: 1-2,11-32

I. The father and the younger son.

- 1) The father loved Him enough to allow the son to experience the results of his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The father forgives him and throws a party when he \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 15:17-24)

II. The father and the older son.

- 1) The older son though staying in the father's house was full of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 15:25-30)
- 2) The father invited him to the \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 15:31-32)



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## SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

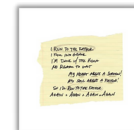


Song: Alive & Breathing  
Artist: Matt Maher



Songs: Hymn Medley  
I'll Fly Away  
The Unclouded Day  
In The Sweet By And By  
Farther Along  
His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Artist: Various Artists



Song: Run To The Father  
Artist: Cody Carnes



Song: Good Good Father  
Artist: Housefires

Message

Robert Miller

"The Loving Father"  
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Deacon

Ronn Mason



## Taking the first steps

Membership is open to anyone who has:

1. Placed his or her faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins
2. Been baptized by immersion by a body of believers of like faith and practice

Meet one of our ministers at the First Steps Room after Sunday's service to discuss your spiritual decision.



Newborn to 23 months (Room C116)  
2 years old (Room C114)  
3-5 year olds (Room C112)  
1st -6th grade (Room C108)

Check in your babies - 6th grade before worship beginning at 10:30am.  
They will receive a name tag and you will receive a guardian tag.  
Hold on to your guardian tag for pickup time.  
1st - 6th Grade will join their family in adult worship at 10:45am and dismiss after the offertory prayer for Kids Church.

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SEPTEMBER 18 - 24

- Sunday**  
8:30am **Worship Rehearsal**  
9:30am **Sunday School**  
10:45am **Worship Service** (Worship Center)  
6:00pm **David Phelps Concert** (Worship Center)
- Tuesday**  
9:30am **Lynn's Dynabands** (D100)  
11:00am **Senior Adult Fellowship** (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday**  
11:30am **Ladies Bible Journaling Group** (B108)  
6:00pm **JAM** 7th -12th grade (Upper Room)  
**Kid Jam** 4 yrs - 6th grade (Kids Area)  
**Nursery** Babies - 3yrs (C114)  
6:15pm **Prayer and Praise** (Worship Center)  
7:00pm **Choir Rehearsal** (Choir Room)  
8:00pm **Worship Rehearsal** (Worship Center)
- Thursday**  
9:30am **Lynn's Dynabands** (D100)  
9:30am **Bible Study Fellowship** (Worship Center)
- Friday** Office Closed

For the past few Wednesday nights, the Student Ministry has been studying in the book of Hebrews. There is so much encouragement in that book as we see the Gospel story revealed through the devotion and actions of people who were faithful to God. We are exposed to what "faith" looks like and how it is modeled throughout history. Hebrews explains how Jesus, as the high priest, came to redefine our faith as He gave us access to God. This gives us new hope and ability to approach God with confidence of His love and provision.

In part, the book of Hebrews was written to encourage believers who had grown spiritually indifferent. In Hebrews 10:24-25 we read "23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

The narrative follows along the Great Commandment path of loving God and loving others. We are encouraged to look for ways to "provoke" each other to love and good deeds. What does that look like? Watch the daily news, and you'll see exactly what it doesn't look like. Provoke is a word usually used with a negative connotation, but here we are instructed to think about ways to be provocative in producing good. We are told many times in scripture to do good to others, to love each other, to think about good things, to practice hospitality. In fact, these actions could be good medication for depression and anxiety as we look for ways to take our focus off of ourselves.

This may be a petty example, but I remember the first time that someone ahead of me in the fast-food drive-through line paid for my meal. I thought it was pretty cool for someone to do that without knowing anything about me, but the real impact was that it "provoked" me into thinking of doing the same for others. Good deeds and love really are contagious.

The other encouragement in these verses is "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some." Small groups will soon begin again, and we all need that element of fellowship outside of the normal Sunday morning worship. We hope you will consider being a part of a small group; or even better, lead one in your home or at church or some other location. God has great things ahead. Hope to see you in the drive-through line - but I really look forward to seeing you Sunday!

**SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP**  
September 20th @ 11:00am in Fellowship Hall  
Bring your favorite salad for lunch. Tossed salad, greek salad, macaroni salad, egg salad, tuna salad, ham salad, etc.  
**"GONE TO THE DOGS"**  
Our speaker will be Karen Gastler from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. She will be sharing about the nationwide K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry and how they can help in times of crisis and just to cheer up people in rehab centers, hospitals, etc.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
**FAMILY Sunday**  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
Don't miss out on this month's Family Sunday!  
Our Puppet Ministry will begin the service with "Let Your Light Shine" followed by the First Kids Ministry leading us in the first two songs of worship: "Great Things" and "House of the Lord!"  
The kids will practice that Sunday morning @ 9:15am in Worship Center

**IT'S TIME TO START YOUR SMALL GROUPS**  
MAX LUCADO  
anxious for NOTHING  
Small Group Leaders Meeting  
Sunday, October 2 @ 4pm  
Room B110

JOIN US FOR A  
*Retirement Celebration*  
IN HONOR OF  
**PASTOR ROBERT MILLER**  
— **Sunday, October 9** —  
Immediately following Worship in the Fellowship Hall  
Join us for a time of fellowship and celebration of Pastor Robert's time here at FBCTC! Olive Garden will be served for lunch.

**FBCTC Worship Spotify Playlist**  
Download the Spotify app on any mobile device or desktop, and search "FBCTC" to find the upcoming songs we will sing in church on Sundays!  
Playlist updated weekly.

**Live Stream Video**  
Our worship service is live streamed weekly and available through Facebook Live or on our website through Vimeo. Previous sermons are available by video short term on our homepage or by audio under menu/listen to sermons.

**MINISTRY STAFF**  
Dr. Robert Miller, Pastor  
John Talley, Associate Pastor, Worship & Administration  
Dennis Johns, Associate Pastor, Family Minister  
Meschel Hara, Children's Minister  
Jenny Skarke, Worship/Media Associate

**Financial Gifts**  
**September 11, 2022**

	Weekly	Yearly
Financial Plan	\$20,567.17	\$493,612.08
Financial Receipt	\$17,586.00	\$506,533.57
World Missions	\$500.00	\$4,190.10
Finishing the Task	\$3,059.00	\$1,107,355.36