

SERMON

DATE: Saturday/Sunday, November 10-11, 2018

SERIES TITLE: LESSONS FROM PSALMS: *Words of Joy, Hope, Forgiveness and Gratitude*

SERMON TITLE: Why We Do What We Do

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 100

[1] Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

[2] Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

[3] Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

[4] Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

[5] For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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Title: Why We Do What We Do

1. We sing

- *Psalm 96:1-2 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.*

2. We pray

3. We testify

4. We give

5. We hear

- **Romans 10:17** *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.*

6. We proclaim

- *1 Corinthians 1:23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles*

7. We bind

- *Matthew 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

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2018 has been a historic year at First Baptist Church. We have had record attendances in Connect Groups, Worship Services, and new members while building facilities to carry us far into the future.

When I reflect over these and several other significant events, I am moved to gratitude to God for His goodness and appreciation for the faithfulness of our people.

We have made significant decisions that have us poised for the future while functioning with amazing unity and harmony.

This Wednesday night we will have our fourth Congregational Meeting for this year. As a church governed by the congregation, we need you to be present as we follow our by-laws for the governance of the congregation.

These are items which will be dealt with this week:

First, we will discuss the budget for the coming year. Our Finance Ministry Team is proposing a budget of \$6.7 million dollars for 2019. As you have heard me say, this year (2018) and next year (2019) have been and will be challenging years for us budget wise. Getting into our new facilities has challenged us with four items: debt retirement, utilities, property and casualty insurance, and maintenance.

Each successive week has increased my confidence that we will be able to meet all of our obligations while continuing to carry out ministry. Over the next few weeks I will attempt to give more specifics of what we are trying to do and why I am becoming increasingly confident about these two budget years.

Second, we will receive and vote on the slate of deacons who will serve in 2019-20.

Third, we will vote on those who will serve in various ministry teams.

Finally, I use the Congregational Meetings to share my vision for the church.

We hope to see you Wednesday night at 6:30 PM in the church Fellowship Hall.