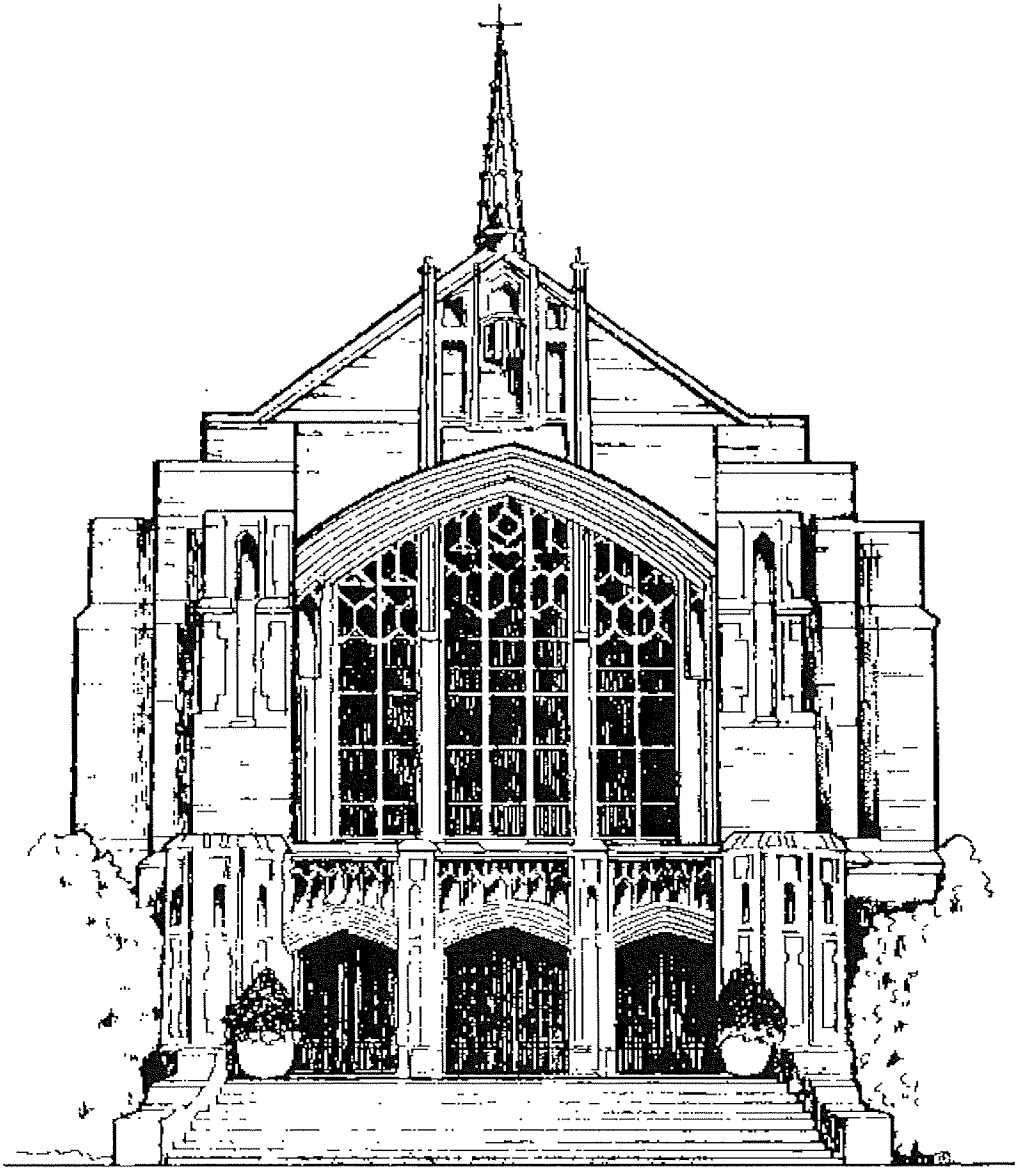
First Baptist Church of Dayton

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS 2

NOVEMBER 8, 2026



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.

111 W. Monument Avenue
Dayton OH 45402
937-222-4691

fbc@fbcdayton.org | www.fbcdayton.org
Instagram: firstbaptistchurchdayton | Facebook: First Baptist Church of Dayton



The First Baptist Church at Worship
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Stewardship Emphasis 2
November 8, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE — R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Two Antiphons from The Song of Solomon ..... Marcel Dupré
Prelude on "Down Ampney" ..... Henry G. Ley
Prelude on "St. Anne" ..... Healey Willan
Litany ..... Franz Schubert

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT — Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

Striving After God ..... Undine Smith Moore

True art is made noble and religious by the mind producing it. For those who feel it, nothing makes the soul so religious and pure as the endeavor to create something perfect. For God is perfection, and whoever strives after perfection is striving after God.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN — **#566** O God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE

Isaiah 41:9-10 says, "I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." No matter our situation, no matter our struggles and fears, no matter doubts, we are told to have courage, for the Lord is our God. And as Isaac Watts writes so powerfully in this hymn, our God is everlasting, and will be our help through all of our years. The first verse gives us every assurance we need: God is our help, our hope, and our home. This does not blithely dismiss our fears and troubles. They are, and always will be, very real. But it does assure us that even if we cannot feel the immediate comfort, or even when all we can do is lament, we have a God that withstands the storms of the life and the tests of time, and who protects us and hears our cries.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you!
People: And also with you!

PASSING THE PEACE *(A time to greet one another)*

*DOXOLOGY #706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD 100TH, alt.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 24:14-15, 21-25 Gina Greenwood

"Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13 Gina Greenwood

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God within us,
for the Word of God among us.
People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP SONG

#619 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine
ASSURANCE

Ira Sankey, good friend of hymn author Fanny Crosby, once related this story about the comfort "Blessed Assurance" provides: "'During the recent war in the Transvaal,' said a gentleman at my meeting in Exeter Hall, London, in 1900, 'when the soldiers going to the front were passing another company whom they recognized, their greetings used to be, "Four-nine-four, boys; four-nine-four;" and the salute would invariably be answered with "Six further on, boys; six further on." The significance of this was that, in 'Sacred Songs and Solos,' a number of copies of the small edition of which had been sent to the front, number 494 was 'God be with you till we meet again'; and six further on than 494, or number 500, was 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine'" (*My Life and Sacred Songs*, 69). From the very day she wrote them, Crosby's words have provided comfort for millions of Christians in the face of fear, persecution, sorrow, and doubt. In spite of all the trials that may come, we know that we serve a Savior who came to bring the Kingdom of God on earth, and as we serve Him, we participate in, and belong to, that Kingdom. We each play our own part in that "glorious foretaste" of what is still to come. We belong to Christ and his Kingdom – what an assurance this is!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

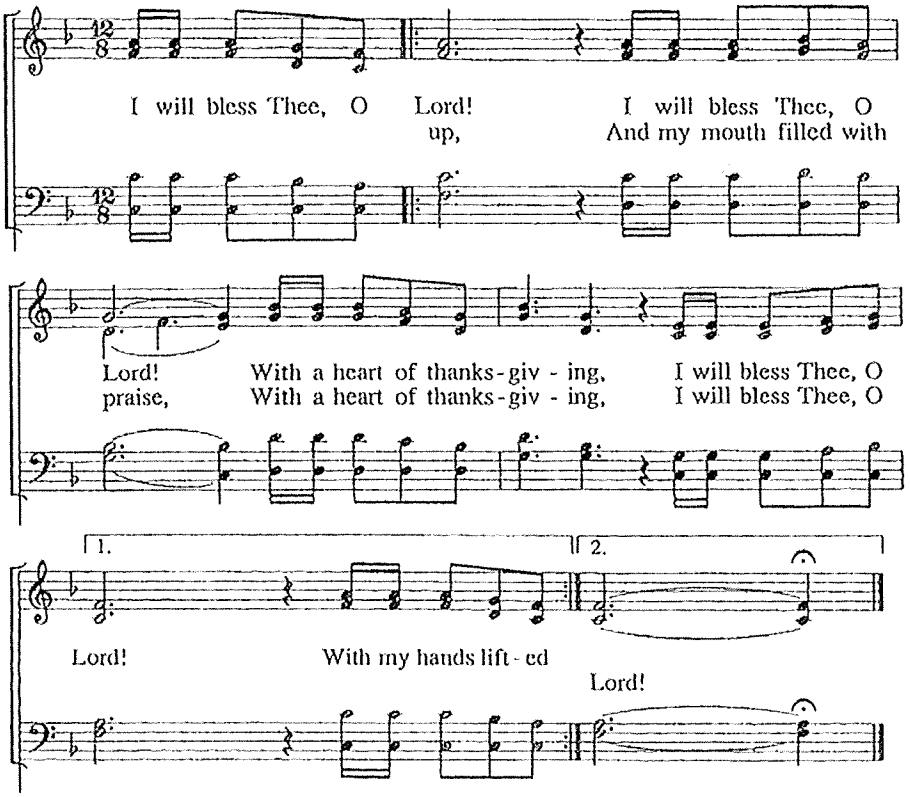
Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord
Esther Watanabe

I will bless Thee, O Lord! I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee O Lord!
With my hands lifted up, and my mouth filled with praise,
with a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. David Coggins

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" ..... arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.

Refrain
Children, don't grow weary,
children, don't grow weary,
children, don't grow weary,
'Til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian, journey soon be over,
for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Choose Your God"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#426 Tell Me the Story of Jesus
STORY OF JESUS

The didactic nature of this hymn—and its fitness for Christian education—is simple and clear: it tells the story of Jesus' life on earth, starting with his incarnation, followed by his temptation in the desert, his earthly ministry, his crucifixion, burial, and resurrection.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

#523 God Be with You
GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!
God be with you till we meet again! 'Neath His wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again!

POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

Rigaudon ..... André Campra

(*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.
Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!

(Music and words are used with permission of CCLI License #1826847.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at https://www.youtube.com/ and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (http://www.fbcdayton.org/).

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Bayless Family	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy Smith
Harriet Berghuis	Bill Harrell	Veghte Family
Jessica Blair	Debbie Harshman	Harold West
Gail Bowman	Jason Jett	Brett Whittaker
Dana Brewer	Gene Lee	Sharon Wingham
Daniel Brown	Vincent Liss	***Military Duty:***
Linda Ginter-Brown	Patty Loxley	Sebastian Ewald
Gerald Busch	Tom McKenzie	Sunny Ewald
June Collier	Shirley Nash	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Merriann Craig	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Bill Cress	Petry Family	Will Radachi
Pamela Cress	See Family	Juan Rodriguez

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)



DABA

Fall Gathering

Sunday, November 8

Omega Baptist Church

1821 Emerson Ave., Dayton

"And Who Is My Neighbor?"

Luke 10:25–37

4:00 PM **Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees**

Panel discussion with Welcome Dayton and Community Partners

5:00 PM **Dinner**

FBC TO BRING DESSERTS!

Main dish provided.
Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Check with your church for assignments.

6:00 PM **Worship**

Pastor Ernest Brown from St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Springfield, preaching

All Are Welcome!

Week of November 8 – 15

Sun. 8	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School for All Ages
	4:00p	DABA Fall Gathering – Welcome
	5:00p	DABA Dinner
	6:00p	DABA Worship
Tue. 10	6:30p	Mankind Meeting
	7:00p	Philharmonic Chorus Rehearsal
Wed. 11	2:00p	Bible Study
	6:30p	Board Meetings
Thu. 12	7:30a	Bible Study @ MidDay Coffee
	6:00p	BYF Gathering
	7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 15	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School for All Ages

STEWARDSHIP 2027

"Giving Back"

Stewardship giving cards are available in the pew racks and on the table by the church office.

November Church Meetings

Board Meetings: Wednesday, Nov. 11 @ 6:30pm
Executive Council Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 18 @ 6:0pm

BYF Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the month of November, our Baptist Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a food drive to support the work of Good Neighbor House (www.goodneighborhouse.org). We are accepting canned goods and other non-perishable food items (please no glass jars) in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

GOOD NEIGHBOR HOUSE
EMPOWERING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON



Sunday, November 22, 2026

After worship service

Meal will be prepared by Chef Grey

(aka Ron Booker)

Bring a dessert to share!

RSVP by Monday, Nov. 16

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. William Henry Caldwell, our music director, who has been named "Alumnus of the Year" at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama! He will receive his award the weekend of November 14-15, 2026.

BUILDING BRIDGES BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays @ 7:30-8:30am

Nov. 5 – Poppets Coffee and Tea (1006 E. Dorothy Ln.)
Nov. 12 – MidDay Coffee (800 S. Patterson Blvd.)
Nov. 19 – Wayne & Clover (1201 Wayne Ave.)
Nov. 26 – No gathering – Happy Thanksgiving!

Each week Pastor Jason convenes a group for spirited discussion and reflection on one of the Scripture passages from the Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday, making connections and applications to current events. Many of us have been doing this for years, but it's an open gathering and anyone can join us anytime. If you have questions, please connect with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org). We usual gather at Wholly Grounds, but for the month of November we have decided to visit some other local coffee shops (note locations above).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study: The Letter to the Romans

Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh (et al)
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
September 13-November 15
1st Floor – Chapel

In this class we will make use of J.R. Daniel Kirk's commentary, *Romans for Normal People*, part of a larger project—*The Bible for Normal People*—which envisions "a world where people engage with the Bible freely, without fear or guilt—where questions are welcome and scholarship is accessible. Additionally, and perhaps inevitably, we will consider a variety of other study resources (video, podcasts, etc.) to help us engage with the biblical text.

Along with Pastor Jason, participants will be invited to help facilitate our times of discussion and reflection themselves, as we make our way through *Romans*, with the intention of building some confidence for leading and engaging in Bible study. But no pressure! And there are no prerequisites. Whether you are new to the Bible or have been reading and studying it for years, this class can be for you. If you plan to be a part of this class, please let Pastor Jason know so we can be sure to order enough commentaries/guides (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org).

Decorate for Advent/Christmas!

Saturday, Nov. 28 @ 9:00AM



On Saturday, Nov. 28, beginning at 9:00am we plan to decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and exterior of the church for Advent/Christmas and would greatly appreciate as many helpers as possible. There will be refreshments available. **Please join us** for this time of preparation, fun and fellowship!

Save the Date!!

KOINONIA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, Dec. 11 @ 7pm

Home of Daryl & Barb Bogan
(7610 Rolling Oaks Dr, 45459)
Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share!
All are welcome!





It's Time to Place an Order!

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

If you wish to contribute toward our annual display of poinsettias for Advent/Christmas, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering basket this morning, or in the church office, or mail it in. You may contribute in memory of loved ones or to honor special people. Gifts of $20 will help to defray the cost of the plants. **Orders and payments are needed by Wednesday, Nov. 25, in time for the First Sunday of Advent on Nov. 29th.**

— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

POINSETTIA ORDER & DEDICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

Your Name(s): _____

In **Memory** of: _____

In **Honor** of: _____

____ $20 enclosed ____ $20 will be mailed by 11/25/26

November Donation Drive
for the Dayton Christian Center

(Wishlist provided by American Baptist Women's Ministries of Ohio)

Baby Items:
Baby Diapers (sizes 3-6)
Pullups (sizes 2T-5T)
Baby Wipes (unscented)
Cloth Bibs (solid colors)

Paper Products:
Toilet Tissue
Paper Towels
Facial Tissues
Paper Plates
Plastic Cups (8-16 oz. size)

Office Needs:
Fine Tip Sharpie Markers
Legal Pads
Post It Notes
Beads
Foam Craft Pieces
Blank Thank You Note Cards

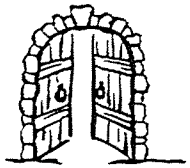
Kitchen Items/Supplies:
Dish Cloths & Towels
Silverware (Spoons & Forks)
Dishwashing Liquid (prefer Dawn)
Foil Wrap
Plastic Wrap
Coffee Filters

Housekeeping/Cleaning:
Yellow cleaning Gloves
Trash Bags (13-gallon & 30-gallon contractor)
Laundry Detergent
Windex
Brillo Pads
Bleach
Dusting Spray (Pledge)
Household Cleaner (all-purpose 409)

Items can be dropped off in the green bin in the narthex on Sundays, or dropped off at the church office during the week.

Kids Celebrate

Proper 27



gather

Welcome to worship. Getting ready for worship takes time. What do you at home? On the way? At church?

You can begin at home by preparing your offering or

On the way to church you can notice God's beautiful world or

Inside your worship space you can say a prayer or

Lord, help us to be ready when you come. Amen

send

All is ready!

The five bridesmaids who were ready had lamps filled with oil. Find them and color their lamps.



Advent is coming soon. In Advent we get ready for Jesus' coming. How do you celebrate Advent? What do you do to get ready for baby Jesus?

Advent begins in three weeks. What do you do to get your home ready for Advent?

This week

Light a candle during dinner, and thank God for the day.

Kids Celebrate copyright © 2004 Augsburg Fortress. May be reproduced for local use.

Ready and waiting

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told many parables about the kingdom of heaven. Find this parable in Matthew.

Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers and read the story quietly.

_____  took their oil  and went to
5+5

meet the . _____ were wise and filled their 
4+1

with oil. _____ weren't wise, and didn't fill their 
3+2

with oil. It got to be late at night, and the _____ 
9+1

fell asleep. Suddenly, at _____ midnight, the 
11+1

arrived. The _____ wise  lit their oil 
1+4

and went in to the wedding banquet with the . The

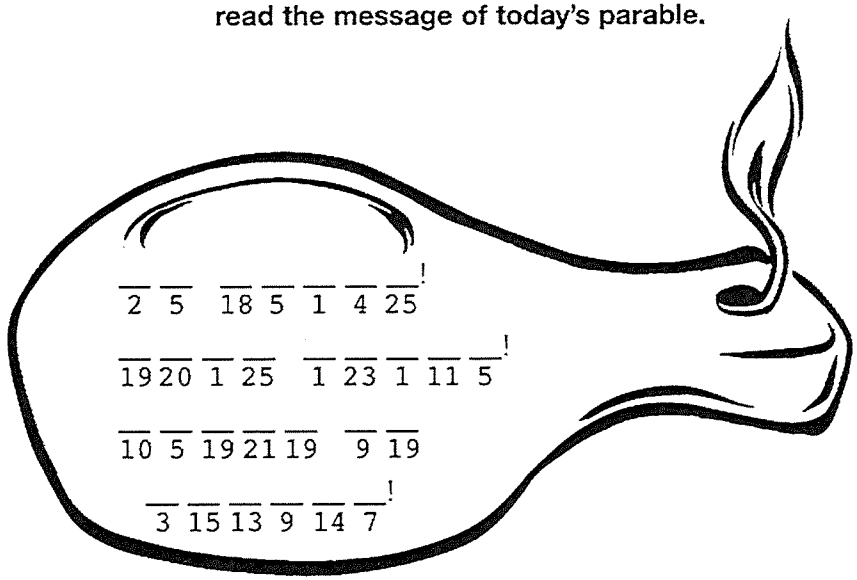
_____ not-so-wise  couldn't light their ,
2+3

so they couldn't go to the wedding banquet. Jesus says we should be like the _____ wise  and be ready!
0+5

 = bridesmaids  = groom  = lamps

Crack the code

Use the code at the bottom of the page to read the message of today's parable.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

WE APPRECIATE YOUR

eGiving

DONATION TO FBC

SIMPLE. FAST. SECURE

Thank you!