

# THE BEATITUDES

## THE WAY UP IS DOWN

Of all the virtues Christ commended in the Beatitudes, it is significant that the first is *humility*, being “poor in spirit” (Matt. 5:3). That underlies all the others:

- You cannot mourn (5:4) without appreciating how insufficient you are to handle life in your own strength. That is humility.
- You cannot be meek (5:5) unless you have needed gentleness yourself. Knowing that need is humility.
- You cannot hunger and thirst for righteousness (5:6) if you proudly think of yourself as already righteous. Longing to fill that spiritual appetite demands humility.
- You cannot be merciful (Matt. 5:7) without recognizing your own need for mercy. To confess your sin and ask God and others for forgiveness takes humility.
- You cannot be pure in heart (Matt. 5:8) if your heart is filled with pride. God promises to exalt the humble, not the proud (James 4:10).
- You cannot be a peacemaker (Matt. 5:9) if you believe that you are always right. To admit your own fallibility takes humility.
- Finally, identifying with Christ no matter what the reaction of others (5:10–12) demands a certain death to yourself and a renunciation of your own rights. Standing up under persecution demands Christ like humility.

**Word in Life Study Bible**

## BEATITUDE SEQUENCE

First, we recognize we are in need (we’re poor in spirit).

Next, we repent of our self-sufficiency (we mourn).

We quit calling the shots and surrender control to God (we’re meek).

So grateful are we for his presence that we yearn for more of him (we hunger and thirst).

As we grow closer to him, we become more like him. We forgive others (we’re merciful).

We change our outlook (we’re pure in heart).

We love others (we’re peacemakers).

We endure injustice (we’re persecuted).

**Max Lucado**



# Morning Worship Services

March 15, 2009

Prelude	<i>The Holy City</i>	Adams
Welcome		Dr. Gambrell
Praise	<i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High You’re Worthy of My Praise</i>	Founds Ruis
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children’s Message		Rev. Hayes
(11:00 a.m. Children 3 yrs. to kindergarten may leave for Children’s Church)		
Parable of the Good Samaritan	Video	James Savage
Chaplain’s Commissioning	<i>Richard and Francine Ayling</i>	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 330	<i>Amazing Grace (vv 1,2,3,5)</i>	Newton
Offertory	<i>Hymn Medley</i>	One Accord
Sermon Text	<b>1 Corinthians 11:1</b>	Rev. Hayes
Special Music	<i>Cross Medley He Chose the Cross</i>	Choir Choir
Message	<b>Be-Attitudes-Like Christ</b>	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 446	<i>Take Time to Be Holy</i>	Longstaff
Benediction		Rev. Hayes

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Kevin and Amy Rape in loving memory of both their dads, Tommy Howie and Homer Rape.*



Welcome to Worship

*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 11:1*

## Evening Worship Service

March 15, 2009 - 5:30 p.m.

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### Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Awards Ceremony

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#### Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.

**Front Door:** Chuck and Bren Collins  
**Side Door:** Gene and Louise Gore  
**Drive-Thru:** Bill and Lynda Hoke  
**Welcome Desk:** Bobbie Brannon

#### Today's Ushers

**8:30 a.m.** Duke Foyle and Chip McIntyre  
**11:00 a.m.** David Bell, Chip Bellamy, Frank Boulineau III, Ray Cooper and Kenny McLamb

**6:30 p.m.** Elaine and Mason Collins

#### Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers - 11:00 a.m.

**Nursery:** Lisa Bell  
**Children's Church:** Natalie Bellamy

#### Security Duty Next Week

**Mar. 22-25:** Porter Kennington and Ron Ball

## Notes

### Building on Our Heritage

Special offerings last week to the Building Fund totaled \$3,848.33. It is very important to revive our enthusiasm and work diligently toward paying down our current debt. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Award Ceremony Tonight

The Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Award Ceremony will be tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Entertainment will include Vertical Kids and Greg Rowles. Please come and support our young athletes and thank them for a successful 2009 Upward season.

### Quilts for the Needy Display

The ladies of the Monday quilting class invite you to stop by the fellowship hall today and view the comfort quilts that will be given this week to individuals served by Mobile Meals. When quilts are finished, they are spread to the needy in our community from First Baptist Church. If you have a half hour or more to spare on Mondays between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., even if you don't sew, you are welcomed to join the quilting group. There is always something you can help with.

### Soul Winning Classes

Soul Winning classes will be conducted by John Stinson in the Fellowship Hall, April 2, 16, and 30th at 6:30 p.m. He will be teaching how to witness to the unsaved using scripture and prayer. He has witnessed to many people since accepting Christ as his Savior. In doing so, John has seen many accept Jesus as their Savior. John is currently serving as an active Deacon and is the leader of our Visitation Team. Everyone is invited to attend. Studies have indicated that more than 70% of the people living in our area are unchurched and perhaps unsaved. We need to reach everyone in our community with the good news of the Gospel. Please pray about attending these sessions and becoming active in reaching the unsaved in our community.

## Dates to Remember

### March

*Season of North American Missions*  
*Annie Armstrong Church Goal: \$5,000*  
*Amount Received \$919.00*

### Monday, March 16

*6:00 p.m.*  
*Budget and Finance Committee Meeting*

### Friday, March 27

*Deadline for Edith Jordan, Aunt Mary Bellamy and Isaac Case Scholarships*

### Thursday, April 2, 16, 30

*6:30 p.m.*  
*Fellowship Hall*  
*Soul Winning Classes*

### Sunday, April 5

*8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*  
*Easter Cantata*

### Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10

*6:30 p.m.*  
*Living Last Supper Drama and Communion*

### Sunday, April 12

*8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*  
*Easter Worship Services*

### Sunday, April 12

*No Evening Worship Services*

### Wednesday, April 22

*6:30 p.m.*  
*Quarterly Church Conference*

### Saturday, April 25

*9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.*  
*Women's Revival Tour 2009*  
*Living Water Baptist Church*

### Sunday, April 26

*6:00 p.m.*  
*Louie Roberts— "Jammin' for Jesus"*  
*Family Life Center*

### July 12-18

*Summer Youth Camp*

### August 2—6

*Vacation Bible School*

## Activities for the Week

### **Sunday**

Chapel Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee, Donuts, Juice	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Bible Study: "Love Dare"	5:30 p.m.
Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Awards Ceremony	5:30 p.m.

### **Monday**

Quilting Class	10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	11:15 a.m.
ESL	6:00 p.m.
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday**

Discover Together Bible Study (3 <sup>rd</sup> John)	8:00 a.m.
Weekly Visitation	6:30 p.m.
Discover Together Bible Study (3 <sup>rd</sup> John)	7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
RAs and GAs	6:30 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

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