

## Sunday Morning Worship Summary

### First Baptist Church Tom Bean

**April 26, 2026**

This Lord's Day gathered with a memorable reminder that worship does not depend on convenience, comfort, or electricity. With the power out after overnight storms, the church joyfully held its "second annual no power worship service," singing from printed handouts and thanking God for His protection through the weather. It was a sweet picture that the gathered church is sustained not by technology, but by the Lord Himself.

Announcements included upcoming Mother's Day, graduate recognition Sundays in May, and an invitation to help serve the community during the local baccalaureate service. The church was also encouraged to make use of the sermon transcripts, study guides, and other resources available on the website for deeper discipleship through the week.

The congregation read together from **Colossians 1:15–23**, lifting high the supremacy of Christ as the image of the invisible God, Creator of all things, Head of the church, and the One who reconciles sinners by the blood of His cross. Worship continued with songs centered on God's greatness and mercy, fitting the truths proclaimed in Scripture.

The sermon then turned to **Genesis 1:26–27, Genesis 3:6–7, and Romans 8:29** under the theme of identity and the image of God.

The message showed three great movements of redemption:

- **Created in God's Image** – Humanity was intentionally made by God with dignity, purpose, moral capacity, rational thought, relational design, and responsibility under His authority.
- **Corrupted in Adam's Fall** – Sin distorted every part of human life, bringing shame, confusion, rebellion, and brokenness into the world.
- **Restored in Christ** – Through the gospel, believers are not merely repaired, but are being conformed to the image of the Son, Jesus Christ, who perfectly reflects the Father and secures what Adam lost.

One especially striking truth from the sermon was this: **You are not called to discover who you are—you are called to be conformed to who**

**Christ is.** In a culture obsessed with self-definition, Scripture directs us to receive identity from God rather than invent identity for ourselves.

The service concluded with the observance of the Lord's Supper. The church was called to self-examination, repentance, and gratitude as believers remembered Christ's body broken and blood shed for His people. Communion served as a fitting response to the morning's message: sinners who once bore corruption now welcomed to the table through the finished work of Christ.

A beautiful Lord's Day reminder: storms may knock out power, but nothing can hinder the worship of God or the power of His gospel.

Summary with sermon notes

## **Sunday Morning Worship Summary + Sermon Notes**

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### **Service Overview**

This Lord's Day began in unusual but fitting fashion as the church gathered for what was humorously called the "second annual no power worship service" after storms moved through the area overnight. Though electricity was out, worship was not hindered. Printed song sheets replaced screens, and the congregation gathered with gratitude for God's protection and provision. It was a vivid reminder that the church is sustained by the Lord, not by conveniences.

Announcements included:

- Mother's Day coming soon
- Graduate recognition on May 17 and May 24
- Community baccalaureate service to be hosted at the church
- Encouragement to use sermon transcripts and study resources on the church website for deeper study through the week

The church then read from **Colossians 1:15–23**, exalting Christ as Creator, Sustainer, Head of the church, and Reconciler through the blood of His cross.

## **Sermon Title**

**Created in God's Image • Corrupted in Adam • Restored in Christ**

## **Main Texts:**

- Genesis 1:26–27
- Genesis 3:6–7
- Romans 8:29

## **Sermon Theme**

In a world constantly telling people to “define yourself,” Scripture teaches that identity does not begin with self—it begins with God.

We were created by God in His image, distorted through sin, and are now being renewed through Jesus Christ.

## **Sermon Notes**

### **1. Created in God's Image**

#### **Genesis 1:26–27**

God intentionally created mankind in His image. Humanity is not accidental or meaningless.

Being made in God's image means we were created to reflect Him through:

- **Moral likeness** – accountability, right and wrong
  - **Rational capacity** – ability to think, reason, learn truth
  - **Relational capacity** – made for relationship and community
  - **Representative authority** – stewardship under God's rule
- Human life has dignity because it comes from God.

## **Key Truth:**

Identity is received from God, not invented by man.

## **2. Corrupted in Adam's Fall**

### **Genesis 3:6–7**

When Adam and Eve sinned, the image of God in humanity was not erased—but it was corrupted.

Sin introduced:

- Shame
- Fear
- Broken relationships
- Twisted desires
- False thinking
- Rebellion against God

The sermon illustrated this as a mirror smeared over—the image remains, but it is distorted.

## **Key Truth:**

Every human struggle flows from sin's corruption.

## **3. Restored in Christ**

### **Romans 8:29**

God's saving purpose is not only forgiveness, but transformation.

Believers are being **conformed to the image of His Son.**

Jesus is:

- The true image of God
- The obedient Adam
- The perfect representative
- The One who restores what sin ruined

Adam fell. Christ did not.  
Adam brought death. Christ brings life.

### **Key Truth:**

You are not called to discover yourself—you are called to become like Christ.

### **Powerful Quotes from the Sermon**

“If identity begins with me, then I must sustain it. But if identity begins with God, I receive it with humility.”

“Adam could fall. Those in Christ cannot be finally lost.”

“You are not called to discover who you are. You are called to be conformed to who Christ is.”

### **Communion Reflection**

The service concluded with the Lord’s Supper. The church was called to self-examination, repentance, and remembrance of Christ’s body broken and blood shed.

Communion was a fitting response to the message: fallen sinners welcomed to the table because Christ restores what Adam ruined.

### **Final Encouragement**

Storms may knock out the power, but they cannot silence worship.

Sin may mar the image, but Christ restores it.

The world may tell you to define yourself, but God calls you to belong to Him.