

HAND'S & FEET

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Parable of the Sower

'he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." ' Matthew 13:3-9

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus calls us to take our walk with Christ seriously by examining how we hear the Word of God. Hearing matters because true hearing is not just listening—it is understanding and obeying. Scripture calls us to be quick to listen and slow to speak, remaining biblically grounded and discerning whether we are listening to God's truth or the voice of the world.

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Special This Month

2/8 Seasoned Singles Dinner
2/18 Ash Wednesday Service at
First Christian Church 7 pm
2/25 Lent Service at Asbury
Church 7 pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Men's Prayer Time 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday:
Club 2:52 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Youth Group 7:00 pm

Thursday:
Women's Bible Study 9:30 am

Parable of the Sower (continued)

True hearing is measured by action. The biblical concept of “Shema” means to hear and to act. The way we hear God’s Word directly impacts how we live. When we truly understand what we hear, it moves us to obedience.

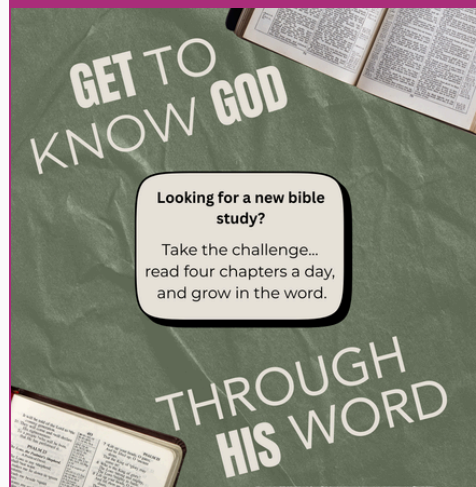
Jesus describes four types of soil that reveal the challenge to true hearing. The shallow soil represents those who are too closed off to receive the Word—it simply bounces off them. The rocky soil represents those who receive the Word with excitement, but fall away when trials come because the Word never takes root. The thorny soil represents those who know the Word and even do good, but allow distractions and idols of the world to choke out God’s truth. The good soil represents those who prepare their hearts, receive the Word, and act on it, producing fruit.

The challenge is personal: What kind of soil are we? And what will we do with the seed of the Gospel that has been planted in our lives? We are called to respond—to cultivate good soil and live out the Word we have heard.

Sermon Summary – Matthew 13:1–9

Given by Jerrod Gunter at Winter Xtreme 2025

Pictured are Lee Barton and Jeff Gebhardt, Chairman of Deacons. Lee was ordained as a deacon on December 14. Lee and Missy have been a tremendous blessing to our church, and we are truly grateful to have them as part of our church family.





THE OVERWHELMING, NEVER-ENDING CHRISTMAS GIFT

Our Children and Youth did a wonderful job sharing the true meaning of Christmas. Through songs and scripture, they beautifully reminded us that the greatest gift of all is our Savior. A heartfelt thank you to Diane Cooper and Tosha Cruse for their dedication and hard work. Children and Youth—we are so proud of each and every one of you!




'Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.'
Luke 2:52





Seventeen attended Winter Xtreme in Branson, Missouri, where they experienced powerful worship led by Chapels, KB, Crowder, and Cain. They also grew deeper in God's Word through teaching from Jerrod Gunter, Tom Richter, and Zane Black. We are grateful to Wade and Cloe for dedicating their time and hearts to leading our youth and helping them deepen their relationship with God.





YOUTH

7TH - 12TH GRADES

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM

YOUTH GROUP
WEDNESDAY'S AT 7:00 PM

O Come Let Us Adore Him



Connect

Seasoned Singles Dinner

February 8th
Following Worship

The deacons will be hosting a Seasoned singles dinner on February 8th. This is for all widow/widower/divorced singles in the church. The dinner will be held in the Joshua House immediately following the morning service.

See Jeff Gebhardt or another deacon for more information

Salisbury Area Ministerial Alliance

Please join us as we come together as a community & celebrate Lent. Lent is a time we remember the love of God that is poured out through Christ Jesus.

February 18th Ash Wednesday
at First Christian Church 7 pm

February 25th
at Asbury Church 7 pm

March 4th
at FBC Salisbury 7 pm

March 11th
at Pleasant Woods 7 pm

March 18th
at Peace Lutheran 7 pm

March 25th
at United Methodist 7 pm



"FREELY GIVEN" will be held in the Joshua House Friday, March 27th, 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 28th, 7:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

BRANSON, MO APRIL 24-26, 2026



BRANSON CONFERENCE ITINERARY
APRIL 24-26, 2026

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th	SATURDAY, APRIL 25th	SUNDAY, APRIL 26th
EVENING 7PM - 10PM Favored Worship Cathy Owens Katy Nichole	MORNING 10AM - 12PM Favored Worship Candace Payne	EVENING 7PM - 10PM Favored Worship Lysa TerKeurst Crowder

Favored Women April 24-26 2026

If you would like to go please see Melissa Estes. \$25 deposit required to reserve your spot.

WINTER Weather Update

Changes to our services because of weather will be sent out by email, text and Facebook. Sunday services will be decided by 7:00 am the morning of. If there is no school on a Wednesday there will be no Club 2:52 or Youth Group.

✨ Club 2:52 ✨ Kids are welcome to join us at any time—whether you're brand new or returning, we'd love to have you be part of the fun.

♦ Registration is quick and easy at fbcsalisbury.com. We can't wait to see you there!

PRAYER NEEDS >>>

Pray for our Pastor Search Committee. Pray that the Holy Spirit would speak to them and guide their decisions.

Pray for the man that God would call as our next pastor.

Pray for Addy Wagner as she battles cancer. Pray for strength for her and her family.

Pray for our church family that we would commit to reading God's Word daily.

DON'T MISS A THING

SIGN UP FOR OUR MID-WEEK UPDATE



Email Melissa at executiveassistant@fbcsalisbury.com with your name, phone and email address

THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS!

Club 2:52

Register Here



STARTS JAN 7TH

WEDNESDAY'S 6:00 - 7:30 PM
PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE
(MUST BE POTTY TRAINED)
AT FBC SALISBURY
REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.FBCSALISBURY.COM

Dinner served every week



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