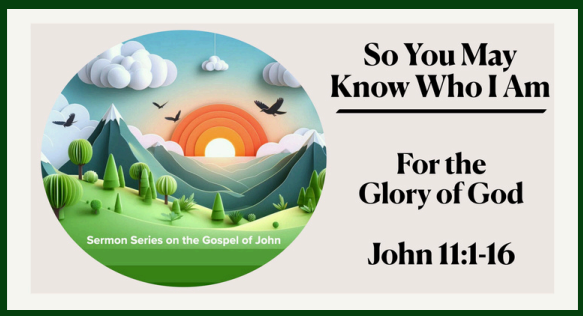
November 1, 2026

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WATERFORD

Follow along with Pastor Michael's sermon today on page 953 of the pew bible.



Welcome, we are glad you joined us today!
If you are visiting, we'd love to connect with you. Please visit our connection center and pick up a welcome packet.

Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church, which begins after the music. A fully staffed nursery and pre-kindergarten classroom is available throughout the service for infants and toddlers up until Kindergarten. Middle school students have a Bible study the second and fourth Sundays of the month after service in the teen room until noon.

Join us as we seek to become and make disciples who love and serve Jesus Christ.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Prayer Meeting: Mon. | 7:30pm | Online
WOW Bible Study: Thurs. | 10:30am | JMH

Prefer to tithe online? Use the QR code OR go to the GIVE section on our website

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Children's Ministry needs at least 6 more workers each Sunday, especially more teachers. Contact Amy Mooradian or Jeanne Reed if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

Interested in Church Membership and/or Baptism? Please contact Pastor Michael for more info.

We will be having our annual inside and outside Fall Clean Up Day on Saturday, Nov. 14, starting at 8:30 am.

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SERMON NOTES FOR JOHN 11:1–16

OVERVIEW AND KEY THEMES

- Bethany literally means "house of the poor." Evidence suggests that Bethany was a place where the poor, the needy, and the sick were cared for. It functioned almost like a small hospice outside of Jerusalem.
- The Glory of God is the manifestation of God's being, essence, nature, and presence.
- Jesus is in control, knows what he is doing, and has a bigger plan and purpose that will reveal the Glory of God and also save his friend in every way, shape, and form.
- God does NOT cause tragedy, sickness, or death just to show off. We live in a fallen world, and sometimes bad things happen. But God reveals His glory in His own timing, will, and way.
- Jesus wants his disciples to know that as long as they remain in Him, they will not stumble in the dark. They will be protected and cared for, and able to overcome the difficulties that come their way.
- For a Christian, death is NOT the end of the story; rather, it is the beginning of a whole new life. Jesus is in complete control.

APPLICATION

- Life can be difficult at times. Sometimes we do not have all the answers or any answers. Sometimes things happen in our lives that we cannot make sense of.
- The Lord does NOT play games with us. His timing is not our timing, and his ways are not our ways.
- The question we have to ask ourselves is: Who is in control? If Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior and Lord of the World, he has things under his authority and control.
- God knows what lies on the other side of our waiting and our grief. We have to trust Him to lead us there.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THE SERMON

Isaiah 55:8-9	Luke 7:36-50	John 9:3