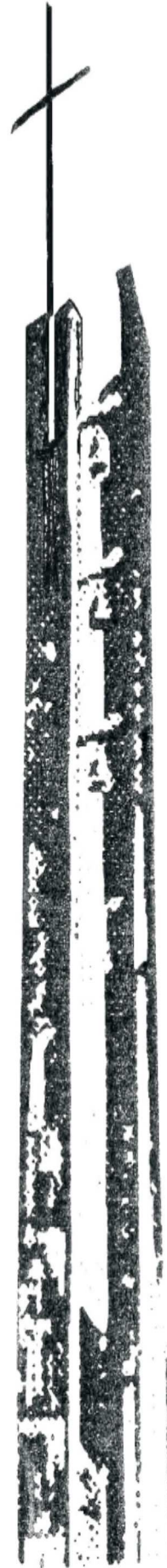


First Baptist Church

March 4, 2018

*Grace is a gift given by Christ,
Grace is a gift and
Jesus paid the price.
The righteousness of God,
revealed through His Son;
Grace is a gift to all who will believe.
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!*



The Body of Christ Gathers in Worship & Praise
Sunday, March 4, 2018
Third Sunday in Lent
Saying “Yes” to the Cross

10:55: *Please take time to greet one another,
warmly welcoming visitors in the name of Christ.*

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Welcome Rev. Kevin Wilson

Prelude *Meditation on GERMANY* Linda Denney, organ
Albin C. Whitworth

Invocation Rev. Wilson

Call to Worship Beau Brown, Congregation
The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in love.

The law of the Lord revives the soul;

the word of God makes the simple wise.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

Children’s Moment Angela Stroup
Following the children’s moment, children ages five through first grade should meet their leaders at the door by the organ to proceed to Kids’ Korner.

Litany of Saying “Yes” Rev. Meadows, Congregation
The symbol we lay before the cross today is the soldier’s whip, an instrument of punishment and coercion. Of the elements before the cross, the whip is the only one used by Christ as well. With a whip Jesus purified the temple; with a whip we destroyed the temple of His body.

Lord, Jesus the Christ, we confess our frequent misuse of power. You granted us dominion over creation, but we have too often used this gift for domination. Help us say “no” to immoral coercion of others. Help us say “yes” to the cross.

The whip was used to punish Jesus for failing to fit preconceived notions of holiness. Still today, we sometimes threaten those on the outside to behave according to the expectations of those on the inside.

Lord, we confess our blindness to your holiness. We are so busy protecting the God of our own construction that we try to destroy the God you reveal. Help us say “no” to squeezing you into our mold. Help us say “yes” to the cross.

We use the whip to remind people—with pain and scars—of their trespasses. Jesus cleansed the temple so that we might meet freely in prayer with a God who forgives.

Lord, when we are tempted constantly to remind our neighbors of their sin and wound them by rehearsing their past, help us say “no” to keeping a record of wrongs. Help us say “yes” to the cross.

Leader: let us pray together:

All: Almighty God, you know our sin. You know how we misuse our power. Our lives are filled with guilt. Wash us and make us clean. Help us to lay down our instruments of destruction. Teach us to be a reflection of your love and grace. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Mold us into the image of Jesus, in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 541

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

TAYLOR

Offertory Prayer

Mark Rogers

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional, Setting by Edwin Childs

Scripture

John 2:13-22
Pew Bible page 1261

Rev. Meadows

*******BULLETIN BOARD*******

Wednesday, March 7

Menu: Country Pork Ribs, Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread, Slaw, Salad

Called Church Conference

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30pm-Fellowship Hall

A called Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 21, to vote on the Nominating Committee's recommendation to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee. Please plan to attend this meeting.

CBFNC Youth Choir Festival: March 9-10

Public Concert, March 10, 2:00PM

Wingate University

Six of our youth will participate in the choir festival. Hope you can come support them in the closing concert!

NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Annual Gathering- March 15-17

Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Go to www.cbfnc.org for details and registration information, See details on hall bulletin board or talk to Becky Keesler.

Primetimers Trip

"Tunes & Tales" with David Holt and Josh Goforth

Thursday, March 15

5:00pm: Van leaves the church

6:00pm: Dinner at K&W- 7:30pm: Concert

There is still room on the van if you want to join PrimeTimers on Thursday, March 15, for dinner at K&W and Tune's & Tales concert with David Holt and Josh Goforth. Tickets are \$25. Call the church office to sign up.

A Note From the Personnel Committee

It has been our custom around this time of year to place a suggestion box in the breeze way to give every member of the congregation the opportunity to submit suggestions or concerns to the Personnel Committee. We will leave the suggestion box out for about six weeks. Please let this be an opportunity to not only voice suggestions or concerns but also to offer positive feedback and encouragement to any and all members of our ministerial and office staff. We are blessed to have a wonderful staff who work very hard to make our church, our worship, and our ministry the very best it can be as we all serve the Lord together. The scripture encourages us to be generous in supporting and uplifting our coworkers in the ministry of the church.

Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary

Easter Lilies in foil will be available to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Price is \$12.50. Please place the order form in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Friday, March 23**, to reserve yours.

In memory of ____ or in honor of ____

Name _____

Given by _____



Ministry for Sunday: Rev. Jay Meadows ; **Scripture:** John 2:13-22 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** Scott & Cindy Wilson ; **Deacon Greeters:** Bobby Watson & Hilda Brannock ; **Babies:** Jarod & Meredith Simmons ; **Toddlers:** Benny & Gina Brannock ; **Preschoolers:** Laney Johnson & Helper ; **Kid's Korner:** Lone Cooke & Hanne Cooke ; **Children's Sermon :** Angela Stroup ; **Sound:** Ben Cook, Martin Cooke, Peter Cooke

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 4

Third Sunday in Lent

8:30am Youth Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
4:00pm Children's Handbells
4:45pm Youth Choir
5:00pm Griefshare Class
5:30pm Granite City Ringers
5:45pm Youth Supper
6:00pm Youth Group Family Time

MONDAY, March 5

6:00pm *Cub Scout Pack Meeting

TUESDAY, March 6

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia

WEDNESDAY, March 7

10:00am Beth Moore-Rebekah Class
4:30pm Grades 1-2 Music; Grades 3-5 Missions
5:00pm Pre-School -Kindergarten Music & Missions
5:15pm Grades 3-5 Music; Grades 1-2 Missions
5:45pm Family Night Meal
6:30pm Bible Study
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 8

5:30pm Feeding Friends Meal
7:00pm *Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

FRIDAY, March 9-10

CBF Youth Festival-Wingate

SUNDAY, February 11

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
12:00pm Mary Rowe WMU-Fellowship Hall

Youth Ice Skating

4:00pm Children's Handbells

NO Youth Choir

5:00pm Griefshare Class
5:30pm Granite City Ringers

*Community Ministry **Hearing Assists / Valet Parking available upon request. Wheelchair spaces are available in the sanctuary for the convenience of those who need to stay in their chairs.

March is our month for emphasis on giving!

