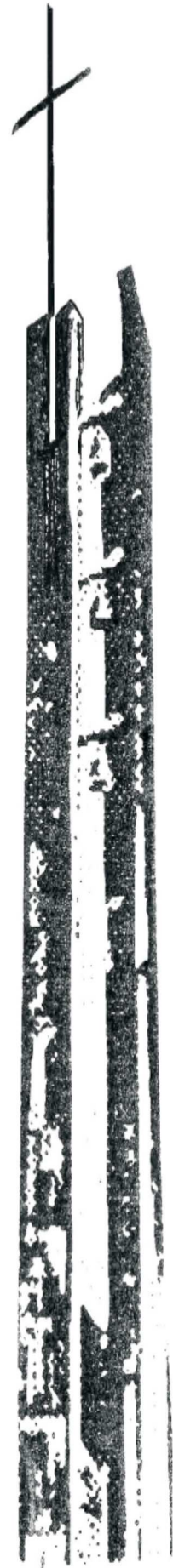


*First
Baptist
Church*

March 11, 2018

*For God so loved the world, that
He gave His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16



The Body of Christ Gathers in Worship & Praise
Sunday, March 11, 2018
Fourth 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 Music Friends
Candice Kerley & Ashley Moser, directors

*My Best Friend Is Jesus
I Can Talk to God*

Invocation Rev. Wilson

Call to Worship Graylyn Fussell, Congregation
The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in love.

The Lord of life is lifted up!

Let us look to him and live.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 607 *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* HYFRYDOL

Children’s Moment Cindy Wilson
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

We have added to the cross today the mocking sign that hung above the head of our Lord, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” This sign forever symbolizes our spiritual deadness. In our disobedience and death we mock a Kingdom we do not want—while through His death the Ruler of that Kingdom offers us life.

Lord Jesus, deliver us from our spiritual deadness. We do not know what it means to live the life of Your Kingdom, to walk in step with Your Spirit. Help us say “no” to our desire for earthly kingdoms. Help us say “yes” to the cross.

The sign was meant to mock a “king” whose life ended, absurdly, on a cross. Instead, it signifies our inability—or unwillingness—to believe in a Messiah who suffers, because we want a Messiah who conquers.

Lord Jesus, in our desire for power and prestige we miss out on Your coming Kingdom. We think being seated with You means having positions of power. Help us say “no” to our self-confident boastings. Help us say “yes” to the cross.

With this sign we passed judgment upon God’s nature as revealed in Christ. But the sign actually reveals our true nature as children of wrath.

Lord Jesus, your cross exposes all the ways we are not like You. We confess the difference between Your life and ours. Help us say “no” to our self-confident boastings. Help us say “yes” to the cross.

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, Your cross reveals our true nature. We look at Your Son, and we look at ourselves, and we confess the great difference. Deliver us from ourselves; we admit our helplessness apart from Your grace. Thank you for your kindness, for the riches of Your grace to us in Christ. Create us anew in Christ Jesus for the way of life You have prepared for us. Make us like Your Son, we pray. Amen.

Hymn 587 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* NEW BRITAIN

Offertory Prayer Revel Young

Offertory *Broken for You* Granite City Ringers
Kathleen Wissinger

Scripture

John 3:14-21
Pew Bible page 1262

Rev. Meadows

Anthem

God So Loved the World

Chancel Choir
Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:16-17

Sermon

Nevertheless

Rev. Meadows

Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Benediction

Rev. Meadows

Postlude

Elegie

Tchaikovsky/Troutman

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us in worship today. It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know the saving presence, power, love and authority of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that you will leave encouraged and spiritually refreshed.

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 _____



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

Wednesday, March 14

Menu: Beef Stroganoff w/Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, Salad

Mary Rowe Missions Group

Today, March 11, 12:00pm, Fireside Room

The Mary Rowe Mission group will meet in the Fireside Room Sunday, March 11th immediately following worship to go to lunch and then to an off campus mission opportunity in Dobson.

Called Church Conference

A called Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 6:30pm, to vote on:

1. The Nominating Committee's recommendation to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee, and
2. Proposed changes to the Child Safety and Protection Policy and a volunteer form.

Please plan to attend this meeting.

Boggs Memorial Scholarship

The Boggs Memorial Scholarship will be available for 2018-2019. This scholarship was established at First Baptist Church in memory of long-time and faithful members, Paul and Pauline Boggs, by their children.

The Boggs' Scholarship Committee will be receiving applications from now through Friday, March 30. Applications may be picked up in the church office during regular business hours. Please read and complete carefully.

"Tunes & Tales" with David Holt and Josh Goforth

There is still room on the van if you want to join the 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. The van will leave the church at 5:00pm.

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.

March is our month for emphasis on giving!

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Ministry for Sunday: Rev. Jay Meadows ; **Scripture:** John 3:14-21 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** Jim & Joy McGehee ; **Deacon Greeters:** John & Bobbie Collins ; **Babies:** Lucas & Mary Kate Brewer ; **Toddlers:** Robin Draughn & Barbara Hill ; **Preschoolers:** Lone Cooke & Hanne Cooke ; **Kid's Korner:** Wendy Harmon & Peyton Harmon ; **Children's Sermon :** Cindy Wilson ; **Sound:** Ryan Parker, Cathy Parker, Wes Parker

The Week Ahead

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-Fireside Room
Youth Ice Skating
4:00pm Diaconate Meeting
4:45pm Children's Handbells
NO Youth Choir
5:00pm Griefshare Class
5:30pm Granite City Ringers

MONDAY, March 12

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, March 13

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia
10:00am Hensley Mission Group-Ridgecrest
7:00pm Wilson-Newell Prayer Group-Becky Keesler

WEDNESDAY, March 14

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

THURSDAY, March 15

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

SUNDAY, March 18

Fifth 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**
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

*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.

Happy Birthday, Kevin Wilson!
Tuesday, March 13