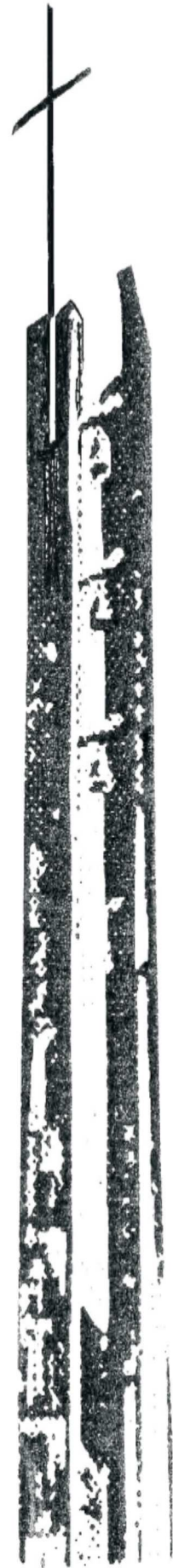


# *First Baptist Church*

*March 18, 2018*

*Surely he hath borne our griefs,  
and carried our sorrows:  
yet we did esteem him stricken,  
smitten of God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our  
transgressions, he was bruised  
for our iniquities: the chastisement  
of our peace was upon him;  
and with his stripes we are healed.  
Isaiah 53: 4-5*



**The Body of Christ Gathers in Worship & Praise  
Sunday, March 18, 2018  
Fifth 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 *The Lamb* Linda Denney, organ  
Neil Harmon

Invocation Rev. Wilson

Call to Worship Lily Morris, Congregation  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in love.**

The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

**We are God’s people; the Lord is our God.**

Let us worship God.

Hymn 188 *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*  
HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR!

Children’s Moment Carole Kerley  
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 lay before the cross today the bag of silver coins, payment given for betrayal of our Lord. Judas handed Jesus over to the authorities, hoping finally to force Jesus to demonstrate His power. The mission of Judas succeeded, but in a way he did not expect, and could not bear.

**Lord Jesus, it is easier to be unfaithful to You than to give up our desire for earthly power. Help us say “no” to our quest for this world’s kingdoms. Help us say “yes” to the cross.**

Judas pushed Jesus to bring a kingdom of earthly power, with swords and conquests. Instead, Jesus established the Kingdom in humility and service, with forgiveness, and with sacrifice. God’s Kingdom came, strangely enough, not through the shedding of enemy blood, but through the shed blood of its Ruler.

**Lord Jesus, when we are tempted to reshape the Kingdom of God for our own prestige, profit, or power, help us say “no” to the thirty pieces of silver. Help us say “yes” to the cross.**

Judas wanted a king to take away his country’s suffering. He received a High Priest who chooses to participate in those sufferings.

**Lord Jesus, the world seeks a life free from suffering. You lived a life made perfect in suffering. Help us say “no” to the way of the world. Help us say “yes” to the way of the cross.**

Let us pray together...

**Almighty God, you allowed Your Son to be perfected through suffering. Remind us today of our High Priest who meets us in our suffering. In our sufferings, teach us obedience, mold us into His image, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn 259                      *Blest Are They*                      BLEST ARE THEY  
Verses will be sung by Cheryl Hicks. Please join on the refrain,  
which begins on the second page: *Rejoice and be glad!*

Offertory Prayer

Joy McGehee

Offertory

*They Crucified My Lord*

African-American Spiritual  
Setting by Edwin Childs

*They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin’ word.  
Not a word, not a word, not a word.*



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**Wednesday, March 21**

**Menu:** Breakfast: Bacon/Sausage, Eggs, Grits, Gravy, Biscuits  
No "Salad Fixings"

**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.

**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.

**Friends Helping Seniors Gathering: Monday, March 26, 11:45am**

Join your friends in faith and fellowship for devotion led by Jim Pickett, chicken salad for lunch, and "What is Easter?" by Mark Donnell. Transportation provided by request. **Please RSVP to 336-710-2041**

**Note from the Technology Committee**

The Technology Committee has placed a church-wide survey about our website in the Sunday School classes. If you didn't receive one, and would like to submit one, copies are available in the vestibule of the sanctuary, and on the Welcome Center table in the breezeway. Please fill them out and return them in the boxes no later than Sunday, April 1st, 2018.

**March is our month for emphasis on giving!**

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**Ministry for Sunday:** Rev. Jay Meadows ; **Scripture:** John 12: 20-33; **Sunday School Greeters:** Jeanette Jordan & Helper ; **Deacon Greeters:** Ben & Lone Cooke ; **Babies:** Jarod & Meredith Simmons ; **Toddlers:** Inglis Rowe & Becky Keesler ; **Preschoolers:** Kyle & Mary Alice Leonard ; **Kid's Korner:** Paula Brinkley & Maggie Nicholson ; **Children's Sermon :** Carole Kerley ; **Sound:** Paul Madren, Mark Hensley, Jeff Harmon

## **The Week Ahead**

### **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

### **MONDAY, March 19**

6:30pm Cub Scouts

### **TUESDAY, March 20**

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia  
 10:30am Jackson-Meeks-Beck Mission Action  
 1:00pm Finance Meeting-Library

### **WEDNESDAY, March 21**

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 22**

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

### **SUNDAY, March 25**

### **Palm Sunday**

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

### **MONDAY, March 26**

11:45am Senior Gathering-Fellowship Hall

\*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.