

# The Third Sunday of Lent

## We Come Prepared to Worship

### THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Don’t be afraid, I’ve redeemed you. I’ve called your name. You’re mine. When you’re in over your head, I’ll be there with you. When you’re in rough waters, you will not go down. When you’re between a rock and a hard place, it won’t be a dead end— Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior” (Isaiah 43:1-3, The Message).

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“King of Kings and Lord of Lords”  
“Behold His Love”

{Children age 4 through Grade 6 are dismissed to downstairs learning in the Drama Room 101. Parents please come to room 101 to pick up your children following worship.}

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When you find yourself between a rock and hard place . . . .

**P: Come to worship.**

L: When you’re not sure which way to go or what to do . . . .

**P: Come to God.**

L: When you’ve got more month than money, more questions than answers, and more trouble than time . . . .

**P: Seek the Lord.**

### INVOCATION

**\*HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 20

**ANTHEM** “Our God is Love” Chancel Choir  
(Arr. Mary McDonald)

**\*HYMN** “Come All Christians be Committed” No. 578

**OFFERING PRAYER** Jean Langdon

### OFFERTORY

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**SERMON** “Between a Rock and a Hard Place” Dr. William Griffith  
Psalm 137

**\*HYMN** “Be Thou My Vision” No. 532

-During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward. The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary.-

### \*UNISON BENEDICTION

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### RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

### We Depart to Serve

\*All who are able may stand

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**Please remember to turn off your cell phone.** All songs copied by permission CCLI # 167629  
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### The Body of Christ Prays For...

- Homebound Members; Military Personnel & Families
- Heidi Putterill

**Happy Birthday:** Mandy Reed (3/25); Donna Tull (3/29)

**Emergency Responder** – Kim Hamon

**Cookie Ministry** – Dot McMath

**Pastoral Care Team for this week** – Daryl & Dot McMath

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

### TODAY, March 24

9:30 am – Worship  
10:45 am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Classes  
5:00 pm – Glad Ringers  
6:00 pm – WAVE

### MONDAY, March 25

4:00 pm – Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

### TUESDAY, March 26

9:00 am – BSF Leaders  
11:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
1:00 pm – Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm – Marriage Grow Group  
7:00 pm – Abigail Circle (Chapel)

### WEDNESDAY, March 27

9:00 am – BSF  
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, March 28

9:00-1:30 pm – SCIHE (Home School)

### FRIDAY, March 29

6:15 am – Men of Faith Bible Study  
(at Four Seasons)

### NEXT SUNDAY, March 31

9:30 am – Worship, “Bridesmaids (or Talents),”  
Matthew 25:1-13, Pastor Dan Cash  
10:45 am – Pitch-In Coffee Fellowship (Q-Z)  
10:45 am – Children’s Discipleship Class begins  
5:00 pm – Glad Ringers  
6:00 pm - WAVE

### LOOKING AHEAD

April 2 – Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
April 3 – Worship Planning Team (5:00 pm)  
April 9 – Marriage Grow Group (6:00 pm)  
April 9 – Church Council (7:00 pm)  
April 10 – Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)  
April 11 – Search Committee (5:30 pm)  
April 14 – Palm Sunday  
April 15 – Newsletter Deadline  
April 17 – Quarterly Business Meeting (6:00 pm)  
April 18 – Maundy Thursday Worship (7:00 pm)  
April 19 – Community Good Friday Service (The Commons) (12 pm)  
April 20 – Children’s Easter Egg Hunt/Activities (10 am)  
April 21 – Easter Sunrise Service (7:30 am); Breakfast (8:15 am);  
Celebration Worship (9:30 am)  
April 28 – Spring Grow Groups begin

## Welcome to First Baptist Church!

**To Our Guests:** We are delighted to have you worship with us. Please take a moment to sign the registration pad located in the pews.

**Prayer Cards** in the pew rack may be used for prayer requests. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.

**Welcome Information:** Information about our congregation & ministry is available on the back ledge of the sanctuary or through one of the greeters.

**Child Care/Children’s Ministries:** Child Care is provided for infants & toddlers. Children, age 4 to grade 6 are dismissed early in worship to share a time of faith formation during the worship hour. Children’s area is located on the lower level. **Parents remember to pick up your children in room 101 after worship.**

**Flowers/Decorations:** Please fill out a card located on the back ledge of the sanctuary if you would like to give flowers to honor someone or recognize a special day. Please place it in the offering plate along with \$25.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher.

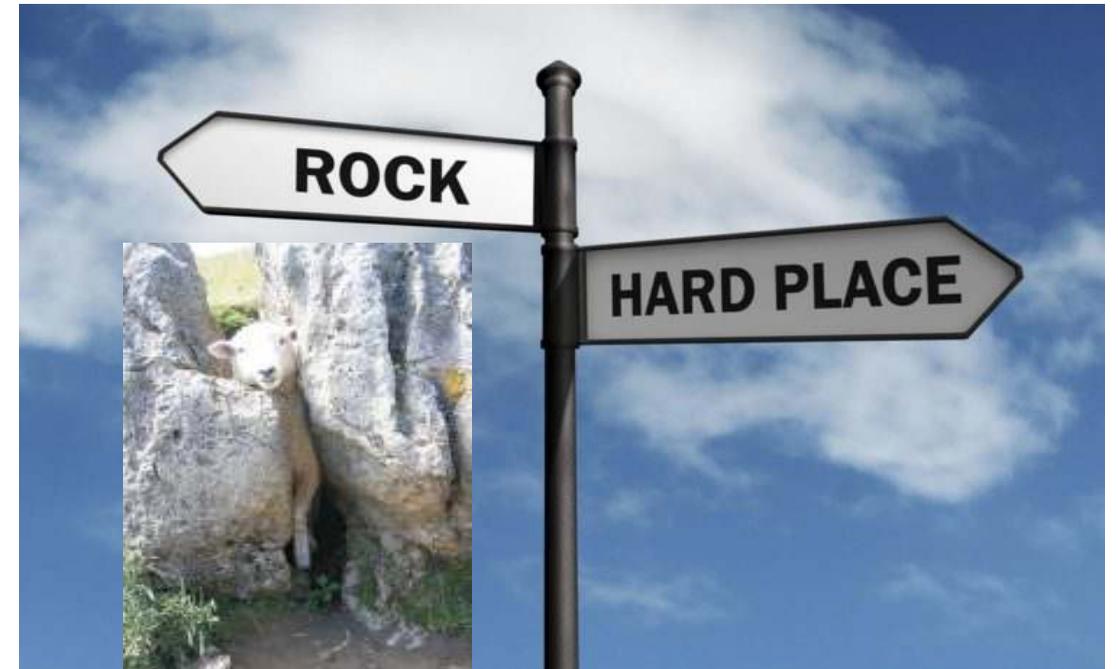
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### Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor; Rev. David Brown, Interim Music Minister  
Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant  
Donna Tull, Organist; Carla Williams, Pianist; Dortha Anderson, Librarian  
Barry Ferrill, Custodian; Melissa Hernandez, Nursery Care Supervisor  
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**“Connect . . Grow . . Serve”**

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**MESSENGER EXTRA**  
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We welcome Dr. Bill Griffith as our guest preacher today, although Bill is hardly a guest. He served as pastor at First Baptist from 1979-1991. He and Lois returned to Columbus in their retirement and are active members of our congregation. Pastor Dan is taking a few days of vacation this week, but will return to the office on Tuesday.

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**AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING**  
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We continue to receive the America for Christ Offering during the month of March. This year's AFC theme is "Healing Communities" – based on Galatians 6:9-10 ("Let us not become weary in doing good.") Please take a moment to read today's bulletin insert.

If you wish to make a donation, please use the blue pew envelopes or the AFC envelopes located in the pews and on the back ledge.

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**2<sup>ND</sup> HOUR CLASSES**  
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**Conversations in Philippians**

Facilitated by Alice Richmond & Friends – Chapel

**ASF in Fellowship Hall**

"Calling to Salvation" – Luke 19:1-10

Leader: John McKay

**J.O.Y. Class** – Prayer Room

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOCAL MISSION PROJECT**  
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One of our FBC mission activities this year is a local public service project in partnership with Bartholomew County's "Adopt-a-Highway" program. We will pick up trash along one mile of a county road. The county will supply bags, worker vests and other material including signage to alert vehicle operators to our presence.

Our target date for this activity is the morning of Sat., March 30 or Sat., April 6 but may change in the event of inclement weather. If you would like to participate in this mission activity, please put your name and phone number on the volunteer sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk near the kitchen. For more information talk to David Stehouwer or Bob Hoffman. Thank you. (FBC Mission Committee)

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**INVITED TO INVITE**  
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Who will you invite to come and hear the story of Easter? To participate in the worship opportunities of Holy Week? To prepare through the services of Lent? Who will you invite to join us here at First Baptist during this special time of the year? Will you make this a matter of prayer and action? We've been invited to invite.

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**MARRIAGE GROW GROUP**  
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**Next Class is March 26 at 6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall**

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**CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**  
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A Children's Discipleship Class will be offered March 31, April 7, and April 14 during 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour. This class introduces the basics of the Christian faith and is preparatory and geared toward children who may be thinking about baptism.

Together we will explore themes such as God's love, grace, salvation, sin and forgiveness, baptism, communion, and the church. Class sessions will consist of activities, worksheets, field trips within the building (baptistery and communion table) and story lessons that help cover the themes. The class will be co-led by Pastor Dan and Lori Cash. If your child is interested and ready to participate in this class, please notify Pastor Dan.

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**SEEDS GARDEN MINISTRY**  
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Are you a gardener? Would you like to learn more about gardening? The SEEDS Garden Ministry needs new team members for our 2019 season. Speak with Forest or Marsha Daugherty if interested. This ministry supports the Love Chapel food bank.

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**SPRING GROW GROUP STUDY ON THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
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SPRING Grow Groups on the book, *The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer* by Alice Burnette Greene, will begin the week of April 28. If you have ordered a book, please stop by the Welcome Desk, pick it up and mark your name off the list. Please also indicate which of the 3 Grow Group sessions you prefer to attend.

Each participant is asked to read the book in preparation for group discussions. We have just a few extra copies of the book, see Pastor Dan if you are interested in participating.

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**SPRING WOMEN'S GROW GROUP**  
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A Spring Grow Group for women will be offered on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m., May 14 to June 18, on "Entrusted – A Study of 2 Timothy" by Beth Moore. Sign up today at the Welcome Desk.

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**WEE ONE'S NURSERY AT INDIANA WOMEN'S PRISON**  
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**Senior Project by Lauryn James**

This organization is a special unit that allows 12 pregnant women to live in a unit with their child while serving their sentence. Lauryn's project is a donation drive asking for infant, toddler, & nursing mother supplies for these select women. It is a government run facility but thrives mostly from donations. Please help by donating: Bottles, Diapers, Formula, any other infant/toddler supplies. You may place items in the box near the kitchen. Monetary gifts **cannot** be accepted. Thank you.



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**Dr. William Griffith, Preaching**

1. Verses 1-3

- Between the rock of G and the hard place of S  
a. *What losses did they experience being in captivity?*

b. *What losses have you experienced that helps you identify with them?*

2. Verses 4-6 - Between the rock of C and the hard place of A  
a. *What vow of loyalty did he make?*

b. *How has our culture challenged your loyalties?*

3. Verses 7-9 - Between the rock of R and the hard place of F  
a. *What experience made you consider taking revenge*

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