

Announcements

Calvary Lenten Preaching Series Speakers

Apr. 2: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Robinson, President & CEO of United Way of the Mid-South, Memphis, TN 12:05 pm

Apr. 3: Very Rev. Barkley Thompson, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, TX, 12:05 pm

Stewardship Sunday, March 31

Our 2019 Stewardship Campaign will culminate a congregational lunch held in Fellowship Hall following worship.

If you did not receive your card in the mail, you can pick up a card in the Welcome Center. You may also set up your pledge online (fbcmemphis.org/stewardship/).

You can bring your pledge card forward in worship, or mail your card to the church at any time.

Easter Eggs Needed

Holly needs your help collecting supplies for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring plastic Easter eggs with individually wrapped candy or small toys (NO NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER DUE TO ALLERGIES) to the church office by Friday, April 12.

Family Play Day, April 13, noon-2 pm, Fourth Bluff

We're hoping for great weather! Come out and enjoy some play time, a picnic, and river therapy with your church family! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/thefourthbluff/> for food trucks and info about the site.

Senior Adult Calvary Trip, April 11

All Aboard to the Calvary Lenten Preaching Series for Senior Adults, Thursday, April 11. Transportation will be provided for any of our Senior Adults who wish to go to the Calvary Lenten lunch and preaching series.

If you need transportation and would like to be picked up, please Call Sr. Adult Co-chairs, Carolyn Bynum (901-755-5972) or Carol Richardson (901-496-0581) by April 10. If you have your own transportation and would like to meet at the church and caravan down to Calvary, please meet at the church by 10:30 a.m. We will have lunch at the Waffle Shop at 11:00 am and then hear the speaker, Marie Howe, poet at 10:05 pm.

Easter Lilies on Sale through April 14

Beautiful lilies will again grace our Sanctuary and Welcome Center for Easter You may order plants in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. Plants are \$20. Please turn in the money with the form.

Name: _____ No. of plants: _____

Memory: _____

Honor: _____

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, March 31

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Connect 4 Prayer Stations (Chapel)
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch, FH
 5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, April 1

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Tuesday, April 2

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Wednesday, April 3

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper, Caritas
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
 10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor

Friday, April 5

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Volunteers

Extended Care

Next Sunday, April 7

Threes/Fours: Tara Burton, Shawn Hawkins

Floater: Susan Weaver

Welcome Desk at Worship

March 31: Greer Richardson

Receptionists (8:30 am - 12:30 pm)

Mon, Apr 1: Valerie Brenner

Tues, Apr. 2: Lora Leonard

Wed, Apr. 3: Betty Wilson

Thurs, Apr. 4: Bill Wilson

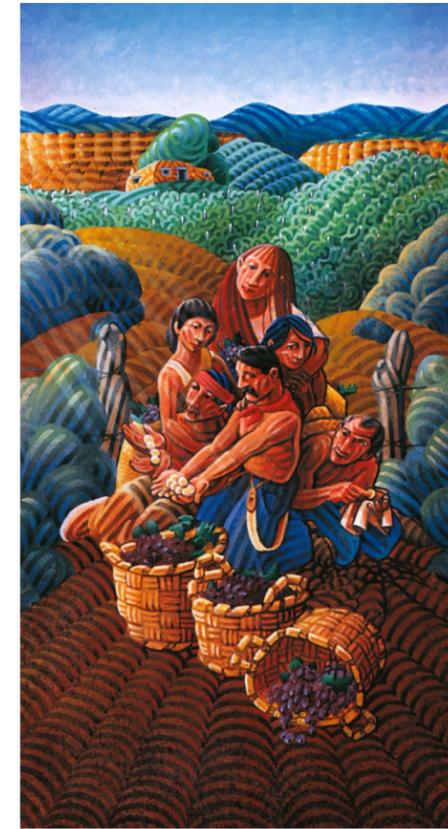
FBC in Prayer

New Concerns

Pat Allen
 Rob Bruno
 Margot Weslee Cronk
 Dallas Foscue
 Linda Haywood
 Maggie Jordan
 Anson Purdy
 Jean Rose Raney
 Jim Rogers
 Lois Sandusky
 Andy Simmons
 Milton Ray

Sympathy

To Milton Ray in the death of his wife, Frances Ray.
 To Cherish Mathis in the death of her grandmother.



Parable of the Talents by Glen Strock

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

[Take account of] the high risk activity of the first two servants. They doubled the money entrusted to them, hardly a possibility without the risk of losing the original investment

The major themes of the Christian faith—caring, giving, witnessing, trusting, loving, hoping—cannot be understood or lived without risk.

—Fred Craddock



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.
 Supply Pastor

David Dennis, D.M.A.
 Music Ministry Interim

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 Interim Children & Youth
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday Sunday in Lent

PREPARATION

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Welcome Shawn Hawkins

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: **And also with you!**

Prelude *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. Sharon Wilson
Linda Marks, pianist

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.¹

Invocation

* Hymn of Praise 604 BEACH SPRING
Come, All Christians, Be Committed
(Stanzas 1-3)

CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession Doug Blankenship

All: *Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us and made us children of light. Yet we reside in the darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home, where our talents may be tucked away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed. You call us to live in faith, investing in the world you made—to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing them. Have mercy upon us. Help us to understand your will for us. Teach us what you desire. Embolden us to steward well the gifts you have entrusted, that one day, we might fully enter your joy. Amen.²*

¹ 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8

² adapted from *Call to Worship*, vol. 41.1

Assurance of Pardon

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, believe the Good news.

All: ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

* Congregational Response 604 BEACH SPRING

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

*Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.
Worship Him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For His grace give Him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story till the world His name has heard.*

(As we sing the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25:14-30* Millie Malone
(page 859 in the pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

* Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde
and Congregation

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde

Stewardship and Trust

RESPONSE

* Hymn of Prayer 605 SEMINARY

Because I Have Been Given Much

Prayers of the People David Richardson

The Lord's Prayer David Richardson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory ***Open My Eyes*** K. Lee Scott
Sanctuary Choir

* Congregational Response 253 ***Doxology*** OLD 100TH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer Paula McPeak

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde

* Hymn of Response 611 WYE VALLEY

Let Your Heart Be Broken
(As we sing, you are invited to bring your pledge cards forward and place them in the model church.)

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde

* Postlude *Minuet in G* arr. Steven Scott
Aaron Foster, organist

Today's worship participants are Linda Marks, guest pianist, Shawn Hawkins, a deacon and teacher of the Women of Faith SS class, Doug Blankenship a member of the Connect 4 SS class and a member of the Day School committee, Millie Malone member of the Youth Group, David Richardson, a member of the Connect 4 SS class and a deacon, and Paula McPeak a member of the Endowment Trustees and member of the Women of Faith SS class.

Our offering bearers are assisted by Allie Rose Sorenson.

Passport Campers Introduction

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1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

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The altar table serves as a symbol of our journey through Lent. The table setting is meant to remind all of us of the "wilderness". A group of stones, forming a path in the middle of the table, will be built upon each week until the stone path meets the cross at the high point of the altar. When the path reaches the cross, it'll be adorned for Easter Sunday.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST

We are so glad you decided to worship with us today. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor's Card in the pew rack in front of you. You can place these in the offering plate during the offertory. Consider lingering after worship so that our members might have a chance to greet you. Our deacons will be in the Welcome Center after worship and would love to meet you.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

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A WORD ABOUT FBC

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- We value diversity in our membership and believe it enriches our journey and ministry.
- We strive to be a family of faith where all can belong.
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