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PASTOR'S PEN

Holy Week, which goes between Palm Sunday and Easter, is the time during which we commemorate the last week of the earthly life of Jesus Christ. Our services observing this most significant week are as follows:

- Palm Sunday, April 10 – Regular worship service at 10:00 a.m. (in-person or virtual)
- Bible Study, Wednesday, April 13 at noon and 6:00 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday service, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. (virtual only on [Facebook Live](#), [YouTube](#) and our [website](#)). Please have your symbolic bread and beverage elements ready to share in the service.
- Good Friday Service, April 15 at 3:00 p.m. (in-person or virtual) – “Holy Week Encounter – She Was There”, Guest preachers – Minister Shannon White, Minister Ristina Gooden, Elder Catina Parrish-Clark
- Easter Sunday Service, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. (in-person or virtual)

I would like to take a moment to remind us of the significance of these days.

Palm Sunday is when Jesus came into the city of Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. The city was crowded already because it was the time of the Passover, the highest holy day for the Jews. But when Jesus came through the city gates there were those who laid palm branches in the road for the donkey Jesus was riding to walk on. As they did that the crowd began to say “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” ([John 12:12 – 15](#)).

Maundy Thursday is the day Jesus had the last Supper with his disciples ([Mark 14:12 – 26](#)). It was during the Last Supper that Jesus introduced “The Lord’s Supper” (Communion, when we share the bread that represents his body, and the wine/beverage, that represents his blood). Jesus did this as a way of reminding the disciples of the importance of them staying in connection with him, as well as in community with each other. The word “Maundy” means commandment, reminding us of the commandment Jesus gave for us to love one another ([John 13:34 – 35](#)).

Good Friday is the day Jesus Christ was crucified on a cross outside the city of Jerusalem ([Luke 23:26 – 46](#)). It is the second most significant day in the Christian faith (The most important day is Easter, with Christmas being the third most important). Its significance is because God loves humanity so much that he was willing to allow Jesus Christ to be crucified, sacrificing his life to save the world.

Easter is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from death ([Matthew 28](#)). His resurrection demonstrates that God has victory over all things, including death. But it is more than just the statement about that victory over death. It is about our knowing that Jesus Christ still lives with us each and every day of our lives through that victory. So, we place our trust and faith in him, knowing that we, too, can live victorious lives through our relationship with him.

Kelly M. Smith Jr

Pastor

DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT

Reassurance in the Stillness

Article submitted by Minister Christopher Harris, *FBCCH Pastoral Intern*

April of this year marks two years since we have all found ourselves living amid a global pandemic. Two years since we all heard the term “Covid-19,” our lives have forever changed. If we are honest, we all have wrestled, cried, and dealt with the reality of life that is forever altered; life as we know it is no longer normal.

In 2 years, the curtains of racial inequity blanketed the United States, and we lost Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. In 2 years, the world saw just how un-united we are in these supposed “United States” of America. In 2 years, we each have lost friends, family, and those we cared about whether to covid-19 or not. The truth is not everyone takes the pandemic seriously and we have to wonder if it will ever end? Will we somehow regain the ability to hug a loved one without fear or be around those we love without the need for a mask? Yes, two years seems like an eternity. But also, in those two years amidst the questions we have, the pain we each have endured, the losses we’ve experienced, and even the heartache, each of us has learned more about ourselves than we ever thought was possible.

If you are honest, you learned how much of a social justice advocate you are for change and started your non-profit, you learned new ways of understanding and deepening your faith, you learned what makes you come alive, you found the desire to start the business, you found the urge to go back to school, you found the strength to be still and let God be God. If these past two years have taught me anything, my faith not only evolved, but I found more reassurance in knowing who God is to me. If we are honest, that may be each of our stories. In Psalms 46, the writer is writing to a people to remind them simply that “God is our refuge and strength, a present help even amid the chaos” (vs 1). And then when you go to verse 10, the language shifts from the writer to God speaking. God says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

That is good for us because, in the midst of 2020, 2021, and 2022, we have all seen and experienced so much chaos, death, injustice, heartbreak, and so forth that it feels like in all things, nothing is seemingly getting better. We are stuck to wonder where God is in all of it, and yet even in the midst of it all, God says “be still and know that I am still God.” No, it doesn’t completely absolve the reality of what we are encountering, it is not a quick fix to make everything go away and be alright. But it lets us know that God is still right there with us and in our reflection time if we can see the hand of God and what he’s done in our past then we can find stillness and know that God is our present and our future. As we continue to journey through this life, rest in the stillness and in the hand of God knowing that in all things he will continue to guide you in all that you do.

Rewrite Psalm 46 in your own words.

¹God is our _____, an ever-present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the _____, ³though _____ and the _____.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at _____. ⁶Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. ⁷The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our _____.

⁸Come and see what the LORD has done, _____.

⁹He makes _____ cease to the ends of the earth. He _____ and _____; he _____ with _____.

¹⁰He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted _____, I will be exalted _____.”

¹¹The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

MISSION AT YOUR DOORSTEP

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matt 25:40

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Arrold N. Martin, Assistant to the Pastor

This month we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some will call the celebration Easter, while others will refer to it as Resurrection Sunday, in attempts to avoid any reference to pagan religious practices. No matter which term one chooses to use the reality is that the resurrection is the grounding principle of our faith. As Christians we confess that Jesus Christ was crucified, died a painful and horrific death. We confess that he was laid in the borrowed tomb of Joseph of Arimathea a wealthy Jewish follower of Jesus. We confess that on the third day or Sunday, Jesus rose from the grave with all power in His hands, and is seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven.

It is through the power of the resurrection that the sting of sin and death has been eradicated from the lives of those who profess a belief in Jesus Christ. This however does not mean that we will not sin nor that we will not die. What it does mean however is that the consequences of sin and death no longer have power over us. So, if the Son sets you free you will be free indeed. *John 8:36*

Let us not forget that through the resurrection we have been given the power to become sons and daughters of the most high God. *John 1:12* Therefore let us live our lives acknowledging the fact that we are a special people, called out from the darkness of this world into the light of God, through the person of Jesus Christ.

Rejoice and sing for Christ the Lord is risen, and He lives Christ Jesus lives today. You ask me how I know he lives? He lives in the lives of those who are obedient to His command to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, all your soul, and all your strength, and all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. *Luke 10:27*

Enjoy this festive Holy Day with your family and friends but dare to share the meaning of this day with someone who may not know what Easter truly means.

Expressions of Gratitude

Pastor Smith & My FBCCH Family,
Thank you for the prayers and many acts of kindness as we accept God's will and mourn the passing of my beloved sister, Mary Jordan.

Your Sister-in-Christ,
Jacqueline Knight & Family

To Our FBCCH Family,
We extend our deepest gratitude to you for all of the support, prayers and sympathy.

Susan and Derek Howard & Family

With Love and Gratitude

We gratefully acknowledge the generous expressions of love, sympathy and support you extended to our family during the illness and passing of our beloved father, James Herbert Chandler Jr. We have been comforted and consoled by your loving kindness.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

The Families of Kevin and Karen Chandler, and
Jana Chandler Adesegun



The Justice Moment is a project led by Minister Janiece Williams, FBCCH Pastoral Intern

Article submitted by Sis. Vonda McDaniel, FBCCH Member and Community Leader

As April begins, social justice advocates around the world reflect on the assassination of Dr. King on April 4, 1968 while fighting for worker's rights more specifically sanitation workers. There are many commemorations, observances of this solemn day. But where are we on accomplishing the things that Dr. King gave his life for. The demands of the April on Washington remain relevant today. Our collective memory can include plans for building a better future. The work continues....

The 10 Demands of the March on Washington

1. Comprehensive and effective civil rights legislation from the present Congress — without compromise or filibuster — to guarantee all Americans:
 - Access to all public accommodations
 - Decent housing
 - Adequate and integrated education
 - The right to vote
2. Withholding of Federal funds from all programs in which discrimination exists.
3. Desegregation of all school districts in 1963.
4. Enforcement of the Fourteenth Amendment — reducing Congressional representation of states where citizens are disfranchised.
5. A new Executive Order banning discrimination in all housing supported by federal funds.
6. Authority for the Attorney General to institute injunctive suits when any Constitutional right is violated.
7. A massive federal program to train and place all unemployed workers — Negro and white — on meaningful and dignified jobs at decent wages.
8. A national minimum wage act that will give all Americans a decent standard of living. (Government surveys show that anything less than \$2.00 an hour fails to do this.)
9. A broadened Fair Labor Standards Act to include all areas of employment which are presently excluded.
10. A federal Fair Employment Practices Act barring discrimination by federal, state, and municipal governments, and by employers, contractors, employment agencies, and trade unions.

Holy Week Activities at The Hill



HOLY WEEK
 VIRTUAL MAUNDY THURSDAY MEDITATION
 Thursday, April 14, 2022 | 6:00 PM

[f LIVE](#) [YouTube](#)



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CAPITOL HILL PRESENTS

HOLY WEEK ENCOUNTERS
She Was There

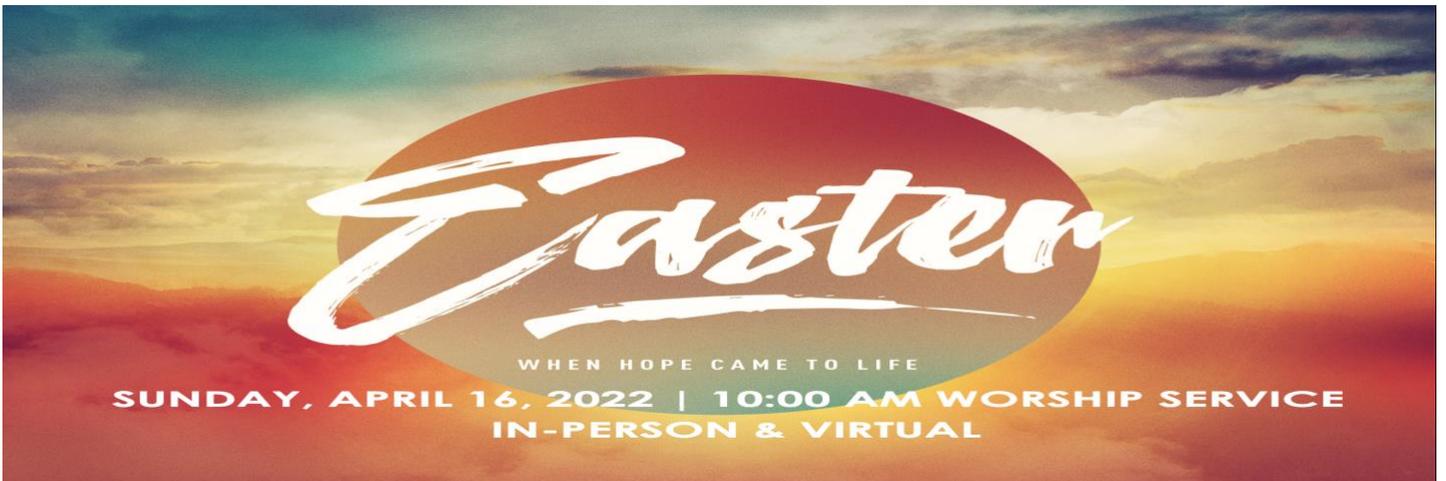
FRIDAY APRIL 15TH
 @3PM CST

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHERS

- minister* SHANNON WHITE
- minister* RISTINA GOODEN
- elder* CATINA PARRISH-CLARK

JOIN US VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON

Service will take place at
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CAPITOL HILL 900 NELSON MERRY ST., NASHVILLE, TN 37203 KELLY M. SMITH JR., PASTOR



Easter

WHEN HOPE CAME TO LIFE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2022 | 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
 IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL

Prayer Request/Sick & Shut-in List

In order to keep our prayer list current, please let the church office know if you (or someone you know) have changed address or if someone should be added to or removed from the prayer list.

Deacon Richard Dinkins
 Sis. Jan Jones Carter
 Sis. Rosa Mimms
 Major Alicia R. Bodie

Bro. Derrick McDaniel
 Good Samaritan Health & Rehab
 500 Hickory Hollow Terrace
 Antioch, TN 37013

Sis. Rose McDonald
 111 N. Carolina Ave. #204
 Lexington, NC 27292

Sis. Leslie Williams
 2929 Old Franklin Rd
 Nashville, TN 37013

Sis. Maggie Roper
 Riverview Health and Rehab
 1600 West Claiborne Ave.
 Greenwood, MS 38930

BIRTHDAYS

| APRIL | |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Valerie Molette |
| 2 | Ronald Collier |
| 4 | Erica Collier |
| | Tavon McKnight |
| 5 | Paul E. Robertson |
| 6 | Kristopher Currie |
| 8 | Gwendolyn Vincent |
| 10 | Robert Boone Jr. Isiah Daughtdrill |
| 12 | Kevin Carter |
| | Myah Lipscomb |
| 13 | Derek Howard |
| 15 | Leonia Lawrence |
| 16 | Marjorie Davis |
| 17 | Francene Barbour |
| 18 | Marquentas Deaderick |
| 22 | Vanessa Robinson |
| 23 | Maia Payne |
| 26 | Tiara Boothe |
| 29 | Maggie Roper |
| | Patrick Slay |
| | Jeffrey Wood Jr. |
| 30 | Esther Wright |

| MAY | |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 2 | Charles Williams |
| 3 | Kristen Daniel |
| | Ian Dinkins |
| 4 | Kellye Greene |
| | Marilyn Jackson |
| | Fred Jones Jr. |
| | Edith Kimbrough |
| 10 | Emmitt Hayes |
| 11 | Conra Collier |
| 13 | Kendra Speigner |
| 14 | Jillian Duke |
| 15 | Regina Morrow |
| 16 | Johnny Holmes Sr. |
| | Elsie Swanson |
| 21 | Sara Cain |
| | Sunny Owunnah |
| | Denzel Williams |
| 25 | Marcia Mitchell |
| | Marlee Wade |
| 27 | Carlton Crutchfield |
| | Kornelius Dickerson |
| 28 | Tatiana McCall |
| 29 | Antonio Stacker Harold Stewart |
| 30 | Ta'Naisha Hillman |

| JUNE | |
|------|-------------------------|
| 4 | Imani Byrd |
| 5 | Kyndal Christion |
| 6 | Anaya Campbell |
| | David Todd III |
| 10 | Yolanda McGriff Chatman |
| 11 | Breneatha Demonbreum |
| | Courtney Greene |
| | Weldon Kidd |
| 15 | Jamar Ritch |
| | Samuel L. Robinson |
| | Joy Sims |
| 18 | Desiree' Robertson |
| | Da'Kari Shyes |
| 19 | Jewel Solomon Burks |
| 20 | Kerry Schrader |
| | William Webb |
| 23 | Ryan Gentry |
| 25 | Leigh Lovett |
| | Kena McDaniel |
| | Kenya McDaniel |
| | Sandra Weaver |
| 28 | Anita Greene |
| | Harley Wood |

April 2022 Readings and Sunday School Lessons

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>TOPIC</u> | <u>SCRIPTURE</u> |
|--|--|---------------------------------|
| | The Passover with Disciples | |
| Monday, April 4 th | “God is Gracious, Righteous and Merciful” | Psalms 116:1-15 |
| Tuesday, April 5 th | “Keep the Festival Where God Chooses” | Deuteronomy 16:1-8, 15-17 |
| Wednesday, April 6 th | “Jesus Is Anointed and Betrayed” | Matthew 26:1-2, 6-16 |
| Thursday, April 7 th | “Jesus Institutes the Last Supper” | Corinthians 11:23-26 |
| Friday, April 8 th | “Love One Another” | John 13:31-35 |
| Saturday, April 9 th | “God’s Steadfast Love Endures Forever” | Psalms 118:1-9 |
| Sunday, April 10 th | “Jesus Shares Passover with His Disciples” | Matthew 26:17-30 |
| Adult: The Unforgettable Leader | Youth: A Significant Supper | Children: Memory Making |
| | The Paschall Lamb Lives! | |
| Monday, April 11 th | “John Proclaims the Lamb of God” | John 1:29-36 |
| Tuesday, April 12 th | “Jesus Prays in Gethsemane” | Matthew 26:36-46 |
| Wednesday, April 13 th | “Jesus Is Arrested” | Matthew 26:47-56 |
| Thursday, April 14 th | “Jesus Is Crucified” | Matthew 27:35-43, 45-50 |
| Friday, April 15 th | “Why Have You Forsaken Me” | Psalms 22:1-9, 14-19 |
| Saturday, April 16 th | “God Is My Strength and Might” | Psalms 118:14-17, 19-29 |
| Sunday, April 17 th | “Jesus Is Risen” | Matthew 28:1-10 |
| Adult: The Eternal Hope | Youth: Freedom from Fear | Children: Go and Tell |
| | Freedom in Christ Jesus | |
| Monday, April 18 th | “Remember That You Once Were Slaves” | Deuteronomy 15:12-15 |
| Tuesday, April 19 th | “Children of the Free Woman” | Galatians 4:21-31 |
| Wednesday, April 20 th | “Anointed to Proclaim Liberty” | Isaiah 61:1-3 |
| Thursday, April 21 st | “The Light of the World” | John 8:12-20 |
| Friday, April 22 nd | “Jesus Is From Above” | John 8:21-30 |
| Saturday, April 23 rd | “I Shall Walk at Liberty” | Psalms 119:41-56 |
| Sunday, April 24 th | “Jesus Brings True Freedom” | John 8:31-38 |
| Adult: Experiencing Liberation | Youth: The Path to Freedom | Children: True Disciples |
| | Freedom From Sin | |
| Monday, April 25 th | “Out of the Depths I Cry” | Psalms 130 |
| Tuesday, April 26 th | “Go and Sin No More” | John 7:53 – 8:11 |
| Wednesday, April 27 th | “God’s Righteousness Is Disclosed in Christ” | Romans 3:19-31 |
| Thursday, April 28 th | “The Justified Have Peace with God” | Romans 5:1-11 |
| Friday, April 29 th | “God’s Free Gift Brings Justification” | Romans 5:12-21 |
| Saturday, April 30 th | “Seek the Lord and Repeat” | Isaiah 55:6-13 |

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Sermon Digests

February
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“A Balm in Gilead”*

Pastor Smith

Jeremiah 8:18-22

Submitted by: Editor in Chief

*This sermon was delivered at First Baptist Church Nashville.

Jeremiah wrote this prophesy to the people of Israel because of their disregard for God. They had become lax in their reverence to God.

From the lips of the black and unknown bards of long ago came the affirming answer to the rhetorical question of Jeremiah. These who found themselves to be an enslaved people still spoke of words of encouragement – There is a balm in Gilead.

How can we find that balm in Gilead?

Point 1 – We can find the balm in Gilead when we acknowledge the wounds.

It is never good when one group gloats over the misfortune of others. We are a wounded nation. We are wounded when, rightly or wrongly, we hear people who feel they are the victims of life’s circumstances, or those who feel their innocence from the misfortunes of others.

We need to grieve together and share the pain of our all of wounds.

Point 2 – We can find the balm in Gilead when we still see God in the mix.

God is still in the conversation.

Even though the people have abandoned God, God is still speaking. God’s speaking means God has not abandoned.

Point 3 – We can find the balm in Gilead when we maintain hope.

There are those who today wonder if there is a reason to maintain hope. We live in a society that seems to be spiraling downward. Hope sometimes seems like a fleeting proposition. But was people of faith we are still expected to maintain hope because we have Jesus Christ, who is hope. Though the situation around us may be bleak we have found our hope in Jesus Christ, because he identifies with us.

February
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“If I Can Help Somebody”

Pastor Smith

Matthew 25:31-46

Submitted by: Beverly M. Brown

Often called The Judgment of the Nations, verses 31-46 have also been called The Parable of the Sheep and Goats because of its parabolic twists and turns. Just as a parable surprises us with a sudden curve as it comes across the plate, Jesus surprises the righteous (vv. 37-39) and the unrighteous.

And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Context Summary Matthew 25:31–46 describes Jesus’ epic judgment, to take place when He returns as King with His angels and takes His place on the throne.

Pastor Smith shared that the scripture cited earlier helps all Christians to know how and what they are to do for persons in need. Jesus separated the righteous from the unrighteous which demonstrate how individuals are to reach beyond self to help someone else. As a results, these are the three (3) major points:

Point 1:It helps somebody when we live lives of mercy.

We were encouraged to feed the hungry, thirsty, sick, and even strangers. The compassion desired for self is the same compassion that is to portrayed toward others. Avoid punishment, passing judgement, and hurt toward others and instead, provide interactions with sincerity and from the heart in one’s assistance.

Point 2 - It helps somebody when heaven is NOT our goal.

For that reason, those present were prodded by God/Christ Jesus to know what when one has done it to the least, it has been done to Him or by Him. Right motives are essential rather than for selfish reasons and not grudgingly. The goal or desire is to have a heart to want to make a difference in some else’s life.

Point 3 - It helps somebody when somebody is anybody.

Help is to be provided to children, adults, transgender, or other sexual orientation etc. Preparing for dinner with or for Jesus, one never knows who God/Christ Jesus places in His people’s path, Consequently, do not miss your blessing no matter the persons station in life and living. God/Christ Jesus has blessed each of His people and subsequently, it is important to bless others as appropriate with a willing, kind heart, and spirit. Amen, Amen, & Amen.

“The Blessings in Tough Spaces”

March
6

Pastor Smith
Luke 4:1-13

Submitted by: Editor in Chief

Sometimes it is uneasy feeling too good about where we are because it may not last too long. It is hard not to feel pessimistic sometimes because tough spaces often feel like they are just around the corner. But we can find the blessings in tough spaces. Perhaps looking at Jesus in the wilderness will help us.

Point 1 – The blessings in tough spaces are in knowing who you are.

There is a difference between who we are and who we want to be. Marketers and advertisers are often telling us what we need to do to be a better you. The Apostle Paul tells us that we ought to not think too highly of ourselves than we ought. But the Psalmist tells us that we are made just a little lower than the angels. We should find ourselves somewhere in the midst of that tension.

Point 2 – The blessings in tough spaces are in knowing how to be spiritually equipped.

We may feel some kind of way about the role of the Spirit with Jesus. But there are two phrases that can be a little troubling. There is the one that says Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness. Don't we feel that the spirit is there to keep us from the wilderness? But we should be reminded that it means the spirit is with us. The other phrase is that the devil leads Jesus. Perhaps Jesus is so in tune with his spirituality that he can handle this. Don't try this at home.

Point 3 – The blessings in tough spaces are in knowing that tough spaces prepare us for the next tough spaces.

Luke puts a line at the end of this pericope that is alarming because is a warning. It says that when the Devil had finished all of his tempting, he went away until an opportune time. In other words, even with what looked like his best shot, he wasn't finished.

We should appreciate the story of Jesus and his handling of tough places.

“Lessons from the Life of Eve”

March
13

Pastor Smith
Genesis 3:20

Submitted by: Adrienne Fancher

Today's sermon is in recognition of Women's History Month and the contributions of women in the Bible.

Genesis may not be a literal account, but it has theological truths that God wants to communicate to us. Eve gets a bad rap in this story. Her whole life is tainted by one mistake. Haven't all of us made at least one mistake? ***What we learn from Eve's Life:***

Point 1. Choices have consequences.

God gives us the freedom to make choices. The average person makes 35,000 choices per day. All the choices we make have consequences: some major or minor, some healthy or unhealthy, etc. If Adam and Eve had known the consequences, would they have made different choices? God did not tell them what would happen. God only asked for obedience. Eve knew there would be some consequences, but she made the choice. God wants us to make right choices because they are the right things to do. We must make good choices not because we are afraid of negative consequences; we should be motivated to be in right fellowship with God.

Point 2. God never abandons.

Adam and Eve went against God's Will, but God did not abandon them. God looked for them when they hid. God's desire is always to restore relationship. Humans abandon people all the time, even though we know people make mistakes. God will never leave us to deal with the world alone. The Bible tells us that Nothing can separate us from the Love of God; through Jesus Christ, we always have a way back to God.

Point 3. Never abandon God.

Eve messed up. Adam messed up. Our tradition says we are still dealing with Adam and Eve's mistake. Some people abandoned God during this pandemic. They felt that God abandoned them, so they stopped their spiritual practice. Eve recognized that her children were gifts from God. She acknowledged that God was still in control. Our Life Story should always bless God. God is always working on our behalf, so we cannot give up on God.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and God will direct your path.

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Kelly M. Smith Jr., Pastor

Our Vision

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is Building, Restoring, and Revitalizing lives through Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

Love God, Make Disciples, Serve Community

Looking for a Church Home?

If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to come and visit us! There are several ways to become a member of FBCCH.

Baptism - when a person is willing to initially express a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is willing to live one's life according to His will. Baptism is the symbolic initiation into the Christian faith.

Christian Experience - when a person who has previously been a member of another church chooses to unite with FBCCH, believing this to be the place for one's spiritual nurturing. These people have already been baptized and have committed a faith relationship with Jesus Christ.

Watchcare - when a person wishes to have his or her membership with FBCCH while he or she is temporarily living in the city.

Associate - when a person who has a membership in another church wishes to have a membership in FBCCH.

Restoration - when a former member chooses to rejoin FBCCH.

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