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# Breaking Point



When you are exhausted  
and burned out  
Lessons from the Life of Elijah

Sermon Series Jan 6 - Feb 3

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# *Our Worship of God*

*February 3, 2019*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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## ✧ **Breaking Point** ✧

**Greeting**

Michael McEntyre

**Prelude**

Pastoral Prelude

Grote

**†Call to Worship (unison)**

**O God of the still, small voice, quiet our inner spirit.  
Help us to focus upon You, and You alone, to hear Your voice within.**

**There are so many other voices demanding our attention.  
But we cannot attend to them without You.  
Be still and know that I am God,  
You say to us as You said to Elijah,  
May your voice speak through us.**

**In weakness, be our strength. In poverty, be our wealth.  
In depression, be our joy. In apathy, be our love.**

**Fill our hearts with gratitude and our voices with praise.  
We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

**†Processional Hymn 356**

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

**†Prayer of Confession (responsive)**

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways.

**We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns  
and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.**

We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult,  
**and quick to question Your presence and Your power.**

Forgive us.

**Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.**

Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives,

**to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it.**

And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,  
trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

**We praise You for Your faithful love,  
and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name.**

**Amen.**

**Sharing the Story**

Sherry Wyatt and “Room at the Inn”

**Scripture Reading**

Jess Wolfe

**1 Kings 19:8-15, 18**

He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Offertory Sentence**

### **Offertory Anthem**

Room At the Table

Stewart/Lantz III

*There is room at the table, a place at the feast.  
There is room for each burden you long to release.  
ev'ry heartache you carry, each private despair;  
bring them all to the table, surrender them there.*

*There is room for the bread that is broken in two.  
It is offered for all that is broken in you.  
Simply take it and eat it, and hunger no more.  
You must only accept it: be fully restored, restored.*

*There is room for the cup that is filled with the wine.  
It is offered to you at this table of mine.*

*Come be filled with remembrance of My sacrifice.  
All your emptiness ended, your thirst satisfied.*

*There is room, there is room.  
There is room at the table, so come take your place.  
Taste the bread of forgiveness, the cup of My grace.  
Not a meal for the body; a feast for the soul.  
O come to the table and you will leave it whole,  
O come to the table and you will leave it whole.*

**Message**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Practice of Three Blessings**

**Gathering at the Table of Our Lord**

**Words of Invitation  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
The Bread Broken, the Cup Shared**

**†Hymn of Commitment 353**

For the Beauty of the Earth

( Omit Stanza 5 )

**†Benediction**

**Postlude**

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, February 3

**4:00 pm First Kids Music**

*Sanctuary*

### Monday, February 4

**9-10:30 am Senior Yoga**

*Parlor*

**1-3:00 pm Staff meeting**

*Library*

**5:30 pm Diaconate Meeting**

### Tuesday, February 5

**11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters**

*E2*

### Wednesday, February 6

**5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal**

*Sanctuary*

**6-7:15 pm The Calling**

*Youth Suite*

**6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal**

*Fellowship Hall*

**6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal**

*Sanctuary*

**7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

*Sanctuary*

### Thursday, February 7

**2-9:00 pm Directory Photos**

*Parlor*

### Friday, February 8

**2-9:00 pm Directory Photos**

*Parlor*

### Saturday, February 9

**10-5:00 pm Directory Photos**

*Parlor*

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## Announcements

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### \$50 For 50

In celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year of quality preschool education, the Child Development Center is asking church members to donate \$50 during the month of February to help replenish their scholarship fund. This fund provides educational experiences for disadvantaged youth, contributes to their technology initiative which will enhance the overall program and safety, and for new tricycles to replace broken ones. Donations can be made to the Child Development Center and left at the CDC office, church office, or left in the offering plates during Sunday service.

### Church Directory Photos – February 7-9

This is your last chance to make reservations for our church directory photo sessions. Reservations can be made at the entrances of our worship spaces today, or you may register online. Photos will be taken in the Parlor on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. See our website homepage or contact the church office (phone: 573-442-1149, email: churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org) for more information.

### CBF Offering for Global Missions – February 2019

During the month of February, First Baptist members will have the opportunity to support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Your support of the Offering for Global Missions will share the Gospel message and provide tangible gifts of God's grace and mercy. 100% of your gifts to the offering goes to missions funding, including the work of our very own Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen. Your gifts can be placed in one of the Global Missions envelopes in worship or indicated on the memo line of the check. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. The church will send one check to CBF following the offering. Thank you for your generosity.

## Ordination of Brittany McDonald Null – Sunday, February 17

In Baptist life, ordination is a church's recognition of God's calling and gifting on a person. By ordaining Brittany, we are affirming that we see God's call on her life and that we have witnessed her giftedness for ministry. We are, in the name of God, setting apart and blessing her for gospel ministry. You are all invited to come and take part in this special worship service. Following the service, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

## Room at the Inn, First Baptist – February 17-March 3

There has been an increased need for beds at Room at the Inn this year. They are trying to accommodate as many guests as possible, but have an increased need for volunteers as a result. If you are available to assist with the check-in shift (arrive at 6 pm), please consider helping them. First Baptist will host Room at the Inn from Sunday, February 17 to Sunday, March 3 in the Fellowship Hall, but you don't have to wait until then to help. You can sign up for a volunteer spot with RATI today by going to <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org>.

In addition, First Baptist is also specifically asking for volunteers to serve outside the CDC entrance each morning and afternoon during dropoff and pickup to greet CDC parents and kids and direct any guests for RATI around to the front of the building for check-in or assistance. Sign up for this opportunity can only be done by contacting the church directly. You can call the office at 573-442-1149 or find the sign up link on our website at [www.fbc-columbia.org](http://www.fbc-columbia.org)



## Lent Sermon Series – February 24

### Did God Kill Jesus? Understanding the Cross

Okay, I admit that I was trying to be provocative with the title “Did God Kill Jesus?” I promise, during the series, we will talk about why I used this question, but hopefully, you also noticed that subtitle of the sermon series: Understanding the Cross. Throughout history, Christians have contended that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, humans are reconciled to God. The cross has been considered a focal point of that reconciliation. In theological terms, this is called the atonement. The word atonement literally means at-one-ment. Atonement is the process by, which God makes humanity one with God; it is the process of reconciliation. So, Christians agree that through Jesus we are reconciled to God but exactly how that act of God actually works- its mechanics- has never been agreed on in Christian history. There is no consensus about how it works!

Some Christians have taught that reconciliation happens because Jesus Christ died as a ransom sacrifice, paid either to Satan (the most dominate view), or to God. And, Jesus’ death then acts as a payment to satisfy the debt on the souls of the human race. Because this debt is paid, we are reconciled. Other Christians have taught that reconciliation happens because Jesus Christ death defeated the powers of evil (such as sin, death, and the devil) in order to free humankind from their bondage. Throughout Christian history, different models or lenses have been used to explain how reconciliation happens-- the two I just mentioned are called The Ransom Model and Christus Victor Model.

So, this sermon series is going to be a serious theological study of the cross and atonement. I think you will find it informative, fascinating and hopefully it will deepen your appreciation for what Christ did for us. At the same time, because of how weighty the series is, we are going to offer some small group opportunities to unpack what we are learning about. You will hear more about these in the coming weeks. I really hope you will participate!

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# Worship Notes

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Call to Worship, posted on My Redeemer Lives website,  
<http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html>

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.

# My Notes

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## 11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

*For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers  
Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.*

For Children During Worship:

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary. First Kids Sunday School (3 years old through 5th grade) is on the third floor. Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult small groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator

Connections Group in the second floor library.

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