

Sermon Notes

**ST. MATTHEW**

February 20 & 21, 2021



Reset Refresh Renew

Greetings Friends,

Today in Mark's Gospel we get to see how Jesus starts a church. After His baptism and His time of temptation in the wilderness, He launches His strategy for redeeming the world. Look at what He does. He preaches. He teaches. He meets needs. For those who are sick, He gives healing. For those with demons, He drives them out. Those who are hungry, He feeds. And one more that we don't often think about. He gives relationship. If you look at the Gospels, Jesus spends a lot of time in people's homes—eating, visiting, building relationship, meeting people's need for relationship.

That's how Jesus started a church—preaching, teaching and meeting needs. Let's use that to evaluate ourselves today.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bill Hugo

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**WORSHIP NOTES:** This weekend, we continue walking beside Jesus on His journey toward Jerusalem, His suffering, and His eventual death. Today's journey centers on His being driven into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. At the 10:00 a.m. service, the Children's Choir will sing a portion of the psalm for the day, a prayer that God will continue to show us His ways, especially during times of testing and temptation. During the season of Lent, we continue to observe the "putting away" of the Song of Praise as well as our "alleluias". Many thanks to all of our musicians and other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of February 21

***GIVING TO THE LORD***

Weekly Worship Attendance: 39  
February Tithes & Offerings to date: \$13,439  
February Budgeted Offerings: \$28,885

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music  
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, February 22

4:30 PM DCLC BOARD MEETING

### Tuesday, February 23

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

### Wednesday, February 24

5:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE

6:30 PM GRIEF SHARE

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

### Thursday, February 25

9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

1:45 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

6:30 PM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR

7:30 PM FESTIVAL CHOIR

### Saturday, February 27

5:30 PM WORSHIP IN-PERSON

### Sunday, February 28

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS on ZOOM

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL—YOUTH/CHILDREN

10:00 AM WORSHIP ONLINE & IN-PERSON

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

## ANNOUNCING...

**Children's Ministries:** (contact: [brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org))

## Good Friday Family Event RESERVATIONS

The Good Friday family event will be virtual this year, but you can participate from home! You will be able to watch the event on Good Friday (April 2), premiering at 1:00 P.M., via the St. Matthew Facebook and YouTube pages, **AND** participate in the virtual tour along with the virtual tour group, when you **reserve a Passport Packet** for your family. Can you view the event without the packet? Of course you can, but it's not as much fun. Here's what to do:

1. On or Before Wednesday, March 24, email Brenda or call the church office to reserve a Passport Packet in your name.
2. State the number of children and adults who will be using the packet.
3. Pick up the packet from St. Matthew on/between Sunday, March 28 – Thursday, April 1 (*Curbside pick-up possible if you pick-up during office hours. If needed, earlier pick-up may be arranged with advance notice.*)
4. Open your Passport Packet immediately prior to viewing the virtual event, and use the items as instructed during your virtual tour.

## Good Friday Family Event VOLUNTEERS

Last year the planned family event had to be cancelled because of Covid-19. It is being revised and adapted and will be a RECORDED/interactive event to be shown on St. Matthew Facebook and YouTube pages. There are several opportunities for volunteers:

- Actors – positions filled (*happy dance*)
- Fabric painting – strips of cloth (already cut/torn) need to be neatly painted (fabric paint provided) with the words 'Jesus Loves Me'
- Passport Packet Packing – as reservations come in, Passport Packets will need to be prepped for families to pick up and take home prior to Good Friday.
- Set set-up (Saturday, March 20, 6:30 pm) – Help gather what is needed and set up canopies and curtains and miscellaneous lighting/props to get the set (in the gym) ready for recording
- Set take-down (Sunday, March 21, time tbd) – help take down and put away all set items after the recording session, so the gym is ready for day care use on Monday morning.

Brenda's contact info: [brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org) or 763-788-9427, Tues-Thurs.



Sledding!

**Sledding Family Event at Keyes Park:** Join us for a great time of sledding from 1-3pm on Sunday, February 21st. Fun for the whole family!

**FESTIVAL CHOIR:** Calling all singers as we begin rehearsals for our Good Friday/Easter Festival Choir! The first rehearsal is this week Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm in the worship center (masks required; social distancing and disinfecting will be observed). This group will present special music for our 7 pm Good Friday Service of Darkness (April 2) as well as for Easter services (April 4). Questions? Give Carol a call at 763-788-9427.

