

Rooted In Faith Red Letter Series

March 11th

Message from the Pastor

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," and
"Repent, and believe the gospel."

Let's start by answering the basic questions we were taught in school: who, what, when, where, and why?

Who? This is an easy answer and difficult at the same time. The "who" is and should always be Jesus, but the "who" is also each and every one of us—believers and non-believers from all nations.

Do you know Jesus? If you do, go deeper this Lenten season. If you don't, please reach out! If you know others who don't, find it in your heart to reach out to them during this season and invite them to Jesus.

What Lent is!

Catholic Church Says:

It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent but to undergo a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

When Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.



Where? Jesus in the wilderness and us in the wilderness of the world.

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. The devil tempted Jesus three times. Jesus resisted each temptation with Scripture. Angels came and ministered to Jesus. As we enter the season of Lent, we must first remember that Jesus went into the wilderness alone so we don't have to! We have God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for our journey. The season of Lent is often about what we are giving up. I have asked, and been asked, many times in my life, "What are you giving up for Lent?" This may be a fine question, but I have grown to understand that a better question is, "How are you drawing closer to God during this season?" How will you use the next 40 days to grow in your relationship with our Lord and Savior?

WHY - the purpose

The purpose of Lent is to prepare Christians for Easter through repentance, prayer, and fasting. Lent is a 40-day period that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.

Purpose of Lent

- Remember Jesus's death: Reflect on the events leading up to Jesus's death.
- Ask for forgiveness: Repent of sins and seek God's mercy.
- Prepare for Easter: Celebrate Jesus's resurrection at Easter.
- Test self-discipline: Practice self-control and self-denial.
- Imitate Christ: Imitate Christ's sacrifice by giving up luxuries.
- Remember mortality: Be reminded of sin and mortality through the imposition of ashes.
- Remember baptism: Be reminded of baptism through the imposition of ashes.
- Share God's gifts: Give alms through the distribution of money, time, or talents.

JOY during this season because we know the victory has been won!!!

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McKendree Church has a rich history in King William, and as of Fall 2024, we proudly celebrated our transition from the United Methodist Church to an Independent Church that is Rooted In Faith .
We are eager to focus our missions on serving our local community!

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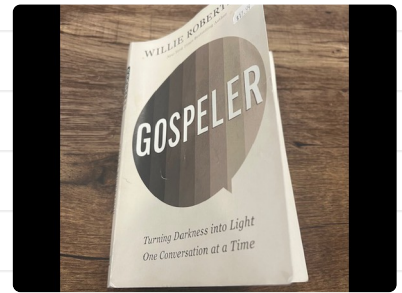
Thursday Night Bible Study

Gospelers in training! Thursday nights at 6:30 PM!

Weekly Update for our Bible/Book Study!

Here are some **key takeaways** to consider while reading **Chapter 6**.

- **What is your "Gospel" Story?**
- **Are you ready to share your story?**
- **Where do we go when we break down?** Willie used the analogy of a boat breaking its propeller on a log hidden underwater. Often, we don't see the dangers, and we are caught off guard. Knowing and being in God's Word is the key to not staying that way!
- **Scripture for this chapter:** Luke 5, John 21:15-17, Matthew 4:18-19, Matthew 16: 17-18, and Micah 7:8-9.



Remember, anyone can come any week. It is designed for people to be able to come and go! See you on Thursday!

Red Letter Sermon Series! Listen to our King!

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Schedule:

- **March 16th**
 - Worship at **9:30 AM**
 - **Sermon Topic:** "Don't Be Anxious"
 - Fellowship to follow the service.



Top 10 Sermon on the Mount- Count Down to Easter!

Church Events

- March 16th: Admin Council after Sunday School.
- March 18th: Art Class starting Tuesday, March 18th. Time is 1:00 - 3:00 PM.
- March 30th: 5th Sunday - No brunch, as we will have brunch on Palm Sunday.
- April 13th: Palm Sunday, brunch followed by Easter Egg hunt.
- April 20th: Easter Sunday!!

Attendance Last Week: 44

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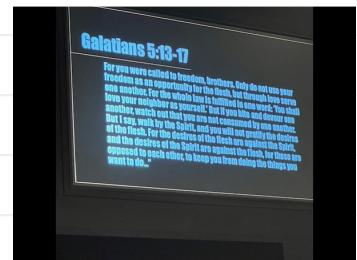
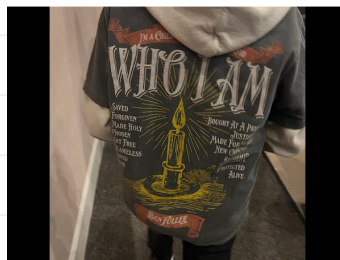
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