

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Prelude

Song I am Resolved

Song Blessed Be Your Name

Welcome and Opportunities

Song Better is One Day

Worship in Giving \*\*

Scripture: Judges 11

Sermon What gets in your way?

Closing Song: Family of God

Postlude

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## PRAYER REMINDERS

Genevieve Ferrari, Judy Paulson, Lynn Conklin, Virginia Carlson, Matthew Bergman, Dave Mead, Paul Clark, Jim Bricker, Gary Pruisman, Violet O’Neal, Chris Bauer, Penny Woodard, Karen Richey, Doran Erickson, Lydia Dozier, Chad Mohr, Sue Bergman

**Holding the Rope for:** Derrick and Katie Allen  
Hopeful Hearts  
Dominican Republic

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Broadcast of our worship service on Cable Channel 14
APRIL 1	6:00 p.m.	Last CIA for the year
APRIL 5	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
APRIL 13	1:00 p.m.	Ladies’ Fellowship
APRIL 22	6:00 p.m.	Last WL4G
JUNE 14	2:00 p.m.	Justified Quartet
JUNE 22 – 26	10:30 a.m.	CEF
JUNE 26		Iowa Cubs baseball

\*\*Online giving available on our website and Facebook Page.

On June 14, we will be hosting the Justified Quartet. Last year their song, “The Good, Bad and the Ugly” reached #3 on the Southern Gospel charts, and their current single, “The Way that He found it” reached #1 in September! We look forward to hosting them!

What does it look like for our daily lives to revolve around Christ? That does not mean that we look for Mary in our toast, or images of Jesus in the water stains on the sidewalk; it means that everything we do, every day of our lives is filtered through this lens: does this reflect Jesus to others. That begins as we put His church in the center of our everyday lives.

What gets in your way?

Scripture: Judges 11

Proposition: Do not let anything stand in the way of serving God...

I. Do not let History stand in the way.

II. Do not let Friends stand in the way.

III. Do not let Baggage stand in the way.

**Jephthah:**  
**A Man**  
**Without**  
**A Country**

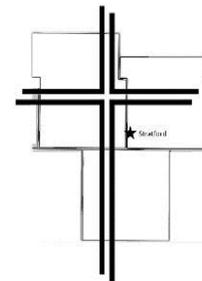
\* **Judges**  
**11: 1-3**



*"...Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, 'Did you not hate me, and expel me from my father's house? Why have you come to me now when you are in distress?..."*

*Judges 11:7*

*What gets in your way*



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