

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Jim Mead

August 23, 2026

Prelude
Song Above All
Song Here I am to Worship
Welcome and Opportunities
Song I Love You, Lord
Worship in Giving **
Scripture: Luke 14:33
Message: Do we give up being effective?
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, Gary Pruismann, Violet O’Neal, Chris Bauer, Karen Richey, Doran Erickson, Lydia Dozier, Chad Mohr, Sue Bergman, Doug Miller, Dodie Flockhart, Morgan Jensen

Holding the Rope for: Jamie Strandberg
Converge
Mexico

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Broadcast of our worship service on Cable Channel 14
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SEPTEMBER 27		Hymn Stories: Great is Thy Faithfulness
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OCTOBER 7	6:00 p.m.	CIA/WL4G
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OCTOBER 12	1:00 p.m.	Ladies’ Fellowship
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DECEMBER 20	10:00 a.m.	Family Christmas
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**Online giving available on our website and Facebook Page.

Ministry void of love equals no ministry...

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.

“When the Method of Worship becomes more important than the Person of Worship, we have already Prostituted our Worship...” – Judson Cornwall

“If you’ve ever said, ‘I didn’t get anything out of worship today,’ you worshiped for the wrong reason. Worship isn’t for you, it’s for God.” – Rick Warren

Effectiveness or a bowl of bean soup?

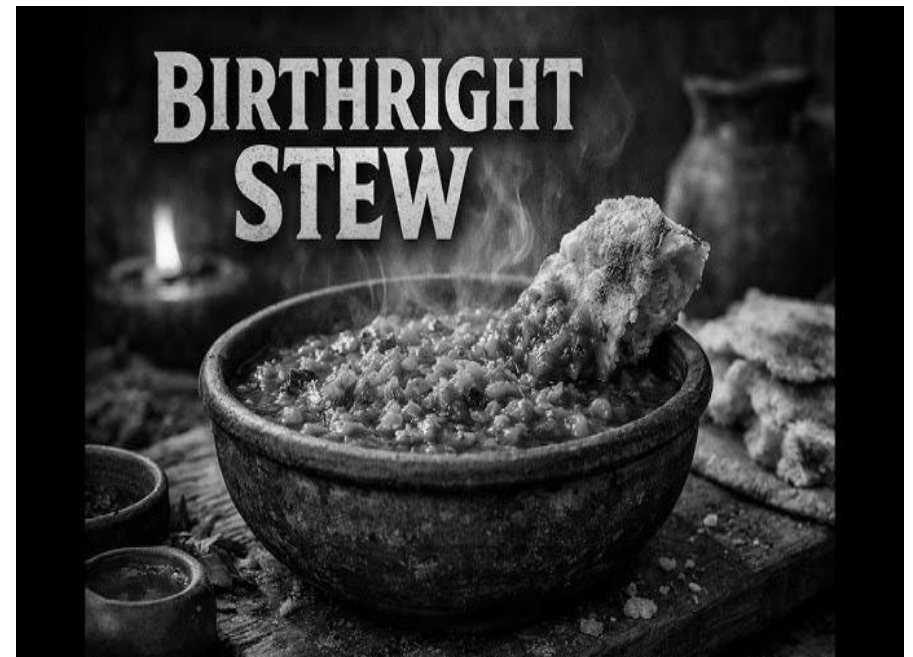
Scripture: Luke 14:26 – 33

Proposition: We cannot be willing to give up our effectiveness ...

I. The bean soup called popularity

II. The bean soup called possessions

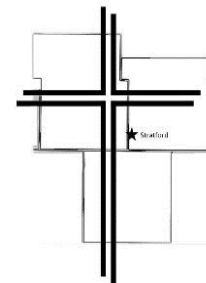
III. The bean soup called profit



"...Jacob said, 'Swear to me as of this day.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils...thus Esau despised his birthright..."

Genesis 25:33

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