



## IS IT WRONG TO HOPE?

**MESSAGE NOTES** | March 1, 2026 | Pastor Eddie Eddy

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Romans 4:13-25 (NIV)    **Leader:** *This is the word of God for the people of God*    **People:** *Thanks be to God*

**Lent Communion Liturgy:**

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.                      Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.*

*And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.*

*Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.*

*On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.***

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### CONNECTION CARD

**WORSHIP LOCATION/TIME**

- Bloomington
- Boscobel 7:30am                       Boscobel 9:00am
- Mt. Zion                                       Richland Center
- Gays Mills / North Clayton / Soldiers Grove

**AGE**     17 & under     18-35     36-65     66+

**I'M A**     1<sup>st</sup> time guest                       2<sup>nd</sup> time guest  
             regular attender                       member

**HOW I HEARD ABOUT Back Roads Church:**



Change of information

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## MY NEXT STEPS |

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- I will read through the Lenten Reading List this Lenten season
- Sign me up for Growth Group: \_\_\_\_\_ **LAST DAY TO REGISTER!**  
(class code)

## OFFICE HOURS |

**MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY** 8:00am - noon  
**OFFICE PHONE:** 608-375-4565  
**KID'S MINISTRY:** 608-375-6069 (hours vary)

*Stay in the know, wherever you go!*  
 Text BRC to **844-247-4441**  
 Scan for this week's BLTN



**ANNOUNCEMENTS** | [BackRoadsChurch.org](http://BackRoadsChurch.org)  
[FB.com/BackRoadsChurchWI](https://www.facebook.com/BackRoadsChurchWI)



 **BRC KIDS/KIDS CARE** | Sundays @ 9am | BRC Boscobel  
 For infants through 4 years and kids 5 years through grade 5

 **HEARING ASSIST DEVICES** are available at BRC Boscobel |  
 Ask the Media Tech on duty if you would like to try a hearing assist device during Worship

**WNSS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL** | BRC Boscobel  
 Ages 4K through Grade 5 are invited each\* Wednesday from 6 – 7:30pm. Contact Ms. Nikki at 608-375-6069 or [Nikki@BackRoadsChurch.org](mailto:Nikki@BackRoadsChurch.org)

 **BACK ROADS YOUTH** | Wednesdays\* @ BRC Boscobel  
**Junior High** 6:15-7:15pm; **Senior High** 7:15-8:15pm  
 Contact Kalyn and Allie at [YouthLeader@BackRoadsChurch.org](mailto:YouthLeader@BackRoadsChurch.org)  
**Register for all of the above at [BackRoadsChurch.org/Learn](http://BackRoadsChurch.org/Learn)**  
 \*Canceled if Boscobel Area Schools close due to weather/ scheduled break  
**→ NO WNSS OR BRC YOUTH on March 25 | Happy Spring Break!**

 **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** | Deadline: Mar 11 | High school seniors who are active at Back Roads Church are invited to apply. Details: [BackRoadsChurch.org/Scholarships](http://BackRoadsChurch.org/Scholarships)

 **TACO TUESDAY** | Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12 | 4:30-7pm | BRC Boscobel  
 Adults now \$7, kids \$4, Under 5 Free. Carry-outs are available. Supports Youth Missions. If you'd like to donate meat or desserts, sign up on the BRC Boscobel lobby whiteboard

 **FMSC MOBILEPACK** | April 9-11 | Truvariant, Boscobel  
 Registration is OPEN: [Give.FMSC.org/Boscobel](http://Give.FMSC.org/Boscobel). Contact Bruce @ 608-485-2678 or Kathryn @ 608-485-2554

 **\*\*\* CANCELLATIONS/POSTPONEMENTS** will be announced at [BackRoadsChurch.org](http://BackRoadsChurch.org) & [FB.com/BackRoadsChurchWI](https://www.facebook.com/BackRoadsChurchWI) and emails will be sent to those on file

 **WEEKLY PRAYER CALL** | Wednesdays @ noon |  
 Call 848-220-3100 and use Conference ID: 53805  
**→ Sign up for reminders: [tinyurl.com/PCReminder](http://tinyurl.com/PCReminder)**

 **WORSHIP UPDATES** | Pastor Eddie will lead Worship in person:  
**NEW→ BRC Bloomington will NOT meet at the usual 9am Worship time on MARCH 1. Please join us at 1pm instead TODAY**  
 BRC Gays Mills (GM), North Clayton (NC), & Soldiers Grove (SG) will meet together at 6pm Sunday evenings following this rotation in March: 1<sup>st</sup>: GM, 8<sup>th</sup>: SG, 15<sup>th</sup>: NC, 22<sup>nd</sup>: GM, 29<sup>th</sup>: SG

 **SPRING FORWARD NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8!** | Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> so you're not late to church!

 **SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL** | A Tuesday Night church league is being formed in Richland Center, running April - Sept/Oct. It is open to men & women ages 13 - adult (even outside RC). Interested? Call/text Corey@ 608-475-1397 for details by Mar 15

 **SOUP COMPETITION & SUPPER** | Mar 26 | 5-7pm

- **ENTER** a crockpot of soup in the competition: FREE
- Cost to **EAT**: \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids, 4 and under free
- **VOTE** for winning soup: \$1 for each vote you enter

Silent auction prizes as well. Proceeds go toward Youth Mission trips. **Message Allie Marks at 608-485-3128 by March 16 if you can enter a soup or provide an auction prize.**

 **QUILTING for SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE** | Mar 15 | 12:30-5pm  
 Bring your sewing machine to BRC Boscobel, loaded with neutral color thread (tan, gray). Don't sew? You can help to cut fabric and press seams. We are also looking for donations of kid's fabric (and/or borders to match) and batting...these can be dropped off at the church office. Monetary donations toward these items are appreciated as well. [SHPbeds.org](http://SHPbeds.org)

**SAVE THESE DATES:**

- **MAUNDY THUR** Apr 2 | **GOOD FRI** Apr 3 | **EASTER** | Apr 5
- **GRADUATE SUNDAY** | April 26 | BRC Boscobel
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP** | June 7 - 9 | Boscobel  
*For kids entering Grades 6 - 8 in Fall 2026*
- **HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP** | June 20 - 27 | Pickford, MI  
*For kids entering Grades 9 - 12 in Fall 2026*
- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION DAY** | June 24 | Boscobel  
*For kids entering Grades 3 - 6 in Fall 2026*
- **RAINFOREST FALLS VBS** | July 19 - 23 | BRC Boscobel  
*Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!*

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**I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT:**  
*(Include your contact info on the front of card)*

Becoming a Jesus Follower     Serving

Church Membership     Automated Giving

Other:

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Include my prayer request on the prayer list:  YES  NO