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10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month. Items may be sent to Editor,
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Pastor's Corner



Jesus' Final Week: A Lenten Study

The liturgical season of Lent has begun—but only just. It began last week on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a 40 day period of preparation for Easter but if one counts the days from Ash Wednesday until Easter the number is 46. This is because Sundays are not a part of Lent. Sundays are feast days, not fast days and this holds true during this holy season.

One has written that unlike the season of Advent which tends to evoke positive feelings of warmth (like hope, peace, joy, and love), Lent tends to cover other human emotions. Perhaps this is because Easter does not happen without first considering a series of harrowing events: the torment and crucifixion of Jesus.

This week following our Wednesday Night Connection dinner, we will begin a five week lenten study which will cover the busy last few days of Jesus' life. Using mainly lessons from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke we will study and discuss the people, places, and decisions made that culminated on Easter Day—the beginning of the Great 50 Days of Easter.

Join others in our church on Wednesdays in March (1, 8, 15, 22, and 29) as we take this trip through Lent together. Remember, we eat pot-luck dinner at 6.00 pm and our class begins around 6.40 pm.

The Lord be with you,



PRAYER CONCERNS:

All Military Overseas &
at Home
All 1st Responders
All Educators
Pastor, Church & Officers

Lenny Barshinger
Dixie Battin
Margie Bethune
Debbie Bill
Harriet Brandt
Pat Frasche
Scott Gallaway
Joe Garcia
Betty Jones

Lehman Family
Gerald Marsh
Katherine Nolen
Nolen Family
Debbie Robinson

Family of Anton Sigurdurson
John Smith
Diane Williams
Sherry Wilmer

*Names will remain on the
prayer list for one month, un-
less requested for longer.
Please call the church office
239-694-2444 if you wish to
add or delete a name.*



SAVE THE DATES!

Sundays at 11:00 am — Fellowship follows each worship service. Please come and join us!

Sunday, March 12 at 2 am — Daylight Savings Time begins — don't forget to set your clock up an hour to spring forward.

Sunday, March 26 at 11:00 am — Annual Soup and Salad luncheon following worship.

Help Wanted

We need volunteers for our newly formed PDA (Presbytery Disaster Assistance) team. Please contact Bob Peterman (rpeterman48@gmail.com, or 315-730-8695) for more information.

Fish Fry Fridays

Don't forget to come support our next fish fry on Friday, March 3 Drive-thru service begins at 4:30 pm and continues until we run out of food. The cost is \$13 per person or \$25 for two. It includes a fish filet, Cole slaw, salt potatoes, roll, and a cookie or brownie. Our last fish fry for the season will be Friday, March 31, 2023. Please share with your family, friends and neighbors!



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission Committee Mtg 4:00 Choir 6:00 Connection	2 9:00 Labor & Land- scape	3 World Day of Prayer Fish Fry	4
5 2nd Sunday in Lent	6	7	8 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir 6:00 Connection	9 9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	10	11
12 3rd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14	15 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir 6:00 Connection	16 9:00 Labor & Land- scape	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18
19 4th Sunday in Lent	20 6:00 Session Mtg	21	22 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir 6:00 Connection	23 9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	24	25
26 5th Sunday in Lent Soup & Salad Luncheon	27	28	29 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir 6:00 Connection	30 9:00 Labor & Land- scape	31 Fish Fry	



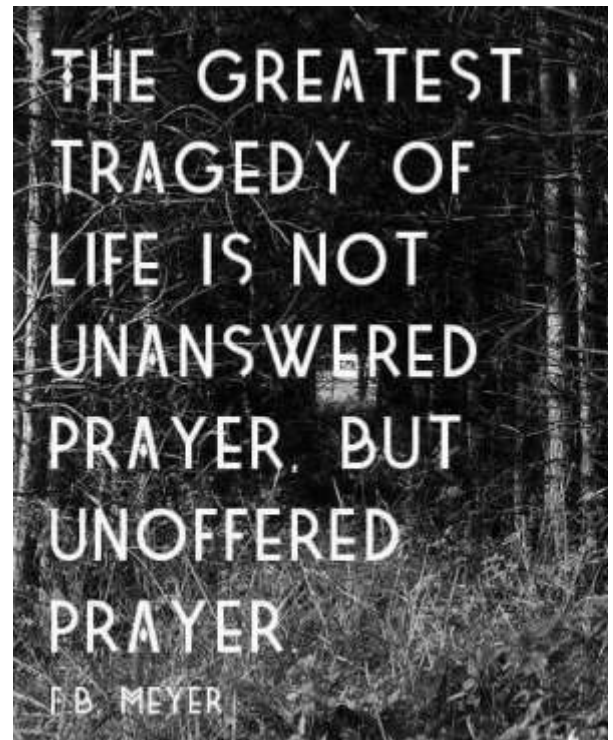
Nursery Attendants

March 5 - Vicki McWhorter

March 12 - Janell Webb

March 19 - Alexis Brown

March 26 - Margaret Elyard



In Memory

We are sad to learn of the passing of longtime member, Bobbi Scott. Please keep her family in your prayers as we grieve with them the loss of Bobbi. We stand in the hope of the promise of the resurrection.

Wednesday Night Connection, WNC, continues with wonderful fellowship time with a pot luck dinner and an average attendance of 21 people. The study of the Apostle's Creed concluded on February 15. WNC took a quick break for the Ash Wednesday service. On March 1, WNC will resume and begin a new study about Lent. A "Breakfast for Dinner" is planned for the fellowship meal and a sign up sheet for "Who's Bringing What" will be in the kitchen to avoid duplicates and gotta haves." If you haven't participated in WNC yet, now is the time to jump on board!

Random Acts of Kindness

Tonight as I was leaving football practice with my three kiddos my 4 year old was so tired he started crying and acting up as we were getting in the van. My 7 year old daughter started crying because I told her we were having red potatoes as a side for dinner and clearly she wasn't a fan sooo I threw my hands up and said FORGET it—McDonald's tonight!

We go through the drive through and order food with all three kids now crying for one reason or the other. I go to pay - I LEFT MY PURSE AT HOME. Help now I wanted to cry. I look at the young man with tears in my eyes just from being stressed and annoyed and say "hun I am so sorry but I have to cancel that order because I left my purse at home when we went to football tonight" WITHOUT HESITATION he takes out his wallet and swipes his card before I could even say "no I will be right back!" I was like, wait no hun it's ok I will come back through and then he replies, "no it's totally fine, my pleasure."

I snapped a quick picture and asked his name to which he replied, "Wyatt ma'am. " I told him I would be right back with cash for him and he tried hard to talk me out of it.

I just want his parents to know how KIND & COMPASSIONATE their son was tonight! He made this stressed out momma pause for a moment and realize this is exactly what we parents are trying to do, raise great humans. Well Wyatt sir, you are an amazing human!!!

I went back and handed him cash and had to make him take it because he didn't want to take more than he had paid but I wanted him to know that when you put good out in the world it comes back to you ten fold!

Wyatt, do not let this world change your kind heart young man for its people like YOU that will change this world for the better!

Credit: Brittany Reed





Easter Dinner for Tice Elementary

We will be collecting food for Easter dinners for 50 families from Tice Elementary School. In addition to the food, the church will be providing 50 hams. Please have your donations in by April 2 so we can deliver the items to the school on April 4. The list of foods needed:

- 1—large can of yams, 2 lbs. 8 oz.**
- 2—14.5 oz. cans of green beans**
- 1—lb. of white rice**
- 1—can of pie filling**
- 1—box of Jiffy pie crust, or already made crust**
- 1 bag of jellybeans**
- Peanut butter and jelly**

Please place the items in a bag that has handles. Thank you for your donations! These families would not have an Easter dinner without your support! God has blessed us so that we are able to share these lessons with others.



In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.” Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into a nationwide celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

We are proud to announce that we raised \$203.40 and collected 81 canned goods to go towards Misión Peniel. This reflects we picked the winner of the game as we usually do. The breakdown of money and canned goods are as follows:

Chiefs	Eagles
\$140.50	\$62.90
48 cans	33 cans

THE BIGGEST WINNER OF THE SOUPER BOWL IS MISION PENIEL

THANK YOU!



Stitch N'Stuff

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.
Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

Everyone has been created with a special gift. It's up to you to take inventory of your talents, gifts, and unique abilities. "Oh, that's just not true! It's the mystic word and that word is WORK." Here is the list of our work:

Afghans 2 different sizes
 Baby Bibs 2 different sizes
 Blankets
 Burp Towels
 Burp Towels & Bib Sets - 2 different sizes
 Cover ups (aprons) - 3 different sizes
 Dog Bones - 3 different sizes
 Lap Robes (Red/White/Blue Lap Robes)
 Arm Pillows
 Aroma Pillows including Christmas
 Neck Pillows
 Quilts (Baby, regular, x big and holiday)
 Quilts (Homeless)
 Quilts (R/W/B)
 Tote Bags
 Urinal Bag Covers
 Walker Bags (Big and Small)
 Wheelchair Bags

Hope you have enjoyed reading our list of work so much that you would like to join in Clayton Hall to see us at work. We meet next on March 9 and 23.

Betty Carlisle



Soup & Salad Annual Luncheon

The Mission team is having our annual soup and salad lunch March 26 following our service. If you would like to bring a soup or chili, please sign up in the narthex. We really appreciate your help, Please plan and stay for lunch that day. We are asking for donations that will go to the community cooperative.



I am the vine
you are the branches
John 15:5

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