



March Birthdays

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| 1 Beverly Ramey | 17 Josie Hunt |
| 2 Rosemary Champion | 18 Daniel Hymiller |
| 3 Bert Caudle | 19 Todd Champion |
| 3 Chloe Murphy | 19 Donna Mendenhall |
| 8 Bradley Grissom | 20 Trevor Bowman |
| 8 Alydia Mitchell | 20 Stephanie Rider |
| 10 Debra Allen | 20 Bob White |
| 10 Reese Elkins | 21 Kaitlyn Trotter |
| 10 Emily Rider | 22 Kalani Houston |
| 11 Betty King | 23 Giana Stanco |
| 11 Ansley Parker | 26 Logan Green |
| 13 Grace Wilkins | 26 Camden |
| 14 Elaine Kearney | Yarborough |
| 14 Susan Leonard | 29 Tillie |
| 14 Megan Wilson | Pickard |
| 16 Dot Hoyle | 29 Shirley |
| | Wilson |
| | 30 Mitch Ball |

A Missions Moment

The Fellowship Meal is March 6 at 6:00 P.M.. The menu is pesto chicken with pasta, Italian bread, dessert, and a beverage. Money contributed will be used toward the mission trip to Cuba this summer.

The R.A.'s and G.A.'s continue to seek ways to be involved in the community and beyond. Pray for the leaders of this ministry and all those involved. We meet on Sundays at 5:00 P.M..

Pray for the five servants who have committed to go on the mission trip to Cuba from June 21-28. Please prayerfully support them as they prepare their hearts. Also pray for those placed in their paths.

Please prayerfully consider supporting North American missions through the Annie Armstrong Easter offering, not only through the month of March, but throughout the year. Sending hope....

We are continuing an audio CD ministry for homebound members and for those who would like a copy of our worship services. Please let us know if you know of someone who would like to receive a CD.

Pray for opportunities to serve in our community and beyond. Pray each morning for the sensitivity of the Holy Spirit that is inside of us. Pray for that specific person to be placed in your path throughout the day to minister and share the Hope that only Jesus can extend. Be intentional every moment in your steps and words that are used. Instead of paying outside at the gas pump, go inside. Instead of picking up your groceries at the curb, go inside and shop. Instead of going to the drive-through, go inside and order a meal. When opportunities arise, pray that obedience to the Holy Spirit's powerful conviction and urging cause us to make much of Christ at that God-ordained moment.

Thomas Reid and Carol Abbott

Serving in March

March 3

Deacons of the Week: Ann Goswick (919-496-8448)
Ken Wilson (919-272-6290)

Greeters: Chris Carter, Linda Newton

Ushers: Jodie Bowman, Scott Bowman, J.R. Mendenhall,
Vance Mendenhall

Ushers for April 7: Jodie Bowman, Scott Bowman,
J.R. Mendenhall, Vance Mendenhall

Preschool Workers: Karen Hymiller, Mae Wheeler

March 10

Deacons of the Week: Carol Abbott (919-495-1281)
Rick Shirey (919-815-2134)

Greeters: Youth

Ushers: Bradley Grissom, Ryland Grissom, Gary Nelms,
Patsy Tolbert

Ushers for April 14: Bradley Grissom, Ryland Grissom,
Gary Nelms, Patsy Tolbert

Preschool Workers: Carol Abbott, Amber Ellington

March 17

Deacons of the Week: Ryland Grissom (919-795-6883)
Vance Mendenhall (919-495-2598)

Greeters: Rosemary Champion, Linda Newton

Ushers: Youth

Ushers for April 21: Youth

Preschool Workers: Cindy Hardy, Jason King

March 24

Deacons of the Week: Andy Hoyle (919-417-2942)
Sam Jordan (919-625-8405)

Greeters: Bill and Sarah Hagwood, Beverly Ramey

Ushers: Daniel Hymiller, Sam Jordan, Dennis Leonard,
Ray Yarborough

Ushers for April 28: Daniel Hymiller, Sam Jordan,
Dennis Leonard, Ray Yarborough

Preschool Workers: Carol Abbott, Amber Ellington

March 31

Deacons of the Week: Dottie Averette (919-495-0143)
Karl Righter (919-777-4349)

Greeters: Chris Carter, Linda Newton

Ushers: Amy Mitchell, Shane Mitchell, Ken Wilson,
Robin Wilson

Preschool Workers: Debra Allen, Cindy Hardy

Children's Church Workers for March: Dianne Hoyle
Linda Newton



Patrick's Musical Passages



Lent gives us a unique opportunity to reflect on the foundation of our faith. The truth of the Resurrection is affirmed by the testimony of the first witnesses. Christ appeared after His Resurrection to Cephas, James, the apostles, and over five hundred brothers and sisters at one time (1 Cor. 15:5-7). The truth of His death, burial, and Resurrection on the third day is recorded in the gospels and is the cornerstone of our faith. It is the truth that transformed Paul's life (1 Cor. 15:10-11), and it is the truth that we must also share with others. Let our love give witness to the transforming grace that has brought us from death into life (1 John 3:14).

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you,
Share His love by sharing of your faith.
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you,
Every moment, every day!
-William Reynolds

Patrick Woods

FBC Ladies

The FBC Ladies meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship.Hall. They are studying "Twelve More Women of the Bible." Please see Carol Abbott for details!

Catching up with Our Youth

The Youth are looking forward to a time of fun and fellowship on Disciple Now weekend, March 1 and 2. The youth will be going to Henderson from June 22 through June 28 for the Servants on Site (Rebuilding Hope) construction camp. They will need some volunteers to supervise and mentor as they work on projects at the camp. No experience or expertise is necessary. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Alan or Sarah Outhouse.

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The DISCIPLE

“...go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” Matt. 28:19-20

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ONGOING CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY: 9:15 Prayer Time

9:15 Library Opens

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Morning Worship Service

11:15 Children's Church

5:00 Deacons Meet (Quarterly)

MONDAY: 6:30 Al-Anon Meets

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 Prayer/Bible Study (Except Conference Time)

Conference (Quarterly)

Youth/Children Meet/Nursery Provided

8:00 Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY:

6:30 FBC Ladies Meet (2nd Thursday)

What is this season called Lent? Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word “lencten”, which means “spring.” The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin His ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter,” and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

While you may be aware of this season leading up to Easter, you may wonder how you might “observe Lent.” There is no one prescribed way, but here are some areas where you may focus:

Fasting - One of the more common practices is to give something up for Lent. Some abstain from chocolate, social media, shopping, or something else through the season. This is a religious practice known as fasting. We fast to reorient ourselves away from the distraction of those things and back toward God. Another way to reorient your life toward God is to focus on devotional practices like Bible study and prayer during the season.

Bible reading - Many do not know where to begin when reading the Bible. Find a devotional guide that will help direct you in this pursuit. Each day these guides provide a scripture passage and wonderfully thought-provoking and spirit-enriching material to read and think about.

Prayer - In the busyness of our everyday lives, prayer can sometimes get squeezed out. Lent is a wonderful time to intentionally work toward finding more time in your life for prayer. You can experiment with different ways to pray during the season, such as praying through the Psalms, or really delve into a new-to-you way of praying. Enriching your prayer life is a great way to spend Lent.

Service - Another way to observe Lent is to take on a new way of serving. Throughout the 40 days of the season you can adopt a new habit of volunteering in the community, making special financial gifts to service organizations, serving in the church, or participating in a small group effort. This 40-day journey called Lent is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith. Find your path of self-reflection and spiritual discovery, and invite others to join you as you seek to observe a holy Lent.

Resting in this season,
David

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