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## Embracing the Season of Lent

Wednesday, February 14th, in addition to being Valentine's Day, was Ash Wednesday. This day marked the beginning of the Lenten Season – a period of 40 days, plus 7 Sundays that ends with Easter. The 40 days are modeled after Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. The 7 Sundays are intended to be 7 "little Easters" along the way – a respite of worship and celebration in the midst of our otherwise sober companionship of Jesus through his 40 day trial.

I did not grow up in a Christian tradition that emphasized Ash Wednesday or Lent in any fashion. My first exposure to this season of the church year was during my seminary days as I served on the staff of a congregation that did observe the liturgical year. I only attended my first Ash Wednesday service as a 35 year old adult, and I've only led a very few Ash Wednesday services as a pastor.

Still, I find this day, and season, to be increasingly important and significant in my faith – and I hope you might as well. So, this year, while the culture around us enjoyed all manner of reason to worry about Valentine's Day and getting your sweetheart the right bauble or card; others who follow Christ (and some who celebrated both V-day and Ash W.) remembered the ancient words: *"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."*

Now that is sobering, isn't it? No one likes to think about his or her mortality, but the Lenten season, and more specifically our walk with Jesus through it, invites this memory. Why? In preparation for Easter is the simple answer. We are going to once again celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in 7 weeks. It will be a glorious festival day of worship and feasting and proclamation. But you cannot have Easter without Good Friday or Maundy Thursday, or all the days, weeks, and years of Jesus' ministry before. Lent is our opportunity to reboot and hear Jesus' words and observe his willing sacrifice in preparation for Resurrection Sunday.

This brings to mind the Lenten tradition of "giving something up." Again, if your tradition is unfamiliar with this spiritual practice, or you were raised to be suspicious of those traditions who seemed to rather routinely practice giving up certain foods during Lent, you may think this is silly. But what if you were to "give up" something of your choosing in order to more incline your thinking toward Christ and what he gave up for you?

More modern Lenten fasts have included the suggestion to "give up" things that consume our attention and minds in more harmful ways than chocolate or caffeine. Why not "give up" a form of social media that eats up your time each day? Why not "give up" watching your favorite news channel or program – especially if it is a source in this day of political division of anxiety in your life? Why not "give up" criticism? Complaining? Gossip? What might you give up, as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice?

Allow me to make another suggestion while we are thinking about this "giving up" of things. When a person is trying to overcome an addiction, a much more helpful behavior than just trying to "win" the battle over that addiction by personal fortitude or moral strength, is to substitute another, positive behavior for the negative. So, you might think not only of what you will "give up" for Lent, but what you will "take on." What might fill the space of that which you've given up?

Take on prayer. Take on reading Scripture or a Lenten devotional book. Take on volunteering with your church or a community organization. Take on praise, complimenting others, giving thanks, writing a note of appreciation. What will you "take on"?

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On Ash Wednesday as we reconnected with our mortality (*Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return*), we were also preparing to live into and celebrate our immortality through Christ. When we are “in Christ” death does not win the victory. Ash Wednesday, and the season of Lent, are good reminders that we live, struggle and too often succumb to the sinful broken world of our origin. We cannot overcome this reality, but thanks be to God, through Jesus, we do not have to do it ourselves. Jesus overcame sin and death on our behalf. Lent gives us the intentional opportunity to reflect on that gift of grace and thus be ready to celebrate Easter.

May your walk with Jesus through these 40 days bring you blessing.

*Pastor Dan*

\*Note: This article was first published as an Ash Wednesday blog post on [danielcash.wordpress.com](http://danielcash.wordpress.com)



## “Lenten Lessons” Our Sermon and Worship Series for Lent

During the **Season of Lent** we will be sharing a worship series titled “**Lenten Lessons.**”

Using [Psalm 110](#) as our umbrella text, we see that the Messiah is portrayed as both “king” and “priest.” The people of Jesus’ day had certain images of these two roles, which were often corrupted by those who occupied them. Jesus comes turning those understandings of king and priest on end.

In this series we will look at several scripture passages from the life and ministry of Jesus. These include: his baptism/temptation/beginning of ministry; his “take up your cross” challenge; the cleansing of the temple; a “lifted up” saying in John 3; “a seed that falls to the ground and dies, multiplies” foreshadowing in John 12; and then on into the Scriptures of Holy Week.

In [1 Peter 2:9](#) we read “you are a . . . [royal priesthood.](#)” Not only do we celebrate Messiah as King and High Priest, we are invited to take on his character as we serve in this royal priesthood.

**Please join us for worship during Lent.**



## Holy Week Services

We will be observing Jesus’ Passion Week with the following special services:

**Palm Sunday** – March 25—9:30 a.m. Worship

We will celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week as we worship together.

**Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion** – March 29—7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special time worship as we meet at the Table and Cross in commemoration of Jesus’ final days. This service will include the celebration of Holy Communion.

**Good Friday Community Service** – March 30—Noon at The Commons

Sponsored by the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches. All are welcome.

**Easter Sunday Worship**

We will start the day with a 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Chapel. Followed by our Easter breakfast in Fellowship Hall and 9:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship Service. **If you plan to attend the Easter Breakfast, please sign up Sunday morning or contact the church office.**



## Pastoral Care Team for March

March 4—Daryl & Dot McMath  
March 11—Tim & Paula Pickup  
March 18—Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman  
March 25—Larry & Linda Mayfield

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## EMERGENCY RESPONDER SCHEDULE

March 4—Forest Daugherty	April 1—Judy Rhude
March 11—Mike Compton	April 8—Sharon Fulkerson
March 18—Joyce Briggs	April 15—Roberta Walls
March 25—Kim Hamon	April 22—Forest Daugherty
	April 29—Mike Compton

If you know of a member of the church that is home bound, and not currently receiving home bound communion and may like to receive it, please let the church office know and the communion team will make contact with them.

## **MARCH COMMUNION**

### SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Jim Bokelman  
Ron Lane  
Molly Nelson  
Cliff Putterill  
John Mckay  
Randy Wheeler  
Nathan Patrick  
Frank Eldridge  
Dick Miller



### HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Janet Bailey  
Susan Carter  
Grace Marshall  
Jeannie Wheeler  
Linda Foster  
Charlotte Oestreicher  
Teresa Arbuckle  
Carol Poe

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Randy & Jeannie Wheeler

CLEAN-UP: Nathan Patrick, Randy Wheeler, Keith Arbuckle, Bill Baker

## **APRIL COMMUNION**

### SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Daryl McMath  
Bill & Carolyn Baker  
Joe Hamon  
David Emmert  
Wayne Lovelace  
Keith & Teresa Arbuckle  
Cliff Putterill



### HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

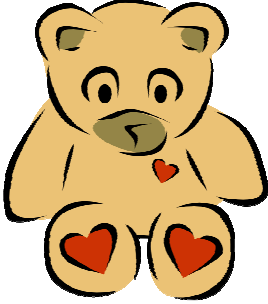
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Carol Poe  
Charlotte Oestreicher  
Jim Bokelman  
Sue Putterill  
Linda Foster

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Bill & Carolyn Baker

CLEAN UP: David Emmert, Wayne Lovelace, Keith & Teresa Arbuckle

**Anyone who would like to assist with communion, please contact Sue Putterill, 812-350-0357.**

## SERVING IN THE NURSERY THIS MONTH:



### March 4

Nursery Worship—Sue Hoffman

Toddlers Worship—Kayla Jones

Nursery Sunday School—Paulette McClintock

Toddlers Sunday School—

### March 11

Nursery Worship—Sharon Fulkerson

Toddlers Worship—Charlotte Oestreicher

Nursery Sunday School—Sue Hoffman

Toddlers Sunday School—Susan Carter & Judy Alexander

### March 18

Nursery Worship—Deborah, Emily & Molly Nelson

Toddlers Worship—

Nursery Sunday School—Teresa Arbuckle

Toddlers Sunday School—

### March 25

Nursery Worship—Heidi & Reilly Jones

Toddlers Worship—

Nursery Sunday School—Jennifer & Anna Kelley

Toddlers Sunday School—



Thanks to my church family of FBC for ones who brought food, sent cards, called to check on me, visited me and prayed for me during my recent stay at the hospital and upon returning home. All of these were so appreciated, especially the many prayers. God is so good and I was greatly humbled by your generosity.

God bless all of you,  
Jeannie Wheeler

To all of our friends at FBC,

We want to express our sincere appreciation for all of the prayers, visits, food, and cards during Ken's recent hip replacement surgery. A special thanks to the person who knitted the beautiful red and black prayer shawl. It provided much comfort during recovery.

Ken & Jeanne Greenlee

My family and I want to thank everyone at FBC for the prayers, support, cards, and the caring thoughts you have shared with us during Sarah's illness and funeral. During her illness were some difficult times and it was hard to continue on, but God and our good friends were praying for us which helped keep us strong. A special thanks to Dan for all of the visits and kind words he spoke at Sarah's service. Also thanks to Donna for the special music she played and the kitchen staff who provided the celebration brunch after the service.

God Bless,  
Frank Eldridge & Family



# Music Ministry

## ***Music Worship Leaders for March***

- March 4 - Chancel Choir and WAVE
- March 11 - Chancel Choir and Praise Team
- March 18 - Chancel Choir and Praise Team
- March 25 - Praise Team and Guests
- Maundy Thursday - March 29 - Chancel Choir



## **#GraceWins**

Arranged by Nan and Dennis Allen  
Presented by Chancel Choir and Friends  
Sunday, April 22  
During Worship

# SPRING FORWARD



**March 11**

## **Live Streaming available for Sunday Services**

- ◆ To view on your PC go to <http://www.sundaystreams.com/go/fbccolumbus> or access through the link on our web page: [fbccolumbus.org/WP/sermons](http://fbccolumbus.org/WP/sermons).
- ◆ To view on your cell phone or tablet from the App Store or Google Play, Download: Sundaystreams, Login: fbccolumbus

## Healthy Living Tips

### What Is Colorectal Cancer Screening?



A *screening test* is used to look for a disease when a person doesn't have symptoms. ([https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/basic\\_info/symptoms.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/basic_info/symptoms.htm)) (When a person has symptoms, *diagnostic tests* are used to find out the cause of the symptoms.)

Colorectal cancer almost always develops from *precancerous polyps* (abnormal growths) in the colon or rectum. Screening tests ([https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/basic\\_info/screening/tests.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/basic_info/screening/tests.htm)) can find precancerous polyps, so that they can be removed before they turn into cancer. Screening tests can also find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best.

### Screening Guidelines

Regular screening, beginning at age 50, is the key to preventing colorectal cancer. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends that adults age 50 to 75 be screened for colorectal cancer. The USPSTF recommends that adults age 76 to 85 ask their doctor if they should be screened.

### When Should I Begin to Get Screened?

You should begin screening for colorectal cancer soon after turning 50, then continue getting screened at regular intervals. However, you may need to be tested earlier than 50, or more often than other people, if —

- You or a close relative have had colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer.
- You have an inflammatory bowel disease (<https://www.cdc.gov/ibd/>) such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.
- You have a genetic syndrome such as familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) or hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer (Lynch syndrome).

If you think you are at increased risk for colorectal cancer, speak with your doctor about—

- When to begin screening.
- Which test is right for you.
- How often to get tested.

### FBC Elementary Teacher Schedule

Children's Church – Holy Moly Teacher		Sunday School – Whirl Classroom Pre K – 6 <sup>th</sup> Teacher
March 4	Lori Cash	Joe Hamon
March 11	Marcia Cheek & Nancy Wagner	Stephanie Olson
March 18	Linda Reid	Deanna Glick
March 25	No CW	Anita Yancy



## ADULT STUDY FELLOWSHIP

The first three Sundays in March will be three sessions that focus on the Old Testament book of 2 Chronicles. When's the last time you spent time in that book? Have you noticed that the books of Kings and Chronicles report the same information in many places? Why is that? David as King was "a man after God's own heart" but why didn't God let him build the Temple? Who was God's choice to do that? How many temples were built over the years? This study will be led by Lois and Bill Griffith and will be based on the following scriptures:

March 4 - 2 Chronicles 6:12-21; 32-33; (cf 1 Kings 8:22-30; 41-43)  
March 11 - 2 Chronicles 7:1-9 (cf. 1 Kings 8:59-68)  
March 18 - 2 Chronicles 7: 12-22 (cf. 1 Kings 9:1-11)

**Everyone is invited!**

## "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" Easter Sunday, April 1 at 10:45 a.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

On Easter Sunday morning there will be a special multi-media program in Fellowship Hall called "I walked Today Where Jesus Walked." Bill Griffith will share his experience of walking where Jesus walked. He will show his slides taken in the Holy Land with added music and narration to provide visual insight and inspiration for an Easter Sunday experience. The program is sponsored by the Adult Study Fellowship and everyone is invited.



## Youth News

FBC Youth meet on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the Youth Room for their regular youth group time. The following special events are planned for coming weeks:

- Sunday, March 11 (after church) — Sky Zone trip
- Saturday, April 21 @ Noon — Indoor Go-Karting
- Saturday, May 5 @ 10AM — Indianapolis Zoo Trip

Contact Mollie & Jordan Adams, Missy & Adam Zimmerman, or one of our FBC Youth for more information.



**If your name does not appear on the Birthday List and you wish to be included, please call or email the church office.**

## March Birthdays

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| 2. ~ Dan Cash                                       | 18. ~ Gretchen Seeley                  |
| 5. ~ Jim Wagner                                     | 19. ~ Mike Riley                       |
| 7. ~ Marsha Daugherty, Randy Wheeler,<br>Drew Hamon | 20. ~ Paulette McClintock              |
| 11. ~ Marcia Battle                                 | 21. ~ Becky Stephens                   |
| 13. ~ Nathan Patrick                                | 23. ~ Leland Robertson                 |
| 14. ~ Anita Burton                                  | 25. ~ Amanda Reed                      |
| 15. ~ Tom Vickers                                   | 27. ~ Paula Pickup                     |
| 16. ~ Donita Compton, Heidi Jones, Bryce Olson      | 29. ~ Donna Tull                       |
|   | 30. ~ Judy Alexander, Carolyn McIntire |

## Men of Faith

The Men of Faith group continues to meet on Friday mornings over breakfast at the Four Seasons Retirement Community, in their private dining room at 6:15 a.m.

Our current study is titled, "Pilgrims in Exile: Finding Our Footing for Ministry Today," and is being led by Dan Cash and Bill Griffith. Come and explore the idea of faith journey with a group of your peers as we study various biblical texts and their use of pilgrim or pilgrimage language.



## Inquiry Meeting Sunday, March 18 During 2nd Hour (10:45 a.m.—following worship)

Are you new to First Baptist? Would you like to learn more about our common ministry and mission?

You are invited to join Pastor Dan and a few other FBC leaders for this Inquiry Meeting. We will meet in the Chapel to discover more about one another and opportunities with FBC, including church membership.



## Rummage Sale – Saturday, April 21 – Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the Missions Team  
to support the Mission Trip.

**Please save your stuff!**

## What's New in the Library?

FRANCINE RIVERS	-	THE MASTERPIECE
LAURINE SNELLING	-	GOLDEN FILLY (COL. 2)
TRACIE PETERSON	-	OUT OF THE ASHES
KAREN BURNET	-	OUT OF THE RUINS



THERE ARE TWO SHELVES OF FREE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.  
LOOK THROUGH THEM AND TAKE WHAT YOU WANT FOR YOURSELF OR A FRIEND.



## Revitalization News

FBC continues in the prayerful work of congregational revitalization through Five Ministry Pathways: Worship, Discipleship, Missions, Community, and Children & Youth. Here's a brief update on recent activity in three of these pathways:

**Worship:** We will continue to experience “transitional worship” services through April as each Sunday's worship is a bit different in style and feel. We begin each month with a more formal/traditional service, followed by blended/traditional, blended/informal and praise-team led worship. We are grateful to a few guest musicians who've helped us on a Sunday with worship in January and February; as well as to our many FBC volunteers who've helped to lead worship each week. You may notice us trying some new things, learning as we go, and continuing to experiment. That will be the case through April.

**Please save Sunday, May 6th** as the date for our **Congregational Worship Conversation**.

This conversation will be held after 2nd Hour in Fellowship Hall around a lite lunch, giving us time to share what we are learning. We offer the following questions for your reflection:

What have you/we learned about worship?

What approach(es) to worship will best help us in our goal of “keeping those who are already part of FBC engaged, **and** reaching persons who are not part of FBC?”

What opportunities and/or challenges has this time of learning about worship revealed?

As we move forward what would be one thing you would like others to know about worship at FBC?

Team members include: Jennifer Kelley, Heidi Jones, Teresa Arbuckle, Randy & Jeannie Wheeler, Sue Putterill, Carol Poe, Joyce Crowder and Pastor Dan.

**Discipleship:** Our Discipleship Pathway helps us plan for Adult Education and Formation opportunities through *Grow Groups* and Sunday morning *2nd Hour classes*. Our Winter Grow Groups are currently winding down. The Talents and Inquirers Classes have reformed into the *Adult Study Fellowship (ASF)* – meeting Sunday mornings, 2nd hour in Fellowship Hall.

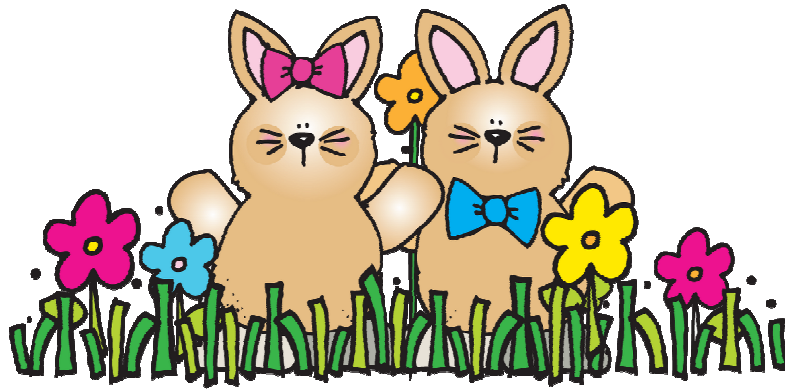
An Alternative Adult Study opportunity often meets on the lower level, and the J.O.Y. class continues to meet in the Prayer Room. This team is also supporting some summer elective study options in cooperation with the Sabbatical Team.

Team members include: Alice Richmond, Bob & Jean Langdon, Jim Reid, Lance Alexander, Bill Baker, Deanna Glick and Pastor Dan.

**Community:** Recent *Community Events* included the all-church game night in January and “A Night at the Museum” at Kids Commons in February. Plans are underway for our Easter Breakfast and Children's Easter Activities.

The *Community Marketing group*, in cooperation with the Church Council, recently signed on with TD Advertising of Columbus to help us with all things communication, marketing and outreach oriented. Special thanks to the FBC Foundation for a grant to help cover these costs, another portion of which is being funded by the remaining “Faithful at 50” outreach funds.

Team members include: *Events*—Lori Cash, Bob & Judy Rhude, Larry & Linda Mayfield, Keith Arbuckle, Jessica Arbuckle; *Marketing*—Jerald & Adrienne Hatton, Grace Marshall, Jeff Caldwell, Donna Tull, Kerry & Alice Richmond.



### REMINDER:



WHITE CROSS GIFTS OF THE HEART—School & Health Kits are due by March 11.  
Please place them in the box by the kitchen.



### CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT SAT., MARCH 31 ~ 10:00 a.m.

For ages walking through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please bring your own baskets. We will have a snack, crafts, story, and the hunt with a golden egg for each age group!

### CANDY/CASH DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

We are in need of candy or cash donations for supplies for the Easter Egg hunt. There is a box by the kitchen for candy donations (wrapped candy that will fit in an egg). For cash donations please use the blue pew envelopes. Thank you!



### EASTER LILIES

If you would like to contribute to flower decorations, please complete form, include your check and place in offering plate or mail to the church office. We will publish a list of donors and the person you wish to remember in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Donated \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Looking Ahead...**

Tuesday, March 6—Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
Tuesday, March 6—Sabbatical Planning Team (3:00 pm)  
Sunday, March 11—Clocks spring forward!  
Sunday, March 11—Blood Pressure Screening (before & after worship)  
Sunday, March 11—Youth Sky Zone Trip (11:00 am)  
Sunday March 11—5K Planning Team (11:45 am)  
Wednesday, March 14—Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)  
Thursday, March 15—Newsletter Deadline  
Sunday, March 18—Inquiry Meeting (10:45 am)  
Monday, March 19—Jubilation Ringers resume (1:00 pm)  
Tuesday, March 20—Church Council (7:00 pm)  
Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday  
Sunday, March 25—Coffee Fellowship (hosted by ABWM Circles)  
Tuesday, March 27—Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)  
Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday Worship (7:00 pm)  
Friday, March 30—Community Good Friday Service (at the Commons) (12:00 pm)  
Saturday, March 31—Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Activities (10:00 am)  
Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday: Sunrise Worship (7:30 am); Breakfast (8:15 am); Celebration Worship (9:30 am)



***The Body of Christ Prays For...*** Home Bound Members: Betty Euler, Roselyn Hoff. Also remember: K.M. George, Corbie Snyder, Dick Crowley, Sharon Semer, Allen Rea, Cecil Workman, Mary Garten, Anna DeHaven, Bonnie McKay, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Alvin Arbuckle, Helen Murdock.