



From Pastor Dan's Keyboard

How do you define “passion”? It’s an interesting word, isn’t it? I suspect the most popular understanding of “passion” today has to do with intense emotion. People speak of having passion for a lover, for a sport’s team, for a hobby or interest. “I’m passionate about that!”, we might say.

The word “passion” however, has long been associated in the Christian faith with something else, something deeper and even more meaningful. We use “passion” to describe Jesus’ last week of life, prior to and including his death. We speak of the “passion of Jesus” not just in the terms of an emotion, but an event, a week – Passion Week (another term for Holy Week).

The closest synonym we may have in the English language to “passion” in this sense is the concept of “suffering”. Jesus’ passion is descriptive of the suffering he endured from the moment of his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through his arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death. In this sense, passion is as much a noun as a verb.

The word itself appears just a few times in the New Testament in some translations. In Acts 1:1-3 Luke, continuing his second volume account of Jesus life, writes “concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, until the day in which he was received up (in the presence of the apostles) whom he had chosen; to whom he also showed himself alive after his passion . . . (Acts 1:1-3 ASV)

Elsewhere the term is referred to as a strong emotion. Romans 1:26 and Colossians 3:5 list passion or passions among such things as fornication, evil desire and covetousness. James 5:17 applies the term to Elijah, who “was a man of like passions with us...” (5:17 ASV).

We see each of these understandings of passion operating during the last week of Jesus’ life. We see the suffering that he endured, as well as the less than flattering passions that his opponents exhibit in coordinating his arrest and death by crucifixion.

One then cannot truly confront the Passion Week of Jesus without also examining her or his own passions. In John’s gospel these passions are on full display as Jesus shares time with his Disciples, washes their feet, mitigates their arguments, and shares the Last Supper with them. But passion is also present as his followers deny him, as Pilate tries to ascertain the threat he might present to his power, as soldiers mock, beat and divide his clothing, as he gazes upon his mother from the cross, and as he gives up his life saying, “it is finished” to die for our sins.

I invite you to join me as we explore these and other passions during Lent as we continue our focus on the Gospel of John.

Pastor Dan



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:
LENT
MARCH 2ND - APRIL 10TH

Passion

I am a diehard Detroit Lions fan. I challenge you to find anything that more perfectly images Dan's description of the word "passion." For instance, you might be a Lions fan if your quarterback for 12 years won his first Super Bowl the year after being traded away from the team. Passion. However, despite any strong emotion that this reality elicits, will I ever stop being a Detroit Lions fan? No. Why? Because I have a passion for this team that will most likely be my demise.

One of my favorite translations for the fruits of the Spirit translates the fourth word not as patience, but as long-suffering. While patience is a good translation, there is an embodied reality to the word long-suffering that recognizes the effect patience can have on us. This is the quality Christ exhibits time and again on that long walk to the cross: the *Via Dolorosa*, or the "Way of Suffering."

Yet, in the upside-down way of the Kingdom of God, it is in these moments of willing suffering that we find abundant life. This is the spiritual reality of the season of Lent. As it begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd, we begin the long-suffering walk to the cross remembering that, though from dust we were made and to dust we shall return, we have been, more importantly, breathed on once again by Christ to receive the same Holy Spirit which animated us from the dirt the first time. Therefore, our long-suffering is not the plight of our existence, but is indeed the gift of God which DOES image Christ more perfectly than our passion for a football team ever could. So let me ask you, how might you find the glory of life in the passion of Lent this year? Peace.

- Pastor Daniel



Around The Church

Lenten Resources & Opportunities

Special Services During Lent & Holy Week

The Lenten and Easter seasons offer us opportunities to gather and enter into worship in special ways. We are pleased to announce the following special services being offered in the coming weeks:

- Ash Wednesday Worship – March 2 at 7 p.m.
- Palm Sunday Worship – April 10 at 9:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday Communion – April 14 at 7 p.m.
- Easter Services:
 - Sunrise Worship – April 17 at 7:30 a.m.
 - Easter Breakfast – offered between services
 - Easter Celebration Worship – April 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Bible Studies during Lent:

Both the Men of Faith and FBC Women's Bible Study groups will share a study called, "Messiah's Résumé: From Confirmation to Affirmation" during the season of Lent.

This 6-session study from the Gospels will focus on key events, or résumé markers, of Jesus' life and passion: Baptism, Temptation, Disciples, Parade, Crucifixion and Resurrection. Study participants will benefit from downloading the companion devotional resource Ebook *Messiah's Résumé* by Dr. Bill Griffith.

The Women's Bible Study will begin on March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

The Men of Faith group begins on Friday, March 4 at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

All men and women of FBC and the community are welcome to participate. Study guides will be available at the Welcome Desk or Church office at FBC.

Devotional Resource for Lent

FBC is pleased to offer a Lenten devotional resource **Ebook *Messiah's Résumé: Confirmation to Affirmation* by Dr. Bill Griffith** for all who may wish to use it in their Lenten discipleship journey.

You may download the Ebook (pdf) from our website, or if you prefer a hard copy, you may contact the church office to have a copy printed at the cost of \$2 per copy.

This resource will be especially helpful to those participating in one of the Lenten Bible studies, but will also benefit anyone who chooses to use it on their own. We thank Dr. Griffith for sharing his writing with us.

Around The Church

Our Sunday Worship Focus During Lent

We will be continuing our journey through the Gospel of John all the way through Easter. During the Lenten Season we shift to the second part of John's Gospel, often called "The Book of Glory," which takes us to a focus on Jesus' passion.

Here's a look at the Sunday topics for these Sunday morning worship experiences:

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| • March 6 | "The Passion of Friendship" | John 11:1-44 |
| • March 13 | "The Passion of Humility" | John 13:1-17 |
| • March 20 | "The Passion of Denial" | John 18:12-27 |
| • March 27 | "The Passion of Power" | John 18:28-40 |
| • April 3 | "The Passion of Division" | John 19:16-22 |
| • April 10 | "The Passion of Love" | John 19:23-30 |
| • April 14 | "The Passion of Death" | John 19:31-42 |
| • April 17 | "Resurrection JOY" | John 20:1-18 |



New Song: "Passion"-- Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWonUVd0WhI> to watch the lyric video for the song "Passion" by Hillsong Worship. This song will carry us through the Lenten season.

Second Hour Opportunities in March

- The Adult Study Fellowship (ASF) Class meets in Fellowship Hall using The Journeys quarterly curriculum.
- The Chapel Group – a discussion format group meets during 2nd Hour reviewing the morning's sermon and worship themes. All are welcome.
- The Youth Class meets in the Youth Room (lower level)

Scholarships Available

The deadline to submit applications for the FBC Foundation scholarships is **April 1st**.

E. Don Tull Scholarship is for a graduating high school senior planning to attend an institution of higher learning full-time and is in the amount of \$1,000.

Foundation Scholarship is for a full-time undergraduate student in the amount of \$1,000.

Applications can be found on the website under "Connect" – FBC Foundation

You can also request an application from the church office - secretary@fbccolumbus.org

Around The Church



Life Line Screenings go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up



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An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries for buildup of fatty plaque.

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Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm:

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm.

Atrial Fibrillation:

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for irregular heartbeat.

Osteoporosis Risk:

An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density.

We will be in your neighborhood soon on **March 7th at **First Baptist Church****

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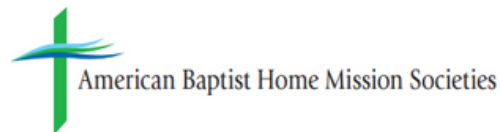
“I will praise you and testify about what you have done.” PSALM 22:22

“TESTIMONY”



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We will be collecting this special offering through the month of March.

MISSION

Faith Partners in Compassion Update

Our journey in the mission work of helping to resettle an Afghan family, in partnership with other local faith communities, has taken several twists and turns over the past weeks. We were assigned a family, which then elected to go in their own direction and not take advantage of a sponsorship (which is of course their right). This placed us back in the queue to be matched as the number of available matches continued to diminish. However, a conversation with our contact at Church World Service assures us that many more matches will be made as Afghan evacuees continue to arrive from the "lily pad" bases in Europe. Your continued prayers & patience are appreciated.



White Cross Gifts of the Heart

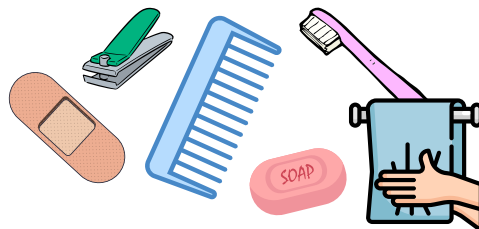
Through White Cross, these special recovery kits provide both tangible assistance to people in need and show that neighbors near and far truly care. These are sent to Church World Service, which sees that they are sent to those in need.

HEALTH KIT

Place completed kits in the CWS Kits box in the kitchen hallway by March 13.

If you would rather donate toward the purchase of kits, please use the blue offering envelopes and mark it for CWS Kits. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church with "CWS Kits" on the memo line.

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (NO fingertip, bath, dish, or microfiber towels)
- One wide-tooth comb removed from package - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth.
No pocket combs or picks. Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable.
- One bath-size bar of soap (in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging only)
- One washcloth
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from package
- Ten standard size band-aids



All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Kit.

Please include ONLY the specific items listed—read the list carefully! Processing fee of \$2 for each kit would be appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Judy Alexander.

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

March 6 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed
March 13 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman
March 20 - Kerry & Alice Richmond
March 27 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher

Serving in the Nursery:

First Sunday: Susan Hoffman
Second Sunday: Adams
Third Sunday: Fee
Fourth Sunday: *Open*
Fifth Sunday: *Open*

Children's Sunday School

2-4 Year Olds -

Teachers:

First Sunday: Ben Slaton
Second Sunday: Susan Carter
Third Sunday: Carol Poe/Beth Slaton
Fourth Sunday: Heidi Jones
Fifth Sunday: Carolyn Pool

Helpers:

First Sunday: Slatons
Second Sunday: *Open*
Third Sunday: Jennifer Kelley
Fourth Sunday: *Open*
Fifth Sunday: Carolyn Pool

Kids Connection:

First Sunday: Marcia Cheek
Second Sunday: Linda Reid
Third Sunday: Terri Ketterling
Fourth Sunday: Deanna Glick

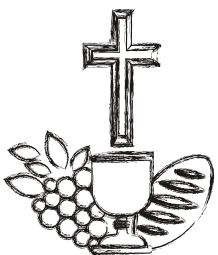
No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.



March Coffee Fellowship (following worship) - March 27

Last names R-Z are invited to bring treats to share.

Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, March 6

For those of you who join us for worship via live stream, we invite you to have something available to use for communion as we come to the Lord's Table together.

March Birthdays

1. ~ Carolyn Pool
2. ~ Dan Cash
7. ~ Marsha Daugherty, Drew Hamon
11. ~ Marcia Battle
13. ~ Nathan Patrick
14. ~ Anita Burton, Elyse Snider
15. ~ Tom Vickers
16. ~ Donita Compton, Heidi Jones, Bryce Olson
18. ~ Gretchen Seeley



19. ~ Mike Riley
20. ~ Paulette McClintock
21. ~ Becky Stephens
22. ~ Ron Brondyke
25. ~ Amanda Reed
27. ~ Paula Pickup
29. ~ Donna Tull
30. ~ Judy Alexander, Carolyn McIntire

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Ramona Harlow, Beth & Dick Miller, Jon Carlstrom, Lindsay Silcox, Ashley Fee, Joan Kline, Marcia Battle, Marge Betz, Betty Harrison, Rick McClintock & all others who are homebound, in nursing care centers, and recovering from illness.

Looking Ahead

- March 2 - Bell Rehearsals begin (5:30 pm)
- March 2 - Ash Wednesday Worship (7:00 pm)
- March 3 - FBC Women's Bible Study resumes (9:30 am)
- March 4 - Men of Faith Bible Study resumes (7:00 am)
- March 7 - Lifeline Screening
- March 15 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
- March 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- March 22 - Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)
- March 27 - Coffee Fellowship following worship (Last names R-Z are invited to bring snacks)

Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am
(in-person worship & Live Stream)

2nd Hour Learning - following worship at 10:45 am

Live streaming available for Sunday Services

In addition to watching our streaming service on our website, the service is also streamed to Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. It is also sent internationally.



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