

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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Why We Observe Ash Wednesday & Lent

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the Lenten season which begins forty days prior to Easter. Sundays are not included because they are considered 'Mini Easters' and celebrations of the risen Christ.

The forty days of Lent correspond to the forty days of Jesus' struggle and temptation in the wilderness, the forty days that Moses fasted on the mountain, and the forty years of Israel's wandering in the desert.

Lent is meant to be a time when we remember Jesus' extreme sacrifice. That's why many people choose to make personal sacrifices during Lent. We fast or abstain from certain things in an effort to remember what Christ gave up for us by going to the cross.

The Lenten Season is also meant to be a time for examination and repentance. During Ash Wednesday Worship Services, those who choose to come forward can receive ashes lightly rubbed in the sign of a cross on their foreheads. These ashes symbolize repentance and also remind us of our mortality. This is based on God's words to Adam in Genesis 3:19, *"For dust you are and to dust you will return."*

All of these practices remind us that we're entering a very somber and reflective season. They emphasize our need to repent and make peace with God before our life here on earth comes to an end.

To begin the season of Lent, we will have an **Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Dinner will be served from 5:45 p.m - 6:25 p.m. as usual.** Oasis students are invited to attend the service. Children in the "B&B Club" and "God Followers" groups will follow their normal schedule and learn about Ash Wednesday in their individual groups. Parents are asked to pick up their children from their classrooms at 7:30 p.m.

I hope that you and your family will be able to take part in the Ash Wednesday service as we begin the journey toward Easter together.

Grace and Peace,
Jay

PRAYER LIST



Al & Denton Nuckolls, Kathryn Middleton, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Ernest Edwards, Judy Lusk, Jan Reed, Dottie Griffin, Toppi Griffin, Cathy Griffin, Mildred Dreschel, Sis Damron, Ray Anderson, Macoy Griffin, Dot Rann, Hub Griffin, Beverly Bates

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's brother

Kathy Hedrick-Vicki Hedrick's sister-in-law

Sue & David Broome-Friends of Janice Helton

Terry Corcoran-Erin Middleton's dad

Lee Hogan-Friend of Jeanine Clark

Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's mother

Rose Reinhardt -Dawn LaChapelle's mother

Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother

Gene & Edna Blevens-JoAnna Davenport's aunt & uncle

Scott LaChapelle-Dawn LaChapelle's brother

Linda Corn-friend of Susie Webb

Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton

Susan Wells-Chris Wells' aunt

Sarah Brindle-Friend of Jo Anna Davenport

Robert Green-friend of Jo Anna Davenport

Gabarb Vaughn Summers

Breanne Locklear - Jo Anna Davenport's niece

Don Gribble

Gladys & Jasper Rogers-Friends of Gwen Maddox

Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother

Robin Faith-Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Brantley Dean-Friend of Julie Frisbee

Peggy Cochran-Friend of Amy Roberts

Whitley Brooker-Friend of Lindsey Roberts

Orallia Hernandez-friend of the Middletons

Richard Sharp-Friend of Stephanie Loggins

Jerry Alberson-Friend of Butch Middleton

Jackie Neel - Anne Monk's Sister

Nathan Gaddy - Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Kinslie Marie Flowers-friend of Julie Frisbee

Jim Orr-Friend of Mike Hampton

Bobbie King Hogan

Dolly Hamby-friend of Kay Jernigan

Heather Stiles-friend of Susie Webb

Eddie Mac Sanders-Friend of Kenny Gowin

Ricky Reed-friend of Amy Roberts

Sue Rogers - Ron Houston's sister

Catina Lough-Friend of Stephanie Loggins

Kyler Bass-Friend of Wendy Voiles

Maryann Fowler-Friend of Susie Webb

Glen Dean-Friend of Susie Webb

John Lofty

Tom Stoop (husband of Carolyn Stoop)

Becky Carpenter

*Joey Halloran-soldier serving overseas-Joe Kauffman

*Mr. & Mrs. Higgenbotham-friend of Joe Kauffman

*Agee Martin-Valerie Cleaver's brother

*Alyssa Talley

*Chet Dreschel

*Glen Pair-Friend of Brenda & Mike Hampton

*Brecklynn Allgood

*Doug Mitchell

(*Denotes new additions)

Please contact the church office at 706- 673-4022 or thumc@optilink.us to add/remove a friend or loved one from the Prayer List. - Thanks!



Wednesday, February 22

5:45 PM Family Meal (F.H.)

6:30 PM Adult, B&B & God Followers, Oasis

Thursday, February 23

7:00 PM Rise up Sr. High Worship (F.H.)

Sunday, February 26

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

Monday, February 27

6:30 PM "A Daring Path" Bible Study

Tuesday, February 28

5:30 PM Brownies (YR)

6:30 PM Daisies (CH. Room)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, March 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY

5:45 PM Family Meal (F.H.)

6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)

Thursday, March 2

7:00 PM Sr. High Worship/Bible Study (F.H.)

Sunday, March 5 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

Monday, March 6

6:30 PM "A Daring Path" Bible Study

Tuesday, March 7

5:30 PM Brownies (YR)

6:30 PM Daisies (CH. Room)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB)

6:30 PM UMW General meeting - CANCELLED

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, March 8

5:45 PM Family Meal (F.H.)

6:30 PM Adult, B&B & God Followers, Oasis

FH-Fellowship Hall

CB-Church Bldg.

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

S-Sanctuary



Weekly Gatherings

Oasis Café – Sundays 10am – Fellowship Hall

Journey Groups – Sundays 6pm – Fellowship Hall

Worship/Bible Study – Wednesdays 6:30pm – Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING OASIS EVENTS

March 26th - Winter Jam Chattanooga

May 20th – JFest

June 11th-16th – Epworth by the Sea Summer Retreat in St. Simons, GA.

Listening to the New Testament During the Forty Days of Lent

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is on March 1st this year. It lasts forty days (excluding Sundays) and ends on Easter Sunday. Lent is a time to return to Christ by cutting out everything that distracts us from our relationship with Him. For some people that sacrifice means giving up something they enjoy to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us. For others, Lent is a time to start a new spiritual discipline. This year, you're invited to listen to the entire New Testament from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Here's how it works:

1. Starting March 1st, carve out 30 minutes to listen to the Bible each day for about 30 minutes. After forty days (not including Sundays) you will have listened to the entire New Testament. (CAUTION: This may mean logging off Facebook, or deleting Candy Crush or Flappy Birds from your phone)
2. Download the "YOUVERSION" or "BIBLE.IS" App on your phone OR go to Biblegateway.com on your desktop computer.
3. Use the Daily Listening Plan below to select your passage each day, type in the passage on your phone or computer and click on the speaker icon, then sit back and listen to God's Word.
4. Put a checkmark in the box when you finish that day's passage. If you miss a day, don't worry, just pick up where you left off.
5. Celebrate the wonder of Sabbath rest each Sunday. There are no assigned readings on Sundays so feel free to rest or use it as a catch-up day.

Daily Listening Plan

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. __ Matthew 1 – 7 | 21. __ Acts 18 - 23 |
| 2. __ Matthew 8 – 12 | 22. __ Acts 24 - end |
| 3. __ Matthew 13 – 18 | 23. __ Romans 1 - 8 |
| 4. __ Matthew 19 – 24 | 24. __ Romans 9 - end |
| 5. __ Matthew 25 - end | 25. __ 1 Corinthians 1-8 |
| 6. __ Mark 1 – 5 | 26. __ 1 Corinthians 9-16 |
| 7. __ Mark 6 – 11 | 27. __ 2 Corinthians |
| 8. __ Mark 12 – end | 28. __ Galatians |
| 9. __ Luke 1 – 4 | 29. __ Ephesians |
| 10. __ Luke 5 – 8 | 30. __ Philippians & Colossians |
| 11. __ Luke 9 – 12 | 31. __ 1 & 2 Thessalonians |
| 12. __ Luke 13 – 19 | 32. __ 1 & 2 Timothy |
| 13. __ Luke 20 – end | 33. __ Titus & Philemon |
| 14. __ John 1 – 5 | 34. __ Hebrews |
| 15. __ John 6 – 9 | 35. __ 1 Peter & 2 Peter |
| 16. __ John 10 – 14 | 36. __ James & 1, 2, & 3 John |
| 17. __ John 15 – end | 37. __ Jude |
| 18. __ Acts 1 – 6 | 38. __ Revelation 1 - 7 |
| 19. __ Acts 7 – 11 | 39. __ Revelation 8 - 16 |
| 20. __ Acts 12 – 17 | 40. __ Revelation 17-end |

May God richly bless you as you devote yourself to listening to His Word during Lent.

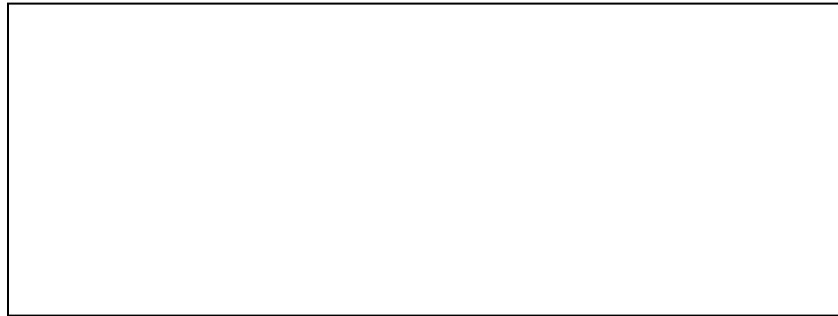
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

USHERS: Bill Chesser, Chris Bollwerk,
Daniel Cavender & Daniel

LaVelle

NURSERY: Jeanine Clark

OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gowin &
Lee Grimmett

GREETERS: Janice & David Helton

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

USHERS: James Burroughs, James Riddle,
Larry DeFoor & Keith Griffin

NURSERY: Sarah Amos

OFFERING TEAM: Brenda Hampton &
Chuck Davidson

GREETERS: Judy & Butch Middleton

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

USHERS: See Sunday, March 5

NURSERY: Valerie Cleaver

OFFERING TEAM: See Sun., March 5

GREETERS: Lee & Vi Grimmett

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 5

GENERAL BUDGET: \$8167.25
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$389.00

GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 12

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3616.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$392.00

GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 19

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2291.50
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$932.00

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 5

Sunday School - 70
Worship Service - 171

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 12

Sunday School - 77
Worship Service - 141

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 19

Sunday School - 84
Worship Service - 143