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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

February

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Quest –
Boys Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

TUESDAY, February 24

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's book study

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Seeds of Faith
- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 22. J. Ketchum
Maizey Ketchum
Brent Chaney
Wendy Perry
Hunter Ledbetter
- 23. Angie Kyle
- 24. Debra Batton
- 26. Kathryn "BeBe" Lafferty
Wanda Simmons



Memorial Gifts

Barbara Arnold

M/M Frank Webb

Freda Edwards

M/M Frank Webb

Davis Gary

M/M Jim Oakes
M/M Frank Webb
M/M John Phillips III

Janice Middleton

M/M Frank Webb

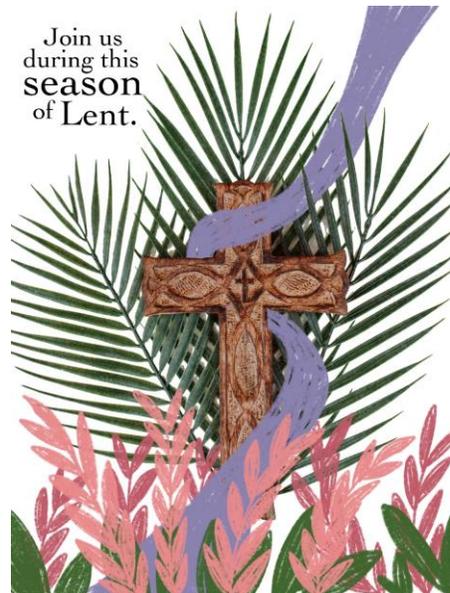
Howard Webb

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Phil Williams

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Join us
during this
season
of Lent.





5K-3rd Grade

For the month of February, we begin Unit 3 in our *HeartShaper* curriculum entitled, ***Jesus is Our Example.***

Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

February 22 - "Jesus and a Woman Needing Forgiveness"

March 1 - "Jesus and a Man Who is Paralyzed"



4th-6th Grade

For the month of February, our upper elementary Sunday School will begin Unit 3- ***Salt and Light of Gospel Light's -The Edge.***

The lesson are as follows:

February 22 - "City on a Hill"

March 1 - "Good Deeds"

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

W.O.W. Wednesday Bible Study is when children in grades 5K-6th meet on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for Children's Bible Study. We study and craft through Bible stories, and if time permits, we play a game. Supper is provided at 6:15 p.m. before dismissing.

Kingdom Quest

On Sunday evenings at 6:00, we will have a Middle School Boys Bible Study for grades 5th – 8th. The study by Tony Evans will be led by Craig Prevost and Jason Patterson. Our young boys will learn how to grow spiritually in their faith, character, and integrity.

We are excited that this 7-week study opportunity has begun and will last through the month of March.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Youth Bible Study continues in our Study of David. We will continue with part 2 of the House of David and what happens after David is anointed and defeats Goliath.

Youth Bible Study meets each Sunday and Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Basement. Snack supper is served prior to the lesson.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Greeters	Dixie & Jim Roberts/Patsy Clark
Scripture	Mark 1:14-20; Luke 9:23-26
Lay Readers	Joyce Pace/David Parker
Sermon	“The Cross”
Flowers	Walter & Marilyn Burnett

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY

22. 1st Sunday in Lent	Matthew 4:1-11
23. His face was shining	Exodus 34:29-35
24. The fullness of God	Colossians 1:15-20
25. That all should turn	Ezekiel 33:10-11
26. God’s everlasting covenant	Genesis 9:8-11
27. Lead me in your truth	Psalms 25: 1-10
28. Alive in the Spirit	1 Peter 3:18-22