

Pastor's Peace

Lent

Lent is coming. We try to observe Lent in our own bumbling way. It has not been a part of Baptist Tradition historically. We tried so hard to show ourselves to be different than Catholics. In recent years we have tried to learn, making it a part of our tradition as we connect with the greater Christian Tradition.

Lent has evolved over time. I have read many different things about the observance. I read that Lent use to only be a week, then it changed to 40 days. It would take many pages to explain, but it is best observed out of a desire to examine yourself and get closer in your relationship to Christ.

I tell you I am not good at Lent, but I was **really** bad in the beginning. Giving up food or chocolate? That was not my cup of tea. But Lent is about more than food. I am going to give up bad theology. Bad theology covers a lot of ground. This task will not be instantly completed. It will be a process. But that is part of what Lent is about, allowing for more positive by dying to self and removing what stands in the way of your relationship with God. Adding a discipline, a practice, or getting rid of things that hinder the relationship are a major part of what Lent is about.

I will leave you with this quote to think about as I begin my Lent observance.

You must always be willing to truly consider evidence that contradicts your beliefs, and admit the possibility that you may be wrong. Intelligence isn't knowing everything, it's the ability to challenge everything you know. ~Unknown

And still there is even more to Lent.

Bible Study: Come join us on Wednesday nights as we study the book of Genesis. This fascinating book starts us on our journey to understand who God is and our relationship to the story.

Online Devotional: Some of you may be looking for a Devotional online. Well, here is an online option for you. D365.org is a good resource for your spiritual growth. It goes thru your devotional in step to help speak to soul. This is a website and is also an app on your phone.

Ash Wednesday Service: I hope you will come to our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 on February 14th. We will meet in this sanctuary for meaningful service to take us into the season of Lent.

Blessing and Peace,

February 14th
6:30pm

Ash
Wednesday
SERVICE

Women **On Mission**

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday,
February 11th

Monetary and food donations appreciated

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 4th—after Worship
WOM Annual Luncheon —Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, February 6th - 6:30pm
Deacon's Meeting - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, February 7th - 6:00pm
Dinner & Business Meeting
Dinner: 6pm (\$5), Meeting: 6:30pm

SUNDAY, February 11th
WOM Souper Bowl of Caring

TUESDAY, February 13th - 10:00am
Super Seniors—Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, February 14th—6:30pm
Ash Wednesday Service

SATURDAY, February 17th—4:00pm
Valentines Dinner—Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, February 18th - 9:00am
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, February 25th—after Worship
Lunch Bunch—Paradise Acres

February Scripture & Sermons

February 4 Mark 1:29-39
I'm So Excited

February 11 Mark 9:2-9
If You Have Really Seen It

February 18 Mark 1:9-15
How Close and When

February 25 Mark 8:31-38
How Does This Accomplish Anything

Valentines Dinner

Sponsored by MPBC Deacons

February 17, 2024
4:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Menu: Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, and Dessert

ATTENTION: Mothers & Daughters

Women **On Mission**

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

February 4, 2024
12:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Food, Games, Crafts

Everything provided by WOM

Come be our Valentine!

MEN'S MINISTRY

BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, Feb. 18th
9:00am