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March 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 1, 2017



Devotional
Material

All of our Lenten devotional material will be available at GTF on March 1. We will have a pancake supper (6:00 p.m.) and a Lenten program presented by Dr. Massie.

MONTREAT FUNDRAISING

LUNCHEON

MARCH 12, 2017

Following the worship service on Sunday, March 12, a lunch will be held to benefit the youth attending the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. Shawn and Lisa Boltin will prepare chicken perlo, green beans, and dessert. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. The suggested donation for meals is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Any additional donations are appreciated. All proceeds will help offset the expense of the music conference, which will be held June 18-23.

Sylvia Trimmier

GROWING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAYS

GTF Dinner	6:00 p.m.
GTF Program	6:30 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.



MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle 1	Wednesday, March 8	10:15 a.m.
	Conference Room	
Circles 2 & 4	Tuesday, March 14	10:00 a.m.
	Conference Room	
Circle 3	Tuesday, March 14	6:00 p.m.
	Sandra Borgstedt	
	2222 Chestnut	

PRIME TIME LUNCH

MARCH 21, 2017

Prime Time Lunch in March will be on the third Tuesday, March 21, at noon in the Centre. Join other adults of all ages for lunch and fellowship. Call the church office (534-0088) to make reservations.

OUTREACH SUPPER

All are invited to join us for supper on Sunday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Centre. We have invited the folks from the Hispanic ministry, Connie Maxwell and Casa to join us. MENTORS are asked to join us and bring their mentees.

Kaye Borgstedt

NOTES OF THANKS

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of you who have been so wonderful to our Mom and family over the last several months. We appreciate all of the cards, hospital visits, food, flowers, and love offerings that were given to help us through this difficult time. We most of all, thank you for all of the prayers that were lifted up for us during her illness and following her passing. We are so thankful for the love that First Presbyterian has shown to our Mom and our family.

Love,
Emily Ann Evans and Rylee Wofford

PRESCHOOL NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 5	Sterling
March 12	Dangerfield
March 19	Crabb
March 26	Davis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

March 5	Axson
March 12	Delaney
March 19	Richardson
March 26	Nexsen

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/01	Laura Garick	3/18	Becky Smith
3/02	Campbell Delaney		Kelley Wannamaker
3/05	Mike Strong	3/19	Sara Turner
	Gregg Frierson		Kathy Wilkes
	Brison Ardis	3/20	JoAnn Kelley
3/06	"M. C." Evans	3/22	Jane Holladay
	Amber Edens		Lisa Banish
3/07	Mark Hutto	3/23	Julie Bruner
	Michael Clayton, Jr.	3/24	Jeb Brailsford
3/08	Rocco Cassone	3/27	Katherine Campbell
	Rachel Lorick		Kelly Ridley
3/10	Renn Guthrie	3/28	Davis Turner
3/15	Ginger Weigle	3/29	Charlotte Dixon
3/16	Jimmy Smoak	3/30	Shane Burroughs
	T Riley		Mary Legare Delaney
3/17	Katherine Smith		

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Call the church office (534-0088) if you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary on March 12.

YOUTH HOUSE

The Youth House is in need of some kitchen items. We need cookie sheets, dish towels and hot pads. Please contact Sandra Borgstedt if you have any questions or any items you would like to donate.

SAVE THE DATES

April 9 Palm Sunday breakfast, 9:30 in the Centre
May 4 National Day of Prayer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LIVING FAITHFULLY
BELIEVING

SERVING BOLDLY
DOING

Some questions to ponder during Lent

Question one: To what are you and I entitled as a Christian? What would be your reaction to the answer, nothing? Does God really owe us anything? He sent His son to suffer, die a horrible death, and be buried and then Hallelujah to be resurrected. So, what entitlement? Salvation is free, a gift to us. Jesus is the perfect gift. Ephesians 2:8. "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." This gift has no strings attached and is perfect because God is perfect. God knows us down to the number of hairs on our heads (Matt: 10:30) and He still loves us. Because of this love, He offers exactly what we need, Jesus, the perfect gift. There is not enough space to list what God has given us. Our prayer should be, "Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be the Savior of the world. Amen."

Question two: To what is God entitled from Christians---you and me? The obvious answer is everything we have. Surrender all to Him and He will do the rest. He will multiply our faith and the gifts he has given us and equip us with more than we need to bless those around us. The faith, grace and mercy He shows to us must be shown by us to all of His children. We must be compassionate, humble, thankful and strive to be a servant for Jesus. We must trust, not be afraid and not worry, which for me is easier to say than do sometimes. We must live so others see Jesus thru us and everything we do is to further His kingdom. We must spread the Good News and be ever mindful of our responsibilities to our families, especially our children, to raise them in the faith by example, word and deed. This extends to the children of our church. In other words, we must be the feet and hands of Jesus on earth and follow Him. This list also is endless so let's pray, "God in heaven, Thank you for sending Jesus to show us the way to live. Strengthen us when we are tempted to compromise our integrity. In the name of Jesus, amen."

Question three. To what am I entitled from First Presbyterian Church? My opinion. A safe haven where I can hear the Word of God being preached, learn more from His Word and learn how to grow closer in my relationship to God. A place where I can learn how to use my God given gifts in serving other members and the community. A place where I can expect and receive pastoral care and nurture and be a servant to others. A place that offers many opportunities to assist me in my spiritual walk. A place where I can learn how to spread the gospel to further God's kingdom. A place where the Light of Christ is indeed shining for all. A place where I can be me, sins and all, and still be loved. A place where I can get questions answered in a nonjudgmental way. A place where music is used to glorify God. A place where we all humbly serve and help each other. As we pray, "Dear God, help us not be judgmental, but kindle in us the desire to reflect Jesus to everyone we meet. Amen."

Would love to hear, to what you think you are entitled from FPC.

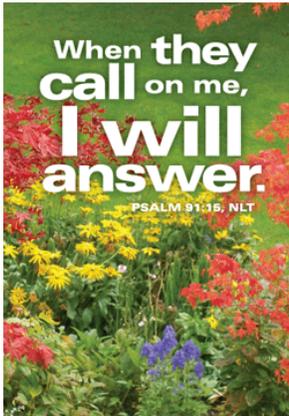
And the last obvious question is: To what is FPC entitled from me? Short answer: To worship God and to do my part to further His kingdom. Obviously to do this we must take advantage of and use all those things listed in question three. Also, to give of our time, talents and resources as we take advantage of opportunities available and to help develop other opportunities. Attend and be involved. Recognize that being a follower of Jesus is a full time job every minute of every day. What would you add?

Prayer: "Our father in heaven, thank you for the Holy Spirit's help. Amen."

Challenge: Answer the question: What helps me remember God's presence in my Life and how do I implement what I need to do?

In His Service,
Kaye
Director of Christian Education

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MEMORIALS

Given in Memory of

Mrs. Laura Weathers

Mrs. Betty Cruise

Mr. Thomas Westbrook

Given By

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Ayer
Tara, Richard and Andrew Williamson
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Connor
Ms. Anne McGill
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smoak
Wells Grove Property Owners Assoc.
Second Grade Team, Richard Carroll Elementary School

Fifth Grade Team at RCES
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