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## **March Church Calendar**

03/04: 08:00 AM – Women's Prayer @ Aunt B's

03/05: 09:30 AM – Sunday School; 10:30 Main Service

Communion Sunday

Youth Mtg – after Main Service

03/12: 09:30 AM – Sunday School; 10:30 Main Service

Youth Mtg – after Main Service

03/19: 09:30 AM – Sunday School; 10:30 Main Service

Youth Mtg – after Main Service

03/26: 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:30 Main Service

Youth Mtg – after Main Service

Lunch – after Main Service

NEW: Each Sunday morning at 9:15 ...... Prayer Mtg

## **Monthly Memorization**

Isaiah 30:18

Our Church's Verse of the Month - March 2033



"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." – 1 John 4:8

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many Baptists grow up thinking there are four major days of the church year: Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day.



Those are the days that we seem to focus on the most. But since I was a child, I've been exposed to many different Christian traditions. Unfortunately, we have fallen short of wonderful experiences we can have in worship because we have eliminated some of the traditional church calendar.

One of traditional holiday season that has been eliminated by some Protestant churches is Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. Part of the Lenten Season is Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday, which is the Christian holiday that celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Also, a part of the Lenten Season is Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday, which commemorates the last supper. Tradition states that Good Friday is the day we remember Christ's death on the cross. The Lenten Season culminates on Easter Sunday, which is the day we celebrate our Lord's glorious resurrection.

In my opinion, unless we observe Lent, Easter is not nearly as great a celebration. Unfortunately, there are many people who have never been exposed to the "real" church calendar, so the idea may seem somewhat foreign.

Perhaps celebrating Lent is a new thing for you. So, this year we will plan to have all of the sermons during the Lenten Season focus on that season. I want to encourage you to observe Lent at home this year, as well. I pray this Lenten Season encourages us all to return to our Lord, as we serve Him together. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Pastor Mark

Why pray for others? Because praying for others brings us closer to God. Effective prayer is based on a knowledge of His will (1 John 5:14). It also brings us closer to others, as we learn more about them and focus on their needs.

