

March Calendar

Sundays

Sunday School: weekly	9:30 AM
Worship Service: weekly	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Bible Study: "The Parables of Jesus"	6:30 PM
Community Gospel Jam: Sr Citizens Center, 3/05	6:30 PM
Deacons' Meeting, 3/10	after AM service

Tuesdays

Men's Prayer Breakfast: <i>Green Door</i>	7:00 AM
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Wednesdays

Faith Weavers	6:30 PM
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March Birthdays

3/04	David Kaminska
3/09	Ruby Smith
3/10	Bethany Johnson
3/23	Marge Cross
3/27	Jeremy Cude'
3/28	Jonathan Cude'
3/31	Marsha Dickens

March Anniversaries

3/18	Dillon and Abby Usry
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Pastor's Pen:

Did you know 76% of Americans generally do not observe Lent? That means that during the Lenten season 24% of Americans will give up soda, chocolate, or pizza; and some will give up television or Facebook. But really, it boils down to this: most Americans have given up Lent for Lent.

Other Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter appeal to most people; yes, even to non-Christian people. But Lent seems to lack something that appeals to the general public. Let's be clear: Lent's purpose is to give us a specific time of the year to repent, pray, fast, and give our alms to those who are less fortunate.

So why is Lent less appealing than Christmas and Easter? Is it because its focus is on 'giving up' rather than on 'getting'? The celebration of Lent does not emphasize giving and receiving gifts or on getting together with the family for a feast. Therefore, it does not hold the appeal that Christmas and Easter hold.

Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday. In 2019, Ash Wednesday falls on March 6, and lasts for 40 days, excluding Sundays. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's 40 days in the wilderness as He prepared for His ministry.

As Baptists, whether we choose to participate in Lenten activities is purely a choice, not an obligation. Our freedom in Christ means we are free to choose to observe Lent - or not. But when we choose to observe Lent, it puts us in sync with the broader Christian community.

Finally, we cannot fully appreciate Jesus' resurrection without spending time reflecting on His suffering. We live in the United States, and because we live in this privileged society hardly anyone suffers for being a Christian. A little hardship during the 40 days of Lent might build our spiritual character. It also might deepen our understanding of our own faith. Let us let Lent 2019 be a time to grow closer to Jesus!

In His service,
Pastor Mark Davis

Sunday School/Jr Church/FaithWeavers

"How can we overcome ministry doldrums?" Here we are in March. School has been in session a little over six months now. Busyness and repetition have set in, and everyone is getting a little tired. It is the time of year when youth workers start feeling a little burned out. So how can we overcome these negative feelings?

First and foremost, it's time to remember why we do what we do. Doing youth ministry entails lots of hard work, and it is a spiritual battle. Remember to use your weapons (read 2 Corinthians Chapter 10)! Having constant communication with the Lord is essential in reaching the youth in our community.

Next, we need to stay balanced. Remember why we do what we do: 1) to proclaim the Gospel message, 2) to teach other Christians how to share their faith, 3) to live a life that is a good example to those we hope to reach. Balance is the key when we 'do' youth programs: too much fun is spiritually fruitless, yet too much study time gets boring. There has to be some of both when we are ministering to kids!

Lack of consistency is a killer of youth groups. Not meeting may seem to be the natural thing to do when attendance wanes, but that one time we decide not to gather might be when someone shows up who really needs us. Our attendance size on any particular meeting night isn't as important as the fact that we meet.

Lastly, momentum will increase when kids feel like they belong and 'own' the youth group. Building relationships around Jesus is guaranteed to change the lives of kids for all eternity. Let's all remember *that* when we feel we're running out of steam!





PRAYER REQUESTS:

General: Mark Davis; Dale Fadely; Jon Faler; Jim Fine; John Floyd; Janet Greer; DeWayne Glover; Lezlee Jones; Dick King; Jason Lewis; Tanner Lewis; Carmaleta Lorenz; Michele Menke; Maci Miller; Lance Monholland; Mike Nolan; Ronnie Rogers; Chris Shore; Freda Sizemore; Karl Urban; Usry Family; Gordon Willhite; Dale Wolfe

Cancer Patients: Naida Carpenter; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Larry Fueller; Clayalee Glover; Mary Jane Hawkins; Lou Kennedy; Jack King; Alice Papain; Ginger and John Sweeny; George Thomas; Judy Tolbert

Our Senior Saints: Marlene Bailey; Naida Carpenter; Marge Cross; Betty Ditmore, Bob Emery, Dale Fadely; Sue House; Nora Myers; Clara Belle Wallace; Jack Ward

Ministries & Missionaries: FBC-spiritual and numerical growth; our missionaries; lost to be saved; persecuted Christians around the world; the Nation of Israel; Pastor and family

Others: President Trump and VP Pence; world, national, state, local government leaders; law enforcement officers; emergency responders; military servicemen and servicewomen; students/teachers, school board/school administrators

Missionary: Ariel Tatum – lionofgod2003@gmail.com



LENTON LUNCH SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

- 1st Baptist Church of Sedan, noon 3/06
- Epiphany Episcopal Church of Sedan, noon 3/13
- 1st Christian Church of Sedan, noon 3/20
- Assembly of God, noon 3/27

Secretary's Corner

The Legacy

She could not give her children gold,
So she gave them faith to have and hold.

She could not give them royal birth...
A name renowned throughout the earth.
But she gave them seeds and garden spot
And shade trees when the sun was hot.

She could not give a silver spoon
Or servants waiting night and noon.
She gave them love and a listening ear
And told them God was always near.

She could not give them ocean trips
Aboard majestic sailing ships.
But she gave them books and quiet time,
Adventures found in prose and rhyme.

She could not give them worldly things
But what she gave was fit for kings.
For with her faith and books and sod,
She made each child aware of God.

—attributed to Alice Leedy Mason