



# Forerunner

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## **PENITENCE and RIGHTEOUSNESS**

The most significant event in the Christian calendar is Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection. We can benefit greatly from this observance by preparing our hearts and minds through devotions which lead to personal repentance, prayer and commitment.

The preparation period, called "Lent," begins on Ash Wednesday, forty days before Easter Sunday. The forty-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where He fasted and where Satan tempted Him. Although many Christians do not fast during this period, we are all encouraged to make this an intentional season to focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice and resurrection.

*Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in Heaven. (Matthew 6:1)*

Lent is frequently described as "The six weeks of penitence before Easter." Ash Wednesday is the beginning of this period, marked by reflection, repentance, and commitment toward righteousness in God's sight. It is important on this day for all of us to stop and consider whether we are living according to His principles and how we may be falling short. As we reflect on our actions, we need to pray that God will forgive our shortcomings (repent) and help us to redirect our lives to serve Him better (righteousness).



### **Sundays**

- 9:30 am—Sunday School  
(Classes for all ages)
- 11:00 am—Worship Service  
(Live on FBC Website & 98.1 FM Radio)
- 6:00 pm—TruNorth Youth
- 6:00 pm—Kids Explorers

### **Mondays**

- 6:00 pm—Bible Study Livestreamed on  
FBC Website or through Facebook

### **Wednesdays**

- 6:00 pm—Worship, & Devotion
- 6:30 pm—Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal



**March 1—Staff Meeting @ 1:00 pm**

**March 2— Ash Wednesday Service  
@ 6:30 pm**

**March 2—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30 pm**

**March 7—Soup Kitchen**  
Please bring rolls & desserts by 1 pm

**March 8—Women on Mission 11:00 am**

**March 13 -  
Daylight Saving  
Time Begins**



**March 16—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30 pm**

**March 17—Loss Support Group 11:30**

**March 20— First Day of Spring**

**March 21—Deacon Meeting @ 6:30 pm**

**March 30—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30 pm**



The scriptures for this month address three characteristics of Righteousness:

1. “How we give,”
2. “How we pray,” and
3. “How we store up our treasures.”

They begin with this admonition:

*Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others, to be seen by them.*

**How we give**

Matthew 6:1-4 specifically deals with giving: not just giving of financial assets to the needy, but also giving of our time and compassion to Christian friends—and others.

**How we pray**

Matthew 6:5-6 shows that when we pray alone, we will become closer to God, and He will reward us for our sincerity and humility.

**How we store up treasures**

Matthew 6:19-21 directs you to prioritize how you use your assets (money, gifts, influence, etc.): *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth ... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

When we reflect on our lives together, developing our home, raising our children, fellowship with dear friends, and worship/service at church, we realize that the most lasting— and cherished— memories relate to how completely we followed the teaching of our Lord. We also recognize the many times we failed to follow Him—and we ask for His forgiveness.

May this Lenten season be a time of repentance, renewal, and a redirection Of dedication to our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ’s Love—Kevin



Hey Church family!

It’s Easter season and that means we are entering the season of Lent as we move toward the celebration of the resurrection. Just as we set aside time to spiritually prepare for Christmas by celebrating Advent, it makes sense to set aside time to prepare for the two most important days of the Christian church year, which are Good Friday (remembrance of Jesus’ death) and Resurrection Sunday.

Lent is a time that gives us an opportunity to reflect on our own shortcomings and sins and be reminded of how much we need a Savior. It’s a time to receive the grace of God and to be a little more intentional about practicing sacrificial faith as we remember what Christ did on our behalf.

Lent is observed for the 40 days leading up to Easter (Resurrection Sunday). Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, but it gets a little confusing here. Ash Wednesday starts on a different date each year depending on the date of Easter. Typically, Ash Wednesday falls sometime between the middle of February and the middle of March. Then after that comes Easter, 40 days later!

On Ash Wednesday, churches sometimes will have a service where they put ashes on their forehead. Ashes symbolize mourning and help us to personalize the truth that our sin put Jesus on the cross. You can certainly reflect on this without ashes, but historically Christians have continued this practice as a visible reminder of the words God said to Adam in Genesis 3:19, “For you are dust and to dust you shall return. . . .,” recalling how earlier the Lord had “formed the man out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life” (Genesis 2:7).

Lent is a more somber season of the church year, unlike Advent, which has a more joyous tone. That sorrow is turned to great joy when we reach Resurrection Sunday!

Here are a few ideas to help you begin to observe the lent as a family.

1. Attend a Lenten service. FBC will be having an Ash Wednesday service on March 2nd @ 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. We are also planning to have a guest speaker come on March 27th to do a very special service including a traditional Passover meal and explaining how each element points to Jesus our Savior.
2. Begin a time of daily family devotions.
3. Incorporate a daily prayer time that is focused on a Lenten theme as described above.
4. Sacrifice something for 40 days. Talk with your family about something you can give up during Lent. It could be something tangible, like sweets, or it could be not going out to eat and using that money for charitable purposes instead. It could be a particular Christian practice that you’d like to get better at, like having devotions. It could be sacrificing your pride and forgiving someone you’ve held a grudge against and going to that person for reconciliation.
5. Take the opportunity to show hospitality. God reached down to us through Christ, so we can take the chance to reach out to others and show them the love of Jesus! Have a friend over for coffee or a family over for supper. Hospitality can be on the go, too. Bring something to someone: a meal to someone who is sick or a mom with a new baby or go and visit someone in a nursing home or care facility (if you’re not sick!).
6. Meditate on Jesus’ sacrifice for our sins. Here’s a tangible way to do this. Find a printout of a lamb (represents Jesus, the Lamb of God. **You can find these on the table outside of my office**). Grab some cotton balls. Each day of Lent, say a prayer thanking Jesus for His sacrifice or thanking God for who He is. With every prayer, put a cotton ball (or maybe half of one!) on the lamb and by the end of 40 days, it will be full!
7. Understand and repent of your own sin. As a family, take a few minutes to talk about things you might be struggling with that you need prayer for, then pray for them out loud together!
8. Focus on someone else’s needs. Prayerfully consider the needs of others around you, maybe it’s a friend at school or church or maybe it’s a community need where you can be the light of Christ in someone’s life. Let your kids give ideas too! Help your kids understand what a giving faith is about. Sacrificing some of our time and energy for another person brings us to an even greater appreciation of Christ’s sacrifice and love for us and His love for everyone else too!

**This month we will begin a church wide collection for the Filled with a Purpose Project, and this would be a great way to focus on someone else needs. Flyers can be found on the table outside of my office and the welcome center in the Narthex.**

**Blessings,  
Steve Goately**





**“...But He entered the Most Holy Place  
once for all  
by His own blood, thus obtaining eternal  
redemption.” Hebrews 9:12 NIV**

The season of Lent is upon us, and as we begin preparing our hearts for Easter, I am reminded of the old hymn, *Jesus Paid It All*:

*I hear the Savior say,  
“Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.”*

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

*For nothing good have I,  
Whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white,  
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.*

*And when before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete;  
“Jesus died my soul to save,”  
My lips shall still repeat.*

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And while Elvina Hall's poem and John Grape's music provide a powerful hymn of redemption, it was the story at the bottom of the page in Robert J. Morgan's *THEN SINGS MY SOUL* (2011 edition, pg. 257) that paints a powerful picture. He tells of Rowland Hill preaching to a crowd when Lady Ann Erskine arrived in her carriage. When he saw her, Hill changed the message he was bringing. *“I have something for sale. It is the soul of Lady Ann Erskine. Is there anyone here that will bid for her soul?”* Then as he asks for bids, Satan bids, and the preacher asks what Satan will give for her soul. *“I will give riches, honor, and pleasure.”* Then the preacher asks for another bid, and when Jesus Christ bids, he asks what He will give for her soul. *“I will give eternal life.”* Upon hearing the two bids, the preacher then asks Lady Erskine which bid she will take. *“...realizing Christ had purchased her soul with His life's blood on the cross, [she] took Him.”*

- Wendi



**Who is Annie?**

Annie Armstrong was never concerned with what the world expected. Annie was born in Baltimore in 1850, during a time when women were not expected to be leaders or speak up or to be visionaries, but Annie didn't conform to the standards. She served and challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries like Lottie Moon, a China missionary, who had served for 11 years without a furlough. She advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people and gained support for the first African American female missionaries. She refused a salary because she would never give to the Lord "that which costs me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24).

Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary mission leadership. That changed a lot of people's lives along the way and is still doing it today through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. All gifts are 100% in support of the missionaries and missions that are local and around our country.

**This year our goal for First Baptist Church is \$3,000. The week of Prayer is March 6-13th. Look for flyers in the annex or by the church office.**

Help support our local missionaries through this offering in which one woman decided to change the world's view about what was expected from women.



Due to COVID affecting some of the volunteers, Kingdom Kids did not meet during the month of February. We shout praises to God for His healing! The Kingdom Kids Ministry Team are making plans for their March gatherings of food, fellowship, and the teaching of God's word!



**Thank You!**  
**Penny Adams would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and love shown to her during her illness.**



**1PETER 1:3-4**

PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, AND INTO AN INHERITANCE THAT CAN NEVER PERISH, SPOIL OR FADE. THIS INHERITANCE IS KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU.

PETER CALLED US TO PUT OUR HOPE ON THE SALVATION, WHICH HE ALSO CALLED INHERITANCE THAT WE HAVE AWAITING FOR US IN HEAVEN. HE ALSO MENTIONED A LIVING HOPE. THIS WORLD HAS HOPE IN A LOT OF THINGS BUT ONLY THE CHRISTIANS HAVE A LIVING HOPE. NOBODY CAN TAKE THAT HOPE AWAY FROM US. WE CAN BELIEVE IN IT WITH CERTAINTY. OUR SECURE SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE, THAT'S OUR LIVING HOPE.

"THAT FUTURE INHERITANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR WORST EXPERIENCES IN THIS WORLD INTO PAST MEMORIES, BUT IT WILL ALSO MAKE OUR HAPPIEST MOMENTS BECOME NOTHING IN COMPARISON. ANYTHING THAT WE CONSIDER VALUABLE IN THIS EARTH WILL DISSIPATE. ANY HUMAN PLEASURE WILL VANISH IN TIME, EVEN THE GOOD THINGS WE DO IN THIS WORLD GET CONTAMINATED BY OUR FAILURES AND DEFECTS. IN THIS WORLD ANYTHING THAT IS NOT ETERNAL WILL COME TO AN END."

"THE INDESTRUCTIBLE INHERITANCE," THE BRETHREN HAVE TO AWAIT IT WITH STEADINESS. IN WHOM I WILL PUT MY HOPE? ONLY IN GOD THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

- LINO RODRIGUEZ



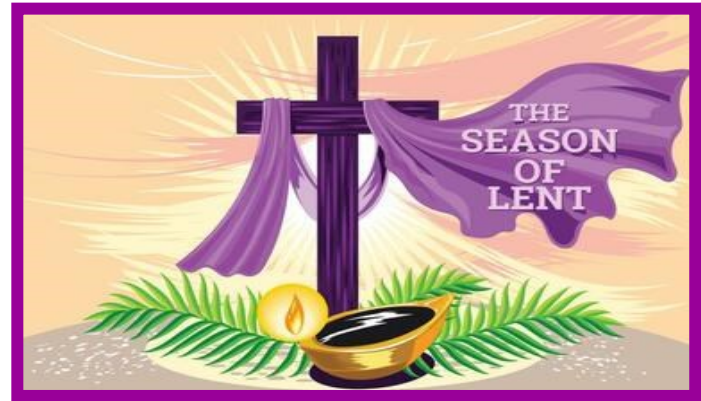
The FBC Preschool is registering children two through four years of age for the 2022-2023 school year.

For more information please contact Marian Porter at the Preschool Office : 276-236-9195 or call the church office at 236-5185.

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	02/06/2022	02/13/2022
Evening Attendance	69	6
Sunday School	75	54
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	124	100
Hispanic Worship Service	49	34
Total Worship Attendance	317	194
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,356.91	\$ 9,356.91
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,360.92	10,658.88
REQUIRED TO DATE	56,141.46	65,498.37
RECEIVED TO DATE	58,113.12	68,772.00
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	6,058.27	697.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 17,419.19	\$11,356.08
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	104%	105%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	122%	114%

	02/20/2022	02/27/2022
Evening Attendance	64	183
Sunday School	80	99
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	151	163
Hispanic Worship Service	48	50
Total Worship Attendance	343	495
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,356.91	\$ 9,356.91
BUDGET RECEIVED	10,355.61	7,112.71
REQUIRED TO DATE	74,855.28	84,212.19
RECEIVED TO DATE	79,127.61	86,240.32
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	3,571.76	308.09
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$13,927.37	7,420.80
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	106%	103%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	111%	76%



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Charles Larrowe, Wanda Harris, Tammy Mashburn, Sally Brown, Tracy Hasbrouck, Joyce Fender, Judie Gauvreau, Pat Fielder, Steve & Larkin Conley, Bill Dunn, Kim Leming, Nell Bartlett, Susie Huffman, Tony Mays, Chuck Thompson, Joe & Linda Soles Great Grandson & family, Bill Cox, Donald & Katherine Martin, Betty Parks, Ava Rhodes, Sam & Nancy Blair, Denton Taylor, Audrey Merrill, Juan Rios, Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 124, Glennis Morris-Waddell Nursing & Rehab– Room 118B, Martha Combs-Hillsville Health & Rehab-Room 116, K.T. Carico—Waddell Nursing & Rehab Room 212, Judy Hennis, Galax Health & Rehab-Room B24, Nancy McKenzie—Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room116. Pray for our Country & the US Military & other coalition forces. **CONDOLENCES:** Erica Testerman & Family for the passing of her Grandmother, Jim Baxley & Family for the passing of his wife, Barbara, Debbie Harris & Family for the passing of her Father, Robert Bunn, Karen Dickson & Family for the passing of her brother, Dewey Franklin Stuart & Ann McMillan & Family for the passing of her husband, Mike. **PRAISE REPORTS:** Matthew Patton is home, Mark Liddle is home, Beverly Rios is home, Penny Adams is home & Mark McMickle is 2 years cancer free.



DONOR \*\* IN MEMORY or HONOR \*\* FUND

Gardner Brannon—Mary E. Brannon—Preschool Fund  
Diann Butler—Ronald L. Houk—General Fund

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld.....Senior Pastor  
Pastor Steve Goatley.....Minister of Youth & Families  
Mrs. Wendi Pemberton.....Minister of Music  
  
Ms. Barbara Bourne.....Administrative Secretary  
Mrs. Marie Combs..... Financial Secretary  
Mrs. Nancy Hazelwood..... Organist  
Mrs. Patty Davis..... Pianist  
Mrs. Marian Porter..... Weekday Preschool Director  
Mrs. Sara Hall..... Preschool/Extended Session  
Mr. Kevin Spurlin..... Sunday School Director  
Mrs. Penny Adams..... Bus Ministry Director  
Mrs. Martha Easter, RN..... Volunteer Health Nurse  
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Church Office Hours:  
Monday—Friday 8:30—5:00 Friday—8:30—1:00

MARCH TEAM VOLUNTEERS

**NURSERY**  
March 6 Sara Hall  
March 13 Erica Testerman  
March 20 Sara Hall  
March 27 Tara Spurlin

**SECURITY TEAM**  
March 6 Mike Coomes & Jack Edwards  
March 13 John Patterson & Paul Walker  
March 20 Terry Anders & Basil Carpenter  
March 27 Scott Hall & Gerald Cox

**WELCOME CENTER**  
March 6 Regina Snow  
March 13 Kathy Cox  
March 20 Debbie Harris  
March 27 Robert Leonard

**TECH SOUND**  
March 6 Trevor Anders  
March 13 Mike Stevens  
March 20 Bryan Dillon  
March 27 Gary Ballard

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS**  
Dick & Linda Cooley  
Johnny & Karen Dickson  
Tony & Sonia Truitt  
Marty & Cathy Parks

**TECH PROJECTION**  
Bryan Dillon  
Jessica Whitaker  
Jessica Whitaker  
Trevor Anders



## Pastor Kevin's March 2022 Sermon Series



March 6— Psalm 139:23-24, Psalm 51  
"The Purpose of Lent"  
First Sunday of Lent

March 13— Luke 9:23  
"Self-Denial And Lent"  
Second Sunday of Lent

March 20—Luke 19:28-40  
"Humble Triumph"  
Third Sunday of Lent

March 27—Luke 22:14-23; 39-46  
"The Lord's Supper & Gethsemane"  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Communion

# ASH WEDNESDAY *Worship*

**Lenten Service—March 2—6:30 pm**



**Ash Wednesday**  
— Lent Begins



# Lent IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS

## WHAT IS LENT & ASH WEDNESDAY?

Lent, in the Christian Church,  
is a 40 day season of prayer, repentance, fasting,  
reflection and ultimately celebration!  
It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on  
Holy Thursday.

Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter.  
The goal of Ash Wednesday is to reflect upon our  
humanness , our need for forgiveness, and our connection  
to Christ's last days.

Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate  
the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

Lent recalls the forty days of our Lord's  
fasting in the desert,  
which He undertook before entering into  
His public ministry.

We read in the Gospel:  
"Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be  
tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights,  
and afterwards He was hungry."

Matthew 4: 1-2

In 2022 Lent starts on March 2, Ash Wednesday,  
and ends as soon as  
the Mass of the Lord's Supper starts on  
Thursday, April 14.

prayer Fasting Works of Love



40 Days



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Missy Adams Susan Dillon
<u>6</u> Pablo Gonzalez	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Ivon Ibarra	<u>11</u> Eulogia Perez	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> Joan Miller	<u>14</u> Janet Nuckolls	<u>15</u> Jimmy Adams Beverly Rios	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Dennis Combs Tony Mays	<u>18</u> Judy Hennis	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> Lauren Conley	<u>23</u> Isai Perez, Jr.	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Glenn Adcock Gardner Brannon, Jr.	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> Ed Barker Dana Bobbitt Forest Newman Kevin Spurlin	<u>28</u> K.T. Carico Tim Cruz	<u>29</u> Tara Spurlin	<u>30</u> Jose Cruz Sylvia Rudolph	<u>31</u> Joana Galvan		





# March 2022

## Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>March 2</div><h1>Ash Wednesday</h1></div>		<u>1</u>  1:00 pm Staff Meeting	<u>2</u> <i>Ash Wednesday- Lent Begins</i>  6:30 Ash Wednesday Service  Followed by Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal Kingdom Kids	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> 9:30 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship  6:00 pm TruNorth Youth Kids Explorers	<u>7</u> 10 am Paper Pals  6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin Live FBC Website  Soup Kitchen Please have rolls & desserts to the Church before 1:00 pm.	<u>8</u>  11:00 am Women on Mission	<u>9</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin  6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
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**Monday  
March 7**

**Please have bread &  
desserts to the church  
by 1:00 pm**



**Tuesday  
March 8  
11:00 am**

**Grieving with Great  
HOPE**



**Loss Support  
Group  
March 17  
11:30 am**



**March 2  
March 16  
March 30  
@ 6:30 pm**



**TRU-NORTH  
YOUTH  
&  
KIDS EXPLORER  
Each Sunday Night  
@ 6:00 pm**

**Bible  
Study**



**Livestream Bible Study with  
Pastor Kevin  
Each Monday Evening @ 6:00 pm  
[www.fbcgalax.org](http://www.fbcgalax.org) or through Facebook  
(There will be no Bible Study on March 28)**

*Devotion*

**Wednesday Devotion with  
Pastor Kevin @ 6:00 pm;  
Choir Rehearsal &  
Prayer Team @ 6:30 pm.**

