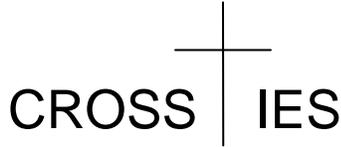


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MARCH CALENDAR

W	1	ASH WEDNESDAY	
		Circle	10:00 am
		Bible Study	12:00 noon
		Tutoring	4:30 pm
		Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	4	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	5	Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	6	Tutoring	4:30 pm
W	8	Bible Study	12:00 noon
		Tutoring	4:30 pm
		Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
		Session	7:00 pm
Sat	11	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	12	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	
		Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	13	Tutoring	4:30 pm
W	15	Bible Study	12:00 noon
		Tutoring	4:30 pm
		Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	18	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	19	Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		Congregational Gathering & Luncheon	12:00 noon
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	20	SPRING BEGINS	
		Crossties Deadline	
		Tutoring	4:30 pm

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent is the forty days prior to Easter and is meant to be a time of fasting, self-examination and prayer. We American Christians are not prone to fasting. It means going without something and that seems contrary to our culture. However, when we truly examine our life-styles, we find that we are driven by over-indulging and over-consuming in almost every way. It is based in ancient Christian practices and is important for our spiritual growth.

The practice of Lent is one where we begin with self-examination, taking an honest look at the things and practices that have us hooked. It may even be that these habits have developed into addictions. For example: eating when we are not hungry, not taking care of our bodies, indulging in unhealthy lifestyles, buying things that we truly do not need simply for the thrill of lifestyles, buying things that we truly do not need simply for the thrill of shopping, getting in over our heads in debt, and a host of other things that overcome us and drag us down.

Ask yourself, do I really need this? Can I master it by doing without it for a period of time? It's a daily and even an hourly commitment. I

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MARCH CALENDAR, continued

W	22	Bible Study	12:00 noon
		Tutoring	4:30 pm
		Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	25	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	26	Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	27	Tutoring	4:30 pm
W	29	Bible Study	12:00 noon
		Tutoring	4:30 pm
		Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm

THE SEASON OF LENT, *continued*

have known people who during this forty day period make a commitment to do without alcohol, commit to losing 10 lbs. or more, read the scriptures or a spiritual book each day, pray daily, give up desserts, commit to doing one good deed a day for someone else or hundreds of other ideas.

This is my challenge to you. Consider the things that weigh you down. Be honest and choose one thing that you can do during this period of time. Write it down. Keep it where you can see it as a daily reminder. Lift your prayers up to ask for strength every day to deal with this commitment. If you have a relapse, start over the next day. Keep trying. Trust me; you will feel better when you are at the end.

Wednesday, March 1, is the beginning of Lent – Ash Wednesday. Easter is the end. It is not just doing without something. It's trying to renew our focus on what is really important in our lives.

~ Gray Clark

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Each Saturday, beginning in March, we host between 40-80 young people who learn the fun and skills of soccer. They love the experience and we love getting to know them. We have discovered that many of them don't have a lot to eat on the weekends when they are out of school, so we prepare a simple meal for them to enjoy.

The reward is getting to know the young people and their parents, and knowing that you are truly serving others as Christ served.

We start about 9:00 on Saturday morning and are finished around 11:30. You may come the full time or commit to only a half-hour or so. Or, if you cannot serve on Saturday, then you can help with preparations ahead of time. We need help with food purchasing, ice, set-up, cooking, serving and other tasks.

If you have questions or would like to get involved, please contact Gray Clark (336-339-1398) or the church office (336-274-5467).

If you cannot physically help, you can send a contribution to the church marked "soccer", it takes about \$80 a week to feed them.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Looking for something for the kids to do? Bring them to Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 am. They have lessons, crafts and activities. (On March 19, they will be having a special spring activity.) Most Sundays at 10:00 am they sing under the direction of Mr. John Huskey, our Music Director, and often sing what they are learning during our worship service at 11:00 am. (Our children's choir is known as the Voices of Angels.) They are also preparing to sing at The Children's Jubilee at The Providence Baptist Church, 1106 Tuscaloosa Street on April 23 at 4:00 pm.

So do your part – bring your children, your nieces and nephews, grandchildren, friends and neighbors...the more children that come, the more fun they have. And, while they are in their class, we also have a class for adults that you can attend. Come one and all!!!

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study of the Gospel of John, led by our minister Gray Clark, is meeting on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon and will continue well into April. All are welcome to participate!

NOTARY PUBLIC

It is so frustrating to need a notary public and not be able to find one! Well, we have a solution...a notary public among us – Mr. James R. Kellam! Give Jim Kellam a call at 336-509-0590. He will be glad to help you if he can.

ADDRESS UPDATES

Please notify the church office with your current mailing address, email address, phone number (both landline and cell); make sure we have the correct spelling of your name and the names of anyone in your household (spouse, children, etc.) who would like to be included in our 2017 Church Directory. This year the Directory is going to happen!!!

WE NEED YOU TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE!

The leadership of your church wants your help and involvement in one or more of the following committees. Please let us know which committee you'd like to work with ASAP by dropping a note including your name, phone number, and committee(s) of interest into the offering plate or by calling the church office at 336-274-5467.

Caring Committee: In charge of oversight of those who are in need, the hungry, homeless, the elderly, those who are homebound or in assisted living communities

Fund Raising Committee: In charge of establishing methods and events to raise money outside of the established offerings, to work in concert with the "Stewardship" Committee

Outreach: In charge of establishing and maintaining methods, organizations and means to spread the gospel and ministry in the name of Jesus Christ to all in the community

Stewardship of God's Gifts (formerly Resourcing): In charge of oversight of finances, giving opportunities, the use and maintenance of church property

Growth & Nurture: In charge of the spiritual growth of the congregation including but not limited to Christian Education, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible/book studies, etc.

SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Saving Time begins on March 12...move your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11.

~ Lent ~

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.**