



Chapel Chatter

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Sermon Series at
Long's Chapel UMC
"Bad words"

March 1 - April 16

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Welcome to March's Chapel Chatter



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Q & A With Pastor Chris

Q). What does the season of Lent mean to you?

A). Lent is a truly Holy Time. As a kid, I never got it and now that I have a few years on me, this season has become a time of intentional reflection that I crave. In one sentence: Easter is too important just to show up for it without some preparation. Lent is the 40-day preparatory time that clears out our heart so we can receive the joy of the resurrection.

Q). What is the significance of the Seder?

A). Great question. Jesus was celebrating the Seder with His Disciples the night that He was betrayed by Judas and the day before His death. The Seder is a symbolic meal that retells the story of how God delivered the Israelites from slavery and the hand of Pharaoh (the Exodus). So, it's a deliverance meal and Jesus adds to it by declaring His intention to deliver humanity from its brokenness. When we celebrate communion, we are celebrating an extension of the Last Supper (Seder) that Jesus observed.

Q). What Scriptures come to mind when thinking of Lent?

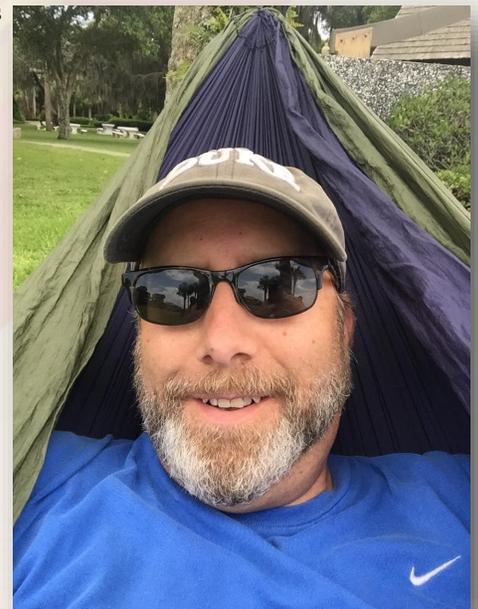
A). Psalm 51 - when King David was confronted by Nathan the Prophet. David is convicted and offers the most beautiful words of confession and repentance and forgiveness, maybe in all the Bible. Punchline - we've all done things we would love to do over, but God's grace abounds when we get honest about where we have been and where God is calling us to go. Other Scriptures I think of with Lent will be the focus of our Lenten sermon series such as Jesus being tested in the Wilderness to begin His earthly ministry, etc.

Q). The upcoming worship series is titled "Bad Words." Tell us more.

A). Words are important. And every word has more than one meaning. Some words are bad in one context but good in another. Take the word confession, for example. Confession in the eyes of the world is weakness because the mortal world says, "Never admit that you are wrong." Confession, in the eyes of the church however, is often seen as a pathway to new life where God's grace goes to work. Change is another word with a potentially negative connotation, but change is necessary for abundant life. We will explore these and others in the upcoming "Homegrown" series Pastors Justin, Tim and I are writing.

Q). When thinking about the month, aside from Lent, what's something you enjoy?

A). It means spring is on the horizon. I can't wait to get outside for our first spring in the mountains with hiking and "Eno-ing" (Is that a word? Well, it is now).



Cross Ties



The Power of Water



I'm continually amazed by the power of water. Sometimes it's obvious, like a huge waterfall. Other times, like these pictures, there's a simple power that comes with a gentle drip or flow of water over time. Sometimes things that don't look very strong have far more power than we realize. Water runs out of a faucet to clean a dish or a water fountain to quench our thirst. In contrast, water can overflow out of river banks or off sand of a beach, flooding entire communities and doing millions of dollars in damage.

Water is powerful.

All of this makes me think of baptism. Baptism is meant to symbolize the beginning of a Christian journey. Sometimes we are baptized as a child and then confirmed at a later time to begin our walk with Jesus. Other times, we're baptized as adults. Whatever

the age, we celebrate that God's love is in our life before we can respond.

Hopefully, we begin to respond to God's love by walking with Him every day. That water of baptism continues to work long after it dries. I like to think that that water floods the sin in our lives before the sin drowns us. And I like the fact there are parts of our lives where God just drips grace on us and, slowly but surely, marks us with His love. There are certainly seasons in life where grace works like a waterfall. It captivates us by its beauty and, like the rocks underneath, it ultimately smooths our rough edges.

I don't know about you, but I need to be reminded of that. I need to be reminded that God's constant presence is working in my life, day in and day out. I need to be reminded that God's abundant grace is being soaked up by the parched parts of my soul.

Psalm 107:35 - He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs.

Psalm 61:9 - Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck.

Psalm 42:1 - As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

So Long's Chapel, are we living as a community that's been baptized into a new identity and reality? Do we feel like a people that's been baptized "by Water and the Spirit?" When we are living by Water and the Spirit, we become transformed into the new life that God calls us to. That means we live differently than we would if we weren't walking with Jesus. It doesn't make us perfect. It doesn't make us more "holy" and especially not "holier than thou". But it means that we are ready to live in a community of love and forgiveness that defines everything about our lives.

I want to encourage you and challenge you. You're marked on your heart with the sign of the cross. I want to encourage you to live allowing that cross to change your life without turning off those who haven't found the way of the cross as endearing as we have. You are water-washed and blood-born, you people of God! Embrace it. Live it! For in the Spirit, there is nothing that we can't do.



Blessings,

Chris Westmoreland

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Welcome to March, Long's Chapel!

It's hard to believe March has already arrived! Even though much of February felt like spring, the season officially commences on March 20. With spring comes blooming flowers, sunny days, and outdoor fun. I think we can all use some of that. It's been a big month in the life and ministry of Long's Chapel. With a number of new spiritual growth classes and our ministries growing and thriving, we're feeling blessed, indeed.

Lent began March 1 with Ash Wednesday and will continue over 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Holy Saturday then Easter Sunday on April 16. The Lenten season is meant to be a reflective, preparatory time focused on abstinence, fasting, and repentance.

There is an abundance of information in this edition of Chapel Chatter about upcoming events, mission activities, and classes. We hope to see your lovely faces often and remember our mission here at Long's Chapel: Love God. Love people. Live sent. Here's to a great month!



Congratulations to Long's Chapel's CEC

Congratulations to our Child Enrichment Center for winning The Mountaineer's Readers' Choice Award for the second year in a row! We are so proud of the teachers, students, parents, and church team that make our CEC so amazing. This is a great honor for Long's Chapel. Way to go, CEC!




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Announcements

Volunteers Needed for Altar Flowers!

Altar flowers are needed for the Sundays of 2017. To provide altar flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please sign up for an unscheduled date on the flower chart inside the door of the Welcome Center. Then, you will order an arrangement from your choice of florists and have the flowers delivered to the Sanctuary on Friday before noon in the week you are scheduled. Flowers may be taken home following the 11:00 service on Sunday morning (please leave the brass vase in the Welcome Center.) Call the office at 456-3993, ext. 32 for more information regarding florists and to submit your dedication information for the bulletin announcement (no later than Tuesday by noon). We thank everyone who participates in the altar flower program.



Dear Long's Chapellers,

Thank you for all the prayers and cards received during my knee replacement and recovery. This church and its members have been such a blessing to me. You are in my daily prayers of thanksgiving.

Blessings,
Gail Thompson



Daylight Saving Time Reminder!



Remember to set your clocks *FORWARD* one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 11. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am on Sunday morning, March 12. We want to make sure everyone arrives to worship at the correct time.

Walk to Emmaus News

Tentative dates for the 2017 Spring Walks in Knoxville are:

Women's Walk — April 27-30, 2017 (application must be into Knoxville by 3/28/17)

Men's Walk — has been postponed - we need more participants to register ASAP!

More updates to follow. Contact Allen or Betty Lou Loun at (828)-926-5280 for more information or sponsorship.

Sincere Condolences to...



- ◇ Susan Huckaby and family on the death of her father, James Young, on February 9, 2017.
- ◇ Jan McLeod and family on the death of her husband, Bill McLeod, on February 9, 2017.

Operation Christmas Child



The Operation Christmas Child collection items for March are fun ones! We're collecting toys that both girls and boys would enjoy. Suggestions include jump ropes, fun sunglasses, harmonicas or other musical toys, bags of balloons, paddle balls, small puzzles, etc. Remember the item must be small enough to fit into a shoe box with other items. This is a great month to take your children or grandchildren shopping with you. As always, if you have questions, feel free to contact the Jarrells or any other member of the OCC Team here at Long's Chapel.

Drum Roll Please!! We are excited to announce that 11,485,662 shoe boxes were collected around the world during the 2016 season. Pray that each box reaches a child and their family with the Good News of Great Joy.....Jesus.

Announcements

Small Group Information Needed!

Attention all leaders of adult small groups and Bible studies. We are trying to compile an accurate list of study and group opportunities and are asking that each group submit a description to Carrie Carpenter, Adult Spiritual Growth and Connections Director. Please include the group name (if there is one), what gender and age group typically attends, the content you discuss, what day of the week you meet, meeting time, and how frequently you meet. You can submit this by emailing Carrie at carrie@longschapel.com or calling the church office 456-3993 extension 37. Thank you!

Western North Carolina Christian Writers Fellowship

On Wednesday, March 15, the monthly meeting of the Western North Carolina Christian Writers Fellowship will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in room #210. We'll learn more about one of our member's writing journey. We'll also have time to share our current writing projects with each other. All welcome!

For more info, contact
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Thank You for a Successful January 2017 Red Cross Blood Drive!

Congratulations to all blood donors and volunteers on a very successful January blood drive. During the 10 hours of the blood drive we collected 86 units (66 whole blood and 20 red cells). These donations enabled the Red Cross to produce 218 gifts of life for hospital patients. Thank you so much for both the commitment and hard work put into making the drive so successful. We know many of you do this each time there is a blood drive. We know the hospitality in the room could be felt by the donors/visitors.

First Fruits Ministry Selling Long's Chapel T-Shirts

T-shirts in Tuscola and Pisgah colors are being sold by Tuscola First Fruits Ministry. These are great for wearing out in our community to identify Long's Chapel and our various ministries. The shirts are selling for \$15 each and can be purchased at the church office and/or the Wednesday night dinners. First Fruits Ministry reaches out to the students at Tuscola each Friday with snacks for the weekend. This ministry is made possible by faithful volunteers who have given time, and the many wonderful folks who have donated financially. Much gratitude and many "thank yous" to all who, by their efforts, have touched many young lives. Financial donations can be made through the church office.



Experience England on Spiritual Pilgrimage



Did you know that Sandy and Tom Fogarty and Chris and Kristin Westmoreland are working with Educational Opportunities to lead a Pilgrimage in England starting November 9 that will retrace the ministry of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement? Using Scripture and history as a guide, it is sure to be a fun filled adventure. For more information check out <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/he17-110717a-57321#eotours> or reach out to the Fogartys or Westmorelands.

Wednesday Nights

Our Acts 2:42 meal is in full swing! We would love to see all of you join us for delicious food and meaningful fellowship each Wednesday evening at 5:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It's a great meal to eat before attending one of our many spiritual growth classes or life groups. See below for March's menus.



Acts 2:42 March Menu

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

- Scalloped Potatoes and Ham
- Green Peas with Pearl Onions
- Salad, Rolls
- Dessert

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

- Baked Spaghetti Casserole
- Roasted Broccoli
- Salad, Garlic Bread
- Dessert

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

- Jambalaya with Rice
- Apple & Pear Bake
- Salad, Garlic Sticks
- Dessert

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

- Sirloin Tips in Gravy
- Buttered Egg Noodles
- Green Beans
- Salad, Rolls
- Dessert

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

- Pulled Pork BBQ w/sauces
- Sandwich Buns
- Baked Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Dessert

*Kids' meals are also offered each week.

COGPOW

In February, Pastor Chris introduced a new term during the "Empathy" worship series. In God's eyes, everyone matters. Every person is a child of God and a person of worth (COGPOW). When we live, serve, and act with compassion and concern for our neighbors, we are living as true servants of God. As Henry David Thoreau said, "Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?" As you go forth into this new month, take inspiration from the Good Samaritan and be alert. And most importantly, slow down so you don't miss a God opportunity.

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G God G
P Person P
O Of O
W Worth W

Volunteer Spotlight

David Mehaffey

This month we're featuring David Mehaffey in our Volunteer Spotlight! David offers a realm of skills and services to Long's Chapel. Among other volunteering activities, David has been integral in building and nurturing our 56rs boys Sunday school class that serves fifth and sixth grade boys. David, along with his wife, Leah, and two sweet children, Huck and Evelyn, are long-time members of and cherished friends to many at our church. We sat down with David this month to learn a little more about his involvement here at Long's Chapel. Thank you, David, for your volunteer service. We appreciate all you do!

Q). What brought you to Long's Chapel originally?

A). My beautiful bride, Leah, came to work here in 2006.

Q). When did you start volunteering at Long's Chapel?

A). I started volunteering immediately.

Q). Tell us about the various ways you've volunteered in the past and what you currently do.

A). I've volunteered in every event and program for the past 10 years for the children's area; I've taught 5th-6th grade for 8 years running now, and am always willing to fill in anywhere needed in between.

Q). What does it mean to you to offer your skills and service to Long's Chapel?

A). I feel that being a strong male role model for the boys is a gift that God has given me. I consider Long's Chapel to be my home and just like any home, you want to help out where needed.

Q). What would you say to others who are considering volunteering at our church?



A). I would tell them to jump on board. We have wonderful people employed by the church that need help (especially getting young adults involved in volunteering). All they need are some devoted, loving, energetic, passionate people. It's hard in today's time because everyone is so busy, but remember that God tells us to serve, help, and give ourselves! And what better way to do this than volunteering at church.

Q). In what other ways, if any, are you involved in the church community (small groups, Bible studies, Acts 2:42, etc.)?

A). As a family, we enjoy many activities at church including Acts 2:42 meals, July 4th, Church-wide Picnic, Fall Festival, OCC packing party, etc. We've traveled on mission trips and served with a number of ministries. I've facilitated and participated in small group Bible studies. I also sit on the Nomination Committee and am a huge advocate in trying to get young adults involved in the committee world of the church.



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March Parents' Night Out

Sign up online for a moment to catch your breath as a parent. Our Parents' Night Out in March is a perfect time to celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day! **Saturday, March 11, 5-9 pm.**



Dates for Parents' Night Out

- ◆ May 13
- ◆ June 10
- ◆ July 8
- ◆ Aug. 12
- ◆ Sept. 16
- ◆ Oct. 14
- ◆ Nov. 4
- ◆ Dec. 9



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TeamUp Calendar

Folks, we are gearing up for great things this spring. Never miss anything around LCKids by linking to our TeamUp calendar. Download the app or check us out online.

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Sunday School Room Changes

We are GROWING! Because of increased attendance on Sunday mornings, we are making some changes to classroom space for our children. Four and five year olds will now be in separate classrooms. Four year olds are moving to room 311. That means that our second graders are now housed over in room 111. God is doing amazing things in lives and in this ministry.



Fourth Grade Bible



Therefore, my child, be strong in the grace
that is in Christ Jesus
2 Timothy 2:1

Fourth graders have two more weeks of learning under the leadership of Erlinda Rogers, Wendy Ebaugh, and Teresa Peace. Please keep them in prayer as they complete the first steps on this journey of lifelong spiritual development. Join us on March 26 in the 9:40 am service when these young scholars will receive their Bibles from the Long's Chapel UMC congregation.

Week Four—Old Testament History: Jeremiah 42:3

Week Five—New Testament Nutshell: James 1:22

We ask that each of you hold these amazing, young Biblical scholars in your prayers as they take a leap in their journey with God. Join us on March 26 when we present their Bibles from the congregation at the 9:40 am service.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please help us out by starting to gather materials that we will need for VBS. We will transform LCUMC to Hero Central—with your help. VBS is June 26-29.

- ⇒ Newspapers
- ⇒ Cereal boxes
- ⇒ Heart candy molds—Please keep your eyes open for Valentine's Day leftovers.
- ⇒ Parachute
- ⇒ Baby food jars with lids
- ⇒ Pie tins
- ⇒ Old CDs
- ⇒ Plastic bottle tops
- ⇒ 16-ounce plastic recyclable water bottles
- ⇒ Old button up shirts to become smocks

We ask that you be in prayer for our Summer of '17. In VBS, we will share with kids to "Do good! Seek peace and go after it." Psalm 34:14b



A Note from Sally



At the end of January, a team from LCKids headed down to Orlando for the Children's Pastors' Conference. It was an amazing week of fellowship, learning, discipleship, and renewal. Did you know that there is an entire channel dedicated to kids' tv "Shows and Movies Where God is Real"—such as Veggie Tales and What's in the Bible? It's called JellyTelly and you can enjoy 1 month for free with the coupon code JTFE1. The silliness of Veggie Tales is a true joy when life is piling up! Even though my two children are quickly approaching 16 and 17, we sing a resounding chorus of "Oh where is my hairbrush?" whenever something cannot be located in our house. In other words, EVERY DAY!

Additionally, the team learned a lot about spiritual development, transitions, technology, and safety. We look forward to unveiling some new ideas and deepening our commitment to helping parents and families build a strong early foundation and relationship with Jesus.

It is a blessing to serve a church that is dedicated to the growth of its staff and volunteers. Thank you for your faithfulness as a congregation to help us continue to step into God's path for this ministry. By the way, we already have the dates for the conference next year—join us!

Sally

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Long's Chapel Youth Scholarship Fund

The Long's Chapel Youth Scholarship Fund was established by Ron and Sally Jamieson in July of 2008. This fund has supported a number of students and provided them financial assistance to attend colleges and universities all over the country. We're very proud to offer this opportunity to young people and are so thankful for Ron and Sally Jamieson who created this wonderful program. We sat down with the Jamiesons for a Q & A so all of you can learn more about the history, purpose and future of the Long's Chapel Youth Scholarship Fund. Answers are in the voice of Mr. Jamieson.

Q). When was the scholarship fund established?

A). The fund was formally approved in June, 2008. Spenser Robinson (valedictorian at Pisgah High) was the first recipient. The award was granted in early August, 2008.

Q). What inspired you initially to create this scholarship fund?

A). Sally and I joined Long's Chapel in September, 2007 and were very impressed with our first Youth Sunday service in October of 2007. At that time, we talked of starting a youth scholarship fund and how wonderful it would be to help college-bound youth attend college. After that initial conversation, we experienced several turbulent months. My father passed away on December 27, 2007, and on January 10, 2008, we received a phone call from our middle daughter that our first grandchild, Colin, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He was three years old at the time. After over four hours of surgery performed by two neurosurgeons on January 14, 2008, we were advised the surgery was successful! Colin was in a medically-induced coma for five days and was in intensive care for about a week after surgery. Now twelve years old, Colin is doing very well. When we first discussed the scholarship, we never realized my father's death and Colin's brain tumor would happen so suddenly afterward. We decided to use part of my father's inheritance to establish the scholarship, so in effect, our original commitment was a "Thank You" to God for giving Colin a chance to live a normal, healthy life.



Q). How many scholarships are offered each year?

A). The number of scholarships is primarily dependent upon two factors: Availability of funds and the quality of the applicants and financial need of each applicant. A "full" scholarship is defined as an award of \$2,500/year up to four years. An accumulated grade average of "B" or better automatically requalifies the applicant until graduation. "Half" scholarships of \$1,250/year up to four years are also awarded. Historically, 2-4 scholarships are usually awarded per year, but each year's fund balance limits how many awards can be given, since we have multi-year commitments for each recipient. Funds for graduate work are not available. Each recipient must provide a copy of their grades at the end of the school year in order to re-qualify for the following year. Twenty-three students have received awards since inception.

Colleges Attended Since Fund's Inception



Long's Chapel Youth Scholarship Fund (cont.)



Alexa Cook, scholarship recipient and student at Appalachian State University.

Q). What criterion are required for students to apply/earn a scholarship from the fund?

A). Graduating high school seniors who are members of Long's Chapel or active participants in the life of Long's Chapel are eligible. Students must submit an application (on Long's Chapel website) demonstrating the following: academic achievement, evidence of work ethic and dependability, and evidence of moral character and Christian faith.

If you're a student or know a student who would be a good candidate, the **application deadline is the LAST Monday of April by 12:00 noon** to the church office. Envelopes should be labeled "Financial Manager, Lynnette Baez." The scholarship committee will review all applicants, and an email will be sent to all scholarship recipients sometime in May. **Public recognition is typically on the first Sunday of June** each year during church services.

Q). What has this endeavor meant to you both?

A). Education is important to Sally and me. Three of Sally's grandparents were public high school teachers. Sally and her mother were career-long elementary school teachers. My grandfather (father's father) originally was from the Shetland Islands, Scotland. He immigrated to America in 1897 to become a Methodist minister (no friends or family were here). He received his undergraduate degree from Ohio Wesleyan Univ., and doctorate in theology at Drew University, Madison, NJ. Sally and I vividly remember the financial struggle to put our three girls through college (Furman Univ. and James Madison Univ.). Sally and I wanted to "give back" to God. This contribution (among others) has greatly enriched our lives. We have received a great deal of satisfaction seeing the successes that Long's Chapel students have already achieved in life.

Q). How can church members donate money to the scholarship fund?

A). Checks payable to "Long's Chapel United Methodist Church" with "Youth Scholarship Fund" on the memo line of the check is (as the kids would say) "perfect".

Note: A QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) from a "Traditional" IRA (funded with pre-tax dollars) is an ideal way to contribute. This technique is only for IRA holders who are age 70 1/2 or older who must meet minimum distribution requirements from their IRA. We appreciate any and all donations. These contributions continue to make the scholarship fund available.

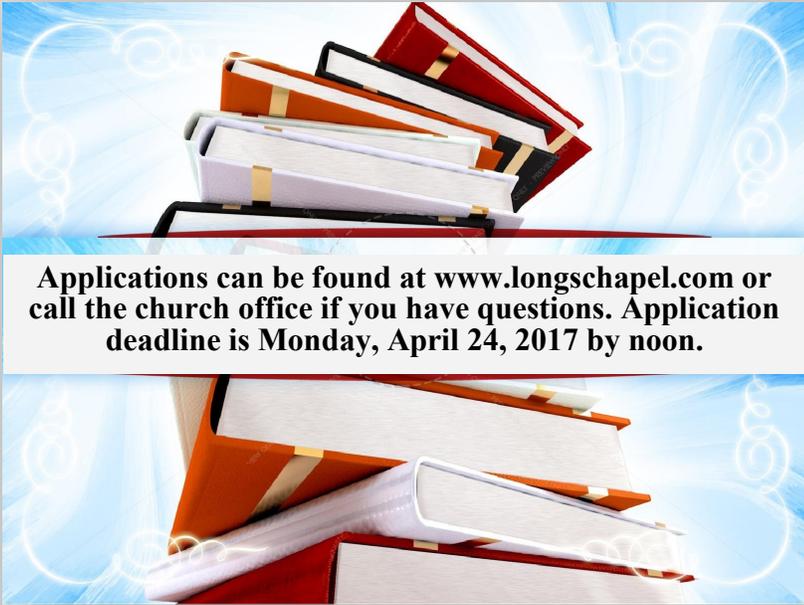
To date, 23 scholarships have been awarded with an aggregate total of \$109,000 disbursed.

Contact info if you have questions or would like more info:

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Applications can be found at www.longschapel.com or call the church office if you have questions. Application deadline is Monday, April 24, 2017 by noon.



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Revolution Student Ministry

Welcome to Revolution Student Ministry at Long's Chapel UMC. We want our youth ministry to be the catalyst in preparing our students to live spiritually bold lives in a culture desperately needing to see the difference that living for Christ makes. The apostle Paul explains that we are in a spiritual battle and calls us all to "be alert, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong and to love without ceasing!" We want our youth ministry to ignite students into spiritual revolution. Our program is intended to be a training and proving ground for the next generation of more fully devoted followers of Christ.

Revolution Student Ministries meets **THREE** times per week:

Sunday School (Revelation 101) – Our Sunday School class meets in The Underground during the 9:40-10:40 worship hour. We start promptly at 9:40 am. Youth are welcome to come early to have some snacks and fellowship before class! We will be studying the book of Revelation this spring and class will be led by the wonderful Bill Jarrell. We'll be going through this book together and dissecting it verse by verse. You are invited to join our lively class as we learn, ask, and grow together!

Sunday Night Youth – Revolution Youth meets from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in The Underground followed by our Afterglow hangout until 7:30 pm. (Afterglow is simply a chance for youth to carpool over to a local fast food restaurant after youth to enjoy further fellowship somewhere else in the community) Everyone is invited to gather with us as we play all kinds of unique and fun games, hang out in The Underground, sing our hearts out in worship led by the youth praise band, engage in thought-provoking messages by the youth leaders, and get into breakout group sessions, all with the goal of digging deeper into understanding what it means to be a teenager in God's kingdom here on earth! Bring money to give to our Compassion Kids each Sunday and come out and be a part of our youth family. See you then!

Life Groups – Life Groups meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We have a group that is just right for you! Both middle school and high school groups are available:

- ◆ Middle School Girls
- ◆ Middle School Boys
- ◆ Confirmation 2017 (co-ed middle schoolers)
- ◆ High School Girls
- ◆ "Delight" High School Girls
- ◆ High School Boys

Life Groups are a time to connect on a personal level with incredible adults and close-knit groups that bring in relevant issues and how Scripture informs the way we're compelled to live our lives. Hangout in the Underground begins at 6:00 pm. Prior to that, join us for dinner at 5:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall (suggested donation of only \$5 for teenagers)!



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Weekly Youth Activities

Revelation 101 Sunday School: Sundays: March 5, 12, 19, 26

Who: All youth, grades 6-12 and adults are welcome to join

What: We will be studying the book of Revelation this spring and class will be led by the wonderful Bill Jarrell.

When: Sunday mornings, 9:40-10:40 am (promptly)

Where: The Underground (the youth room)

Why: Dissecting the Bible, verse by verse, with a community allows for a safe and healthy atmosphere for teens. We want to provide a fruitful environment where youth and adults can feel spiritually fed.

Revolution Sunday Night Youth: Sundays: March 5, 12, 19, 26

Who: All youth, grades 6-12

What: Everyone is invited to gather with us as we play all kinds of unique and fun games, hang out in The Underground, sing our hearts out in worship led by the youth praise band, engage in thought-provoking messages by the youth leaders, and get into breakout group sessions to get deeper into understanding what it means to be a teenager who wants to be a part of God's kingdom here on earth!

When: Sundays from 3:45 to 6:00 pm

Where: In The Underground (the youth room)

Why: We want to provide a fun and safe place for teens to hang out while also building relationships with their peers and with Christ.

Confirmation Parent Class: Sundays: March 12 & 26

Who: This class is for the parents of the 2017 Confirmands

What: This allows parents to learn what their kids are learning in Confirmation 2017

When: Various Sundays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Where: Room #503 (garage)

Why: We want parents and children to be able to discuss the class material outside of the classroom.

Life Groups & Confirmation: Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22

Who: All youth, grades 6-12

What: See list below for all groups:

- Middle School Girls Group
- Middle School Boys Group
- Confirmation 2017 (co-ed middle schoolers)
- High School Girls Group
- "Delight" High School Girls Group
- High School Boys Group

When: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

Where: Meet at The Underground (youth room) at 6:00-ish to head to your preferred group's meeting room.

Why: We value community and discipleship. This is a time to connect on a personal level with incredible adults and close-knit small groups to discuss relevant issues of how Scripture informs the way we are compelled to live our lives!

SPECIAL EVENTS

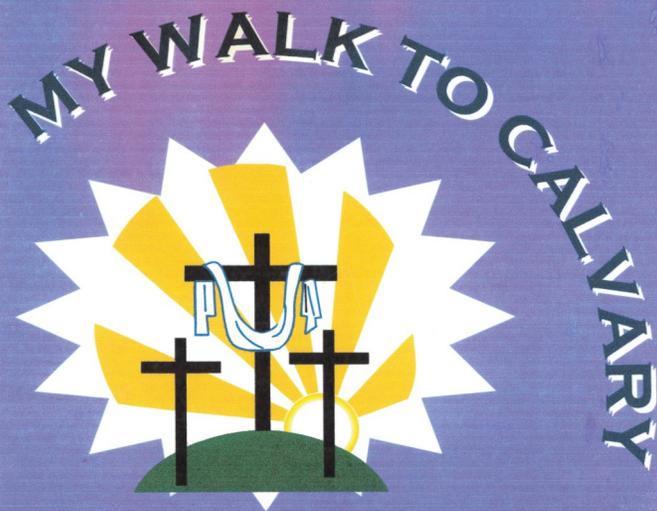
Confirmation Retreat (March 3-5 at Lake Junaluska) - The Confirmation 2017 class will be attending the Confirmation Retreat at the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. The Confirmands will be attending seminars, big room worship programs, speaker sessions, team building exercises, and much more! Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness are discussed in depth as well as specific Methodist traditions and practices. **Twinbrook Resort in Maggie Valley, NC** has graciously agreed to provide housing for the Confirmation group!

Lenten Study begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1 - The youth will be participating in a Lenten study focused for youth. Youth will have the opportunity to purchase a Lenten study guide for \$5.00. This will be made available in The Underground. All youth are encouraged to take this daily journey which will span over 40 days and culminate into Easter Sunday.

St. Patrick's Day youth party on March 12 - Calling all lads and lasses to join in on the traditional Irish festivities celebrating St. Patrick's Day (Shawn's favorite holiday EVER). We will play a rousing game of Capture the Flag with teams representing Scotland and Ireland. Beware of the mad leprechauns! Invite your friends, wear green, and make sure you wear a good pair of running shoes! 4:00-6:00 pm; meet in The Underground.

Bowl for Kid's Sake on March 11 - Come with us to Asheville from 11 am to 1 pm to go bowling in order to raise awareness for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America mentoring program. Before the event, each youth is encouraged to raise \$25.00 to turn in on the day of the event to go to support the program. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:15 am to drive over together in the church van. Adults and youth are encouraged to participate!

Adult Missions & Ministries



A MUSICAL DRAMA

Your audiences will be transported to the streets of Jerusalem as they watch one woman's journey with Jesus. As she follows him from Palm Sunday and His Triumphant Ride into Jerusalem, to the Agony of the Cross and the Victory of the Resurrection, audiences will experience the Most Wondrous Story Ever Told.

Don't miss The Power of the Passion.

AS TOLD and SUNG BY JERRI HARRIS

April 9, 2017, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Love Offering
Sponsored by Women of the Vineyard

Direction of the Spirit

We spend time taking care of our education by school and degrees, we spend time taking care of our bodies through doctors, medicine, exercise, and nature, we take care of our relationships by time, provisions, and experiences - but how do we care for our soul? Join us for a four-week experience on learning how to care for our spirits. The first week we will learn a brief history of soul care and spirituality and explore ways we can grow our relationship with God. The second week we will learn and explore different practices to be spiritual seekers on our life-long journey of faith. The third and fourth weeks we will have the opportunity to be part of Spiritual Direction/Companionship as a group and individuals. You can be an observer or participant, wherever your comfort level lands. We will begin a journey of spirituality as we use Christ's practices and deepening our relationships with God through the Spirit. Join Rev. Laura Jones for a four-week study, "Direction of the Spirit" March 8 to March 29, 6:30-7:30 pm in room #204.



THE BOOK OF PSALMS

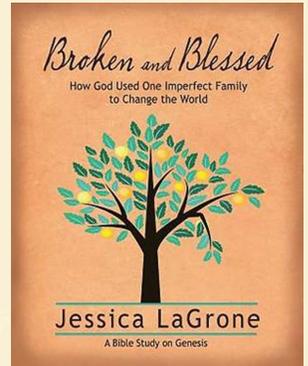
The Book of Psalms has served as the worship manual for God's people for more than 2,500 years. Everything we need to know about a lifestyle of praise and adoration is addressed in the 150 psalms. Join us on Monday mornings at 10:00 am in room #210 for a time of stillness before God so we can focus on His Word. Each class will feature a one-session study of a psalm. We'll welcome you either way. Contact Denise Lock at deniselock@gmail.com for more information.



Adult Missions & Ministries (cont.)

Broken and Blessed

Join us for a six-week women's study that traces the story of the Genesis family from Adam and Eve through the generations to Joseph, bringing blessing from brokenness. We will see that despite both good and bad traits that were passed down, God worked for good in every generation, determined to transform those within and outside the family bloodlines. The study ends with the story of Joseph, who decided to stop the cycle of previous generations, offering forgiveness and grace to his brothers. Through these stories of Genesis, New Testament teaching about family, and stories of contemporary families changed and used by God, this study shows us how God can use our own imperfect families to bring blessings in a hurting and broken world. Join us beginning on March 8 in room #505 at 6:30 pm. Purchase of the book is encouraged. (\$11.00). For further information or if you have questions, contact Erica Smiley at esmiley@haywood.k12.nc.us Hope to see you soon!



Embracing Grief = Embracing Hope: Learning to Lament



Join Pastor Justin for this four-week study. Class begins on Wednesday, March 8, 6:30-7:45 pm. Class members will explore a contemplative look at the importance of dealing with loss (death, relationships, dreams, etc.). Each week, the class will learn new ways to embrace both grief and hope.

March 8 - It's Okay to Lament: Psalm 42 and 43
March 15 - Journaling as a means to Lament
March 22 - Receiving Hope through Silence and Solitude
March 29 - Creating as an expression of Hope

The class size is limited to eight people and registration is required. Sign up today by calling the church office.

The Gospel According to Saint Patrick

The March EVE Link meeting will be held in room #503 (at the church office). Refreshments will be served at 6:00 pm. Come meet our new friend in Christ, Carrie Carpenter. She will be sharing with us her "story", which will include how she may be of service to us around the church. Mary Bickerstaff will offer the story of St. Patrick and the role he played in leading Christianity to a new paradigm of faith. Please join us!

Sister love. Sister fellowship.



A Cheer Givers Ministry

If you have a desire to reach out to others in our church family who are homebound and/or in nursing homes, you will have an opportunity soon to be a part of A Cheer Givers Ministry. Stay tuned for more information on how you can join in with others to help begin and grow this vital ministry.



The Open Door and Second Blessing

From the Open Door Kitchen - Food For Thought



When we talk about “quality” in the kitchen it means more than how the food “tastes”. We are working with WCU Nursing students, under the direction of Cheryl Clark, to improve the “nutritional quality” of our meals. In the next 2 months we will be surveying people at The Open Door to identify the health issues people face, and how they see nutrition helping to improve their health. We will also assess our meals to see that we are serving nutritious foods as determined by USDA guidelines. Following these surveys there will be information sessions for both those eating and cooking the food. Be on the lookout for more information.

Open Door Hours and Contact Information

Director: Perry Hines

Assistant Director: Mindy Rathbone

Hours: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Phone Number: (828) 452-3846

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Waynesville, NC, 28786

Email: open_door@longschapel.com



Second Blessing Thrift Store

By borrowing from the past, we recently created a new location for certain small items: the old-fashioned bargain table! However, being a Christian organization, we thought we would call it the Final Blessing table.



Items that once sat on our shelves for a little too long, but are still worthy of sale, are those we select from. Two long utility tables have been set side-by-side and now display a wide assortment of greatly reduced items, ranging from canning jars and towels to boxed puzzles and lamps. The inventory changes daily, looks a little like Filene's Basement sales used to look, and provides a small adventure for the bargain-hunter.

Practically everything is priced under \$1 and, happily, it is working well for everyone. We also have many other wonderful items and would love for you just to stop by and look around. The entire store has a new look and feel. Hope to see you soon!

Deborah Kasbeer, Manager
Second Blessing Thrift Store



Upcoming Open Door Events



Spring Fundraising Luncheon-Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm: Mark your calendar for The Open Door's Spring Fundraising Luncheon to be held in Long's Chapel's Fellowship Hall. The menu is being finalized and will be included in April's Chapel Chatter. Stay tuned! We hope you'll join us for a delicious lunch and a great time.

Community Picnic and Volunteer Appreciation Day-Friday, June 9, 2017 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm: This is one of our favorite events of the year because we celebrate all of our amazing volunteers. If you volunteer with The

Open Door in any capacity or have done so in the past year, please join us for lunch and fellowship during this fun-filled event. Volunteers who attend that day will also receive a special gift. Save the date, friends! We hope to see you there.

Mountain Faith Music Jam-Saturday, September 30, 2017: We already have the date for our fall Music Jam. Mountain Faith is coming back again this year. Last year's show was a rockin' good time and all for a wonderful cause. Proceeds go right back to The Open Door and Second Blessing.



Stewardship

THE BANANA STORY



Pastor Chris and others have told me they really enjoyed the banana story and how much it tied into our “NEXT STEP” program of giving back to God. The story is based on Scripture in I Chronicles 29. The setting is the end of King David’s reign and the beginning of his son’s (Solomon). The people are building the Temple in Jerusalem. David and the leaders of the day had given huge amounts of their personal ‘treasures’ to build the Temple, not for their personal satisfaction, but for the Lord God. The people also gave freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. It was a time of rejoicing through giving, knowing they were pleasing God.

David’s prayer praising God in front of the whole assembly of people is as significant today as it was about 3000 years ago. He praises God saying, “everything in heaven and on earth is yours,

wealth and honor come from you, we have given you only what comes from your hand, all of it belongs to you.” Think about this Bible teaching as you read the Banana Story.

Once upon a time there was a man who had nothing...and God gave him ten bananas. He gave him three bananas to eat and gave him three bananas to trade for shelter from the cold and rain. He also gave him three bananas to trade for clothing to wear. He gave him one banana so that he might have something to give back to God to show his gratitude for the other nine.

The man ate the three bananas. He traded three for shelter from the cold and rain. He traded three for clothing to wear. Then he looked at the tenth banana and it seemed to look bigger and better than the others.

He knew that God had given him the tenth banana so that he might return it to Him out of gratitude for the other nine. But the tenth banana looked more delicious and desirable than the others. And so he reasoned that God had all the bananas in the world...so the man ate the tenth banana and gave back to God...the peel.

God has given you enough bananas to supply your needs...plus one to show your gratitude to Him. The choice is yours...will you return to God the largest and best of your bananas...or only the peel?

The story has always resonated with me because of the struggle between taking care of myself and family and only when comfortable, giving back to God what is left. I understand the Bible teaching about tithing, giving first fruits, learning to be content, being careful about the ‘love of money’ and what we come to treasure. The truth is that it is still difficult to give back to God. Our tendency is to rationalize and for whatever reason just give a token amount.

The story also makes me wonder if the man felt God only gives to us once and then it’s over. If He only forgave once, then we would all be in big trouble. The truth is God has assured us that the more we give back to Him out of love, the more He blesses us. The Bible is filled with stories and testimonies of this truth. By giving, we learn to trust in God. The man in the Banana Story not only didn’t trust God, but he also disobeyed Him by failing to give back the 10th banana. In Luke 6:38, Jesus said, “Give and it will be given to you.” Be encouraged to take the NEXT STEP in your relationship with Jesus through giving.

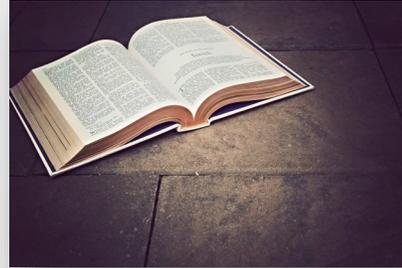
Tom Fogarty for Stewardship Ministry

WHERE YOUR
Treasure
IS
THERE YOUR
Heart
— WILL BE ALSO —
~ MATTHEW 6:21 ~

Stewardship Readings for March

Mar. 5: Why is Giving So Important?

Giving – Protects us from selfishness! Giving – Reminds us we are stewards of all we have! Giving – Insures our needs will be met! Giving - Helps provide for Christ's church on earth!



Mar. 12: Understanding Stewardship

In Philippians 4:19, God promises to supply all our needs and in Matthew 6:19-34, Jesus talks about storing up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. He then tells us not to worry and not to run after worldly things as pagans do, but to think about how the Father cares about the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. Jesus tells us not to worry, but to have faith and seek Him.

Mar. 19: Prayer Thought for the Week

Heavenly Father, grant me the spirit of giving, so that no matter what my needs may be, I will joyfully give to You and put my trust in You!

Mar. 26: Extravagant Giving

One poor widow came up and put in two small coins... Jesus said, "...All the others gave what they will never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford – she gave her all." -Mark 13:42-44, The Message

AS OF 2.5.17

Memorials

YOUTH MISSIONS

In Memory of: Stephen King

By: Jack & Jean Walker
 Hugh & Mittie McAbee
 Russ & Tenley McAbee
 Darin & Krysti Garrett
 Claire Carleton
 Max & Alanda Jones
 Joe & Margie King
 Libby Wilcox
 Steve & Brenda Chapman
 Al & Betty Lou Loun
 M.S. & A.L. Lackey
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2017 Lenten/Easter Offering

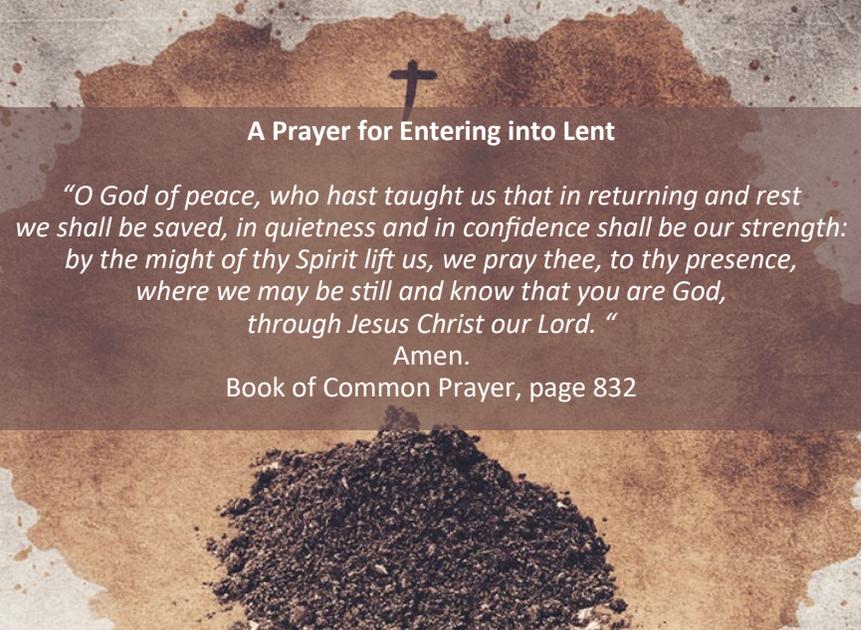
It is a wonderful tradition of our church that we use the Advent and Lenten seasons to help fund some special mission opportunities that fall beyond our operating budget for our community and world. We will be sharing soon the "asks" for this year but invite you to be prayerfully considering support. Thank you for your constant spirit of generosity in the name of Christ.

YOUTH MISSIONS & FIRST FRUITS MINISTRY

In Memory of: Gil Poppenhagen

By: Richard & Jacqueline Favish
 José & Lynnette Baez
 Dorothy Greenleaf
 A.E. & Anne Ammons

Stewardship Report for Month Ending 1/31/2017			
	Received	Expenses	Net
Operating Budget			
January	111,585	113,605	(2,021)
Total 2017 (YTD)	111,585	113,605	(2,021)
Building Fund			
Total 2017 (YTD)	8,015	3,346	310,703



A Prayer for Entering into Lent

“O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: by the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that you are God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 832

Lent 2017

Beginning March 1 with Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent

Theme: Retreating Into the Wilderness with Jesus

Dates: A forty-day period, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent officially ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, with the beginning of the mass of the Lord’s Supper.

Colors: In most churches, the decorations are purple or blue, royal colors to prepare for the King.

The East: In Orthodox churches, this season is called the Great Lent. It begins on Clean Monday.

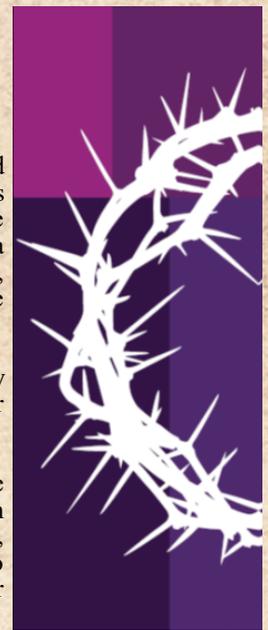
Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It’s a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful re-dedicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus’ withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles. (See The Apostolic Constitutions, Book V, Section III.)

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that does not involve starvation or dehydration. Quite often, our bodily appetites control our actions. The purpose of fasting is to make your bodily appetites your servant rather than your master.

The Western Church: Because Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, we skip over Sundays when we calculate the length of Lent. Therefore, in the Western Church, Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter. In many countries, the last day before Lent (called Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Carnival, or Fasching) has become a last fling before the solemnity of Lent. For centuries, it was customary to fast by abstaining from meat during Lent, which is why some people call the festival Carnival, which is Latin for farewell to meat.

The Eastern Church: The Eastern Church does not skip over Sundays when calculating the length of the Great Lent. Therefore, the Great Lent always begins on Clean Monday, the seventh Monday before Easter, and ends on the Friday before Palm Sunday—using of course the eastern date for Easter. The Lenten fast is relaxed on the weekends in honor of the Sabbath (Saturday) and the Resurrection (Sunday). The Great Lent is followed by Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, which are feast days, then the Lenten fast resumes on Monday of Holy Week. Technically, in the Eastern Church, Holy Week is a separate season from the Great Lent.

Special Days: The purpose of the liturgical calendar is to relive the major events in Jesus’ life in real time, which is why Lent is forty days long. If Jesus were born on 25 December, then His conception would have been nine months earlier, on about 25 March. That is when the angel Gabriel would have announced Jesus’ birth to Mary. Thus 25 March is known in the historic church as The Annunciation. Roughly speaking, the Western Church consists of Protestants, Catholics, and Anglicans. The Eastern Church consists of the Eastern Orthodox churches, the Oriental Orthodox churches, and the eastern-rite churches affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.



March Calendar of Events

Weekly Repeats

Sundays

- 8:20, 9:40 & 11:00 Adult Sunday school (8:20: Children's Church #309; 9:40: Children's & Youth Sunday school classes)
- 8:20 AM Contemporary Worship Sanct (Children's msg. 8:20)
- 9:40 AM Contemporary Worship Sanct/Venue
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Sanct
- 11:00 AM **eleven05** for Kids (PreK-5th) Venue
- 11:05 AM **eleven05** Modern Worship Venue
- 3:00 PM TUJ Phase 2 class #210
- 3:00 PM TUJ Phase 1 class (off campus)
- 3:00 PM Rev Youth UG/101

Mondays

- 9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer group #204
- 10:00 AM Women's Psalms Bible study #210
- 5:30 PM GS Trps 30098, 1791, 30032 mtgs #108/202/210/Venue
- 5:30 PM Cub Scouts K-Group mtg #102/5
- 6:45 PM Cub Scouts mtgs #101/2/5/8/202/210

Tuesdays

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible study #101
- 12:30 PM Pure in Heart Arts/Crafts/Comp Ed class #102/5
- 5:30 PM **eleven05** Musicians Venue
- 6:00 PM Spirit Builders Men's grp #210
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts mtg #101/2/5/8

Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM TUJ Phase 1 class (off campus)

- 10:40 AM CEC Chapel Sanct
- 5:00 PM Pure in Heart class #102/5
- 5:15 PM Acts 2:42 dinner/programs #101+
- 5:30 PM TUJ Phase 1 class (off campus)
- 6:15 PM Bell Choir rehrl Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Confirmation class #502 (not 3/1)
- 6:30 PM Women 2 Women Bible study Venue
- 6:30 PM "Breathing Under Water" class #503 (not 3/1)
- 6:30 PM "Home Run Life" study #210 (not 3/1)
- 6:30 PM "Broken & Blessed" women's study #505 (begins 3/8)
- 6:30 PM "Direction of the Spirit" class #204 (begins 3/8)
- 6:30 PM "Embracing Grief=Embracing Hope" class Pastor Justin's office (begins 3/8)
- 6:30 PM "Words to the Cross" Sanct (begins 3/8)
- 6:30 PM Youth Life Groups UG/MH/202/501/off campus (not 3/1)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehrl #413

Thursdays

- 10:00 AM Knitting Ministries #210
- 1:00 PM "All Things New" Women's Bible study #505 (ends 3/23)
- 4:00 PM **eleven05** Band rehrl Venue
- 6:30 PM Praise Band rehrl Sanct

Fridays

- 7:30 PM Fresh Start NA Mtg. #210

Saturdays

- 10:00 AM Youth Praise Band rehrl UG

Wed., Mar. 1

- 6:15 PM Conversations of Hurt & Hope #204
- 6:30 PM Ash Wed. worship Sanct

Thurs., Mar. 2

- 7:00 AM Haywood Co. Men's Brkfast Terrace Hotel
- 7:00 PM Compassionate Friends mtg #210

Sun., Mar. 5

- 2:00 PM G.S. Troop #30586 mtg #202/204
- 2:30 PM **eleven05** Creative Desn Tm mtg Venue

Tues., Mar. 7

- 10:00 AM UMW Susanna Wesley Link mtg #102/5
- 2:00 PM UMW Link #2 mtg #210
- 5:00 PM Nominations mtg #503

Wed., Mar. 8

- 10:00 AM UMW YES Link mtg #210
- 4:00 PM Prison Ministry mtg #204

Thurs., Mar. 9

- 6:00 PM G.S. Service Unit mtg #505

Sat., Mar. 11

- 5:00 PM Cub Scouts Blue/Gold Banq #101

Sun., Mar. 12

- 4:30 PM Parent Confirmation class #503

Mon., Mar. 13

- 6:00 PM UMW EVE Link mtg #503

Tues., Mar. 14

- 10:00 AM AGAPE Link mtg #102/5

Wed., Mar. 15

- 1:00 PM Christian Writers Fellowship mtg #210

Thurs., Mar. 16

- 12:00 PM Fancy Free luncheon/mtg #101

Sun., Mar. 19

- 2:00 PM G.S. Troop #30586 mtg #202/204

Tues., Mar. 21

- 6:30 PM Church Council mtg #505

Thurs., Mar. 23

- 6:30 PM Ldrship Training Orientation #505

Fri., Mar. 24

- 4:45 PM-8:00 PM CEC Art/Music Show #101/Venue/Sanct

Sat., Mar. 25

- 9:00 AM Art in Spiritual Direction #210

Sun., Mar. 26

- 4:30 PM Parent Confirmation class #503

Tues., Mar. 28

- 2:30 PM DOC small grp mtg #210
- 5:30 PM Endowmt Tm mtg #503

Thurs., Mar. 30

- 6:30 PM Ldrship Training Grp 1 mtg #505

This Month in Worship

“Bad Words”

Words create worlds. Words are powerful and are typically packed full of meaning if we know how to interpret them. The words for this series have a different meaning for us in our culture than for us following in the way of Jesus. Why? Because Jesus changes these words from bad to good and from Bad News to Good News. If you've ever struggled with any of these words, let us explore redeeming these words in your life and faith.

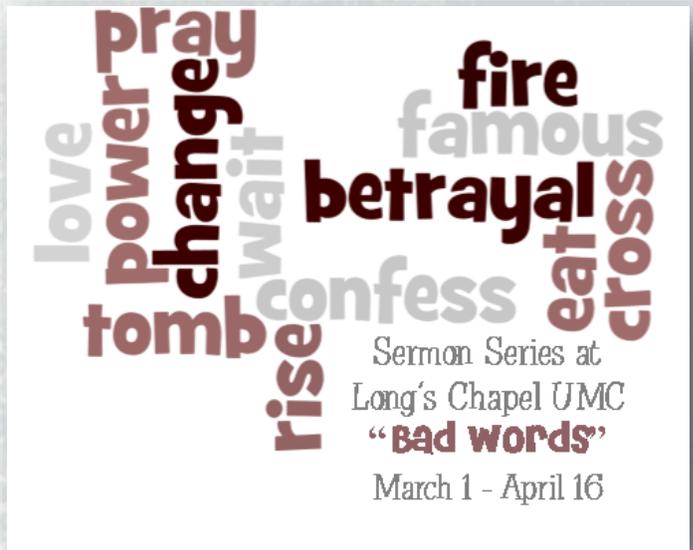
March 1 (Ash Wednesday) - FIRE: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Numbers 31:22-23 The world sees fire as something that burns, but it's also something that cleanses.

March 5 - POWER: Matthew 4:1-11 The world thinks that power resides in prestige or status or popularity or polls or politics, but the truest sense of power is something God grants us through a humble spirit of devotion to Him.

March 12 - CONFESS: Psalm 51 The world thinks confessing our wrongdoings to God and others is weakness, but God says that reverence of God is the beginning of wisdom and confession can lead to repentance which brings about forgiveness.

March 19 - WAIT: Psalm 27:14 The world sees waiting as a waste of time, but often finding a rhythm with God's timing is critically important to spiritual discipline.

March 26 - CHANGE: Isaiah 43: 1-7, Romans 8: 24-25, 28 The world thinks change is always bad and uncomfortable, but God says change is an opportunity to be a doorway to a better life...if we will embrace change and find God in it.



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