

FCC-BRANCHES

March 1, 2022

Grace Notes....

Lent begins on Wednesday. I know that sentence made those of you who have heard that word before go—"o—I need to find something to give up for Lent." I also know that for those who haven't heard the word "Lent" wondered why the church is going to spend so much time considering the stuff that gathers in our belly buttons! So just what is "Lent?" Why is it important? What am I supposed to do with it?

To begin with I always say Lent is a time for Christians everywhere to reflect on their own lives, repent of their own sins and refocus their eyes on the redemptive life of Jesus.

My friend Doug Skinner in his post today talks about the season of Lent this way

"Above the door of my office at Northway I kept a picture of the disciples sound asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was the very last thing that I would see each Sunday morning as I headed out of my office for the sanctuary to preach. I put it there to remind me of what it was that I was up against, and of what it is that I am so prone to myself. We all get tired and distracted. We all become unfocused and can be completely unaware. We're not always as disciplined and dialed in as we should be. We all sleep through God moments and movements as we "slouch towards Jerusalem."

Lent begins this week, on Wednesday - Ash Wednesday. Contrary to what you might have heard, Lent is not about giving something up. In fact, it trivializes the whole spiritual intention of Lent to make it about ice cream or caffeine, another glass of wine or how much screen time you have each day. It may do you some good to get a better handle on some of these things in your life, but that's not what Lent is for. Lent is for getting serious about God. Lent is about paying better attention to what it is that God is doing in the world and in our lives. Lent is a spiritual wakeup call to keep us from being asleep in the light."

As we begin this season of Lent—may we truly be awakened to what God is doing in our lives, the lives of our loved ones and the ones we have yet to love!

See you Wednesday & Sunday, (in person or online!)

Pastor David

This month's Theme Verse to Remember:

"They were on their way up to Jerusalem,
with Jesus leading the way."

Mark 10:32a



Regular Schedule

Sundays

9:00am Bible Study
10:00am Worship
11:30am Bible Study (online)

Mondays

4-6pm Scouts

Wednesdays

6:30pm Bible Study

3/1 Program Council

3/22 Board Meeting

Important LINKS

Sunday Worship

Zoom

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Wednesday Bible Study

Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 878 367

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Facebook:

www.facebook.com/DisciplesJC

Who have you invited to worship this month?

Prayer Page and Focus

Each week we will focus on praying for one or more church family. Pray for their wellbeing, their faith to grow, God to be their first focus and joy!

2/23-3/2 The Bronson family Matt, Deanna, Holly & Kayla

3/2-9: The Burpee Family—Rebecca, Charles & Jack

3/9-16 Lloyd and Lolita Callahan

3/16-23 Cathie Campbell & Jill Case

3/23-30 Christina Corelli's Household– Christina, Jake &

3/30-4/6 David Dickson

JOYS

Christina Corelli—Celebrating pure white squirrel sighting

Bill Washburne—we are all here in church

Anita Nelson—Grandson home from Idaho!

Donna Snyder—Now the director of the Norwegian Men's Chorus

David Dickson—loves having a job and mom's surgery went great!

Scott White—Able to walk across the room and back in therapy—an amazing step forward!

Please Pray For:

People in and around Ukraine—for a quick end to the violence

Gary & Char headed to see family and friends and to get warm!

Catie Welch—traveling

Crystal R—prayers for sister and for the new job.

Walt Jenkins – unable to drive anymore

Nordling family – on the death of Eleanor – services to be on 4/2/22.

Kathy Helm – looking for appropriate transplant donor!

Ken Welch – Friend with cancer recovering from Brain surgery, looking to identify and treat the cancer

Friend Danny medical issues trying to diagnose

Continuing Concerns:

David Dickson, Diabetes control

Christen and Mark Eldridge. – Mark's ankle is not healing properly after surgery – now wearing a brace waiting on second surgery and her – Mom was sick on her birthday.

Robyn Miller Kelly – Thad and Ty's long term plans have changed –will not be going back to dad. Now moving into either guardianship or adoption.

Ken Welch—step daughter incarcerated in Kansas making plans for her return via release

Michelle Sheets – for the ability/desire/ to lose the weight the Dr's want her to lose before knee surgery.

Cancer and long term Concerns

Scott White – slowly recovering from Hemoragic Stroke, **Walt Jenkins** – stroke recovery

Glenda Zimmerman's friends: young mother with auto-immune disease, friend recovering from COVID

Jill Case - Continued Prayer for friend undergoing medical treatment

Cancer Cares: **Christina Corelli's friend Evelyn** – lung cancer **Peter Helms-** friend **Tiffany** , for church friend **Catherine**, **Clayton Frampton**, **Brink Family** friend **Kathy**, cousin **Jim**, nephew **Scott**, friend **Skip**, **McNabb family** friend **Eddie & Mandy**, **Nancy Brink & Jill Case** friend **Skip Rodden** **Vermilyea family** - friend **Andy**, **Kari** (if you have an update—please let office know)

Happy February Birthdays!

3/5: Pam Henderson

3/6: Brad Helms & Donetta Wood

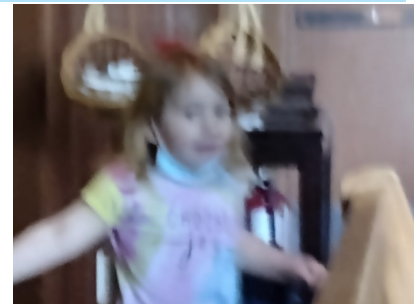
Be sure to send your best wishes, greetings and smiles to those celebrating. If your birthday is in March and we didn't list it, please let us know so we can add you to our information!

Children's Ministry Update

Love is in the hands of our kids! And they are growing so fast and dancing so joyfully that my picture came out blurry!

Our new memory verse has been 1 Corinthians 13:13 ...

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love. “



One Sunday we were talking about how we show our love for others. The suggestion was made, that if someone was on the ground, we could help them up. But wait! What if they wanted to be sitting on the ground because they were drawing with chalk or something? Well, then, first we might want to listen.

Practicing what I preached, I listened to the kids. As they were learning, they kept adding Joy to faith, hope and love, sometimes saying that it was the greatest. Now, they may be remembering the four Sundays of Advent, especially because they did the candle lighting, but they also may be trying to tell us something.

Just like Jesus let the lawyer add the new idea of mind as one of the things to give our all of to worship, joy is an important gift for kids. Dancing in worship is a great experience. The memory of that joy can bring our young ones back to church for the rest of their lives. I praise God that it did that for me! May we have a joyous spring...

And don't forget to bring your kids and their friends to the special kid's craft booth at the Spring Celebration, Saturday March 19th and Sunday March 20th from 11:00 to 5:00. Helpers welcome!
Linda



Children's Corner News

Hello Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day. Our students really spoiled us teachers with wonderful home made cards, chocolates, wine and coffee! They are truly awesome! We finished our exploration of Dinosaurs and are now moving into Animals and their Habitats. We will be covering oceans, rain forest, desert, the arctic and farms. We have a couple of families that raise cows, sheep, ducks, chickens and horses so we might be able to visit a real working farm this month!

I finished the first round of Parent Teacher Conferences on February 25 and will conduct the rest on March 4th. The parents were all excited to hear how their children are progressing and the accomplishments they have made. We are excited to announce that we now have 4

brand new readers in our class!! It is so fun to watch the child's face as they realize that they have just read their first book! Then we stop class and let everyone know so that they can clap and cheer for the new reader. The grin on the new readers face is wonderful!

In May we will be doing our transportation month and I will need your help in collecting empty paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls for airplanes. If you have any to spare please leave them outside the classroom door. Thank you so much for helping out.

I hope you all have a relaxing March and a fun Spring Break!

Mrs. Agoff

Bible Study @ FCC-JC!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

New Visions Adult Bible Study, Sunday's @ 9:00am

Book of Acts Fellowship Hall - Leader—Bill Washburne

Walk the Talk Bible Study @ 11:15 am on Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 822 5768 3389 Passcode: 600041

Leader: Barbara Bower @ 541-998-1614

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Lenten Bible Study



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WHAT GOD DID TO WIN YOUR HEART

A Five Week Video Bible Study
Beginning 3/9/2021 @ 6:30pm
Join us In Person or Online—Zoom or FB
Study Books available at www.amazon.com for \$5.00

Sundays @ FCC-JC

Date	Sermon	Elders	Deacons	Greeters	Sound
3/6	With Jesus on the Mountain Matthew	O—Crystal R. C— Christina C	Brad Helms Anita Nelson	Mark & Christen E.	Warren
3/13	With Jesus In the Wilderness Hebrews 12	O—Pastor David C. Clayton F 3rd Cyrstal R.	David Dickson Glenda Zimmerman	Cathie C. Michelle S	Warren
3/20	With Jesus at the Well John 4:5-42	O—Nancy B. C—Crystal R.	Brad Helms Anita Nelson	Sally M. Ruth A.	Warren
3/27	With Jesus Into the Light John 9:1-41	O-Warren G. C-Pastor David 3rd Nancy B.	David Dickson Glenda Zimmerman	Mark & Christen E	Warren
4/3	With Jesus At the Cemetery Ezekiel 37, John 11	O-Crystal R. C—Bill W	Brad Helms Anita Nelson	Cathie C. Michelle S	

COMING IN MARCH!

March 19 & 20

11-5 Both Days

Your Help is needed!

Greeters, Monitors, Publicity & more!

FMI: Contact:

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Join us

March 2nd for our

ASH WEDNESDAY
SOUP AND SERVICE

5:50 Soup Supper
6:30pm Service of Ashes



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Linda Gearhart– Child.Min/Adm

Karlyne Agoff- Children’s Corner Teacher

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

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