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Be in prayer for our members
traveling to the
Holy Land in Israel March 2 - 11.



'Support A Child' Emphasis

"Support a Child" gives us many opportunities to nourish the children of TBC both physically and spiritually. Your contribution helps promote spiritual growth, provide a meal on Wednesday nights, transportation to and from church, supply Bibles, helps fund VBS, purchase supplies and choir materials, and funds special events during the summer for both our children and youth programs.

Will you help us reach our goal of \$5,000?



THURSDAY
MARCH 5 @ 6 PM
REMEMBER TO TURN IN
YOUR ASSIGNMENTS!



Just Older
Youth
Having Fun...Loving Life

Senior Adult Fellowship
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 AM
Fireside Room



Pastor Micah Spicer

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, marks an important day in the church calendar. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time

of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

I, for one, am excited about this season of Lent. On Sundays I will be walking us through the greatest prayer, The Lord's Prayer. This is the prayer that Jesus teaches his followers to pray. It is recited in churches, but never mentions the church. It is prayed by conservative Christians, but fails to mention the Bible, virgin birth, atoning death, or resurrection of Jesus. The Lord's

Prayer is prayed by Charismatic Christians, but it doesn't make mention of the Holy Spirit. Catholics say the Lord's Prayer during worship, but the prayer says nothing about priests, bishops, or the pope. It is prayed by Mainline Christian denominations that broke away from Roman Catholicism during the protestant Reformation due to differences in doctrine; however, the Lord's Prayer fails to mention any of these doctrines. It amazes me how popular this prayer is for all Christians, regardless of theological convictions or worship practices. Christians have theological and doctrinal differences on the cross, the table, and baptism; however, we find meaning and unity in saying the Lord's Prayer together. I find this to be a beautiful affirmation of the diverse faith that we share in a God who invites us all to be kinfolk in his family, I look forward to seeing you and discussing the Lord's Prayer in the upcoming weeks.



Jan Lampkin
Children's Minister

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 2:6

In the heart of a child, a moment can last forever! I am convinced that if God stands a child before us, it is a God-given appointment. We have the chance to change a life if we choose to. We never know when we are making a memory. We have the opportunity to help, encourage, or unfortunately, ignore the situation and then it becomes a bad memory to a child. Hopefully we make the choice to create a good memory!

It is obvious that at TBC we choose to make "good" memories. I often notice a child that is being given special attention here at Third. By allowing a child to sit with you during the church services, a bright smile, holding a frightened hand or answering a question; YOU are making a

GOOD memory for that child. I have heard others say that they do not know how to "act around children," "I cannot relate to them," "I don't know how to handle them," etc. The truth is you've already earned an honorary degree in "childhood!" As an adult you have 18 years of on-hand research in this subject - which is complex at times. Having been a child yourself, you have experienced firsthand what childhood feels like. You know how it feels when you have done right and when you have done wrong. You are who you are because of those years spent as a child. We all have stories. Make those stories memories in a child's life. Yes, you can change lives by giving just a moment to a child!



Thank you TBC congregation for choosing to make memories with our children. There are many opportunities that you can choose to help with our Children's Ministry! We need helpers in all areas of our ministry. "Support A Child" emphasis is coming soon in March. Pray how you can make special memories for a child during this special time of love and caring! God's Blessings!



Great is Thy Faithfulness is a popular Christina hymn with lyrics written in 1923 by Thomas Chisholm. He wrote the words to express what he felt about God's faithfulness over his lifetime. Chisholm sent the song to William Runyan in Kansas, who was affiliated with both the Moody Bible Institute and Hope Publishing Company. Runyan set the poem to music. It was published that same year and soon became a favorite hymn in congregations around the world. The phrase "great is thy faithfulness" comes from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations 3:23. These precise words can be found in both the King James Bible and the Revised Standard Version.

I think my favorite part of this hymn is the refrain: Great is thy

faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided— Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Because of God's faithfulness to us we in turn should be faithful to God. I've seen faithfulness defined as being loyal, steadfast, and dependable. We should be loyal, steadfast and dependable in all facets of our lives...in our relationship with God, to our church through our attendance, our service, our offerings, our attention, in our relationships with those we come in contact with.

We sing Great is Thy Faithfulness relying on God to be faithful in all his dealings with us. Can God rely on us to be faithful as well?

I'm grateful to a number of people who helped out with the program for the "Spuds of Love" banquet last Sunday. First of all to our deacon body and all the effort they put into providing a delicious meal! Four really fine musicians donated their time and talents to the cause, including our bass player Ted Lolley, guitar/mandolin/player Debbie Fillman, and two wonderful singers, Emily Malone and Loré North. Also, Jim Wilhoyte built a dandy stage that I anticipate we'll be able to use in the future; it helped immensely! And thanks also to Curtis Hannah who provided a great sound system for us to use. I hope everyone noticed the lovely table settings and room decorations. We have Lynn Roberson and Mary Miller to thank for doing all that.

February is a cold month, as you know, but the happy fellowship of the "Spuds of Love" dinner brought a nice warmth to the Third Baptist community!



"Brothers, pray for us..."

1 Thessalonians 5:25

Our Prayer Requests are going Email!

Bearing the burdens of others unifies us as family in Christ. Sharing our prayer concerns allows us to give and receive intercessory support, knowing that others love and care.

Beginning this week, in addition to the printed Prayer Connection available each Sunday, the Church will begin sending out a weekly email on Thursday afternoon updating you on prayer requests. The requests will remain on the list for approximately four weeks unless you notify the church office. The list will be shared with members whose email addresses are on file with the church.

If you have a prayer concern, or want to share an answered prayer with the church (we want to give thanks too!) contact the office or one of your staff members.

We want to pray with you!

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you." Colossians 1:9a



Have you noticed the improvements made to our facility? The installation of the windows is complete and they are beautiful. The Fireside Room is being repainted and flooring will be installed soon. The atrium and bathrooms entering the education building are awaiting their facelifts.

You still have an opportunity to contribute to the cost of the renovations by purchasing a window or helping to spruce up other areas. Be sure to mark your envelope "Building Repairs."



Missions & Benevolence Teams
Meeting Sunday, March 1
following morning worship
You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:00 PM Women's Prayer Group

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:30 PM Music and Missions
5:45 PM Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

12:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:25 AM Coffee & Connection
10:45 AM Morning Worship
12:00 PM Missions/Benevolence Mtg.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

6:00 PM Women's Prayer Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship, FSR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

5:30 PM Music and Missions
5:45 PM Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

6:00 PM Leadership Ministry Team

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

2:00 PM Game / Gym Reserved

MEMORIALS

in memory of Ann Newton

by Lena Lovan, Frank & Martha Beller,
June Coons, Tony & Betty Delack, Ralph
& Gayle Wible, Patricia Marcellino

in memory of Tom Dixon's sister

by Frank & Martha Beller

in memory of Bill Miller

by Mark Luttrell, Bettie Kincaid, Phil
Shown, Ralph & Gayle Wible, Bill &
Joyce Webb, Bill & Sue Bell, Louise
Hartsough, Charles & Sara Graves, Dale
& Lisa Cecil, Jennifer Danhauer, Joel &
Shirley Utley, Tracy Thacker, Bill &
Shelia Ryle, Jr.

in memory of Jack Braden

by Bill & Joyce Webb

in memory of Zack Roberts, Hazel Miller, Sharon Crabtree, and Ginny Wieter

by Carole Anne Barrass

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

My thanks to all for the food, cards,
thoughts, and prayers at Bill's death.

Your strong support is very much
appreciated. *Madaline Miller*

DEACON INFORMATION

February 23

Gary Kirtley, Dan Atteberry

Hope and Harvest Team

Elaine Williams

March 1

Bill Genet, Elaine Williams

Hope and Harvest Team

Ron Williams, Dan Atteberry

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Friday, February 21

Harold Wilson

Friday, February 28

Laura Bronnette

PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN

February 23

Patty Drury, Jean Snyder

March 1

Jan Lampkin, Janice Raby

ATRIUM GREETERS

Sunday, February 23 & March 1

Larry Catron

ATRIUM SOCIAL

February 23

Another Look

March 1

Esther Class

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND CHURCH?

(MATT BROWN, THINKE.ORG)

Here are four powerful reasons you should attend church weekly, and why church attendance can change your life:

1. God says so.

God tells us in his Word to "not give up meeting together" (Heb. 10:25). Paul even goes so far as to call the church the "bride of Christ." If you love Jesus, you will love the things that he loves—and he loves the church like a husband loves his bride. The church is important to God, so it should be important to us. God didn't call us to gather and worship to burden us, but to bless us. Church attendance can become one of the greatest blessings in you and your family's life.

2. Worshipping Jesus together is powerful.

Jesus lives inside of us by his Spirit when we believe in him. This is a profoundly incredible truth! But there

is also something biblically powerful about gathering together with other believers to worship. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matt. 18:20). So he not only lives in us by his Spirit, but he is in the "midst" of us when we gather to worship him.

3. We need Christian community.

All of us long for community and connection with others. God has given us this gift in gathering together for church, and in smaller groups in each other's homes. It fulfills something inside of us to do life with, encourage and be authentically involved in each other's lives. Christian TV, podcasts, books and conferences are wonderful additions to our spiritual lives, but nothing can take the place of consistent Christian community through the local church.

4. We grow more together than alone.

It can be messy when we step into each other's lives. We are all human, and no one is perfect. So it requires effort and intentionality and grace from God to do life together, even as believers. Gathering regularly with other believers becomes a refining process whereby we help each other, pray for each other and encourage each other to want to follow Christ more wholeheartedly. It is a truly beautiful thing. Don't let any excuses stand in the way of what you know God is calling you to do. God will strengthen you and empower you to do what he has called you to do.

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