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**WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday
9:30 am Sunday School	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6:00 pm KISS (Keep It Simple Supper)
10:50 am Morning Worship		
5:15 pm Children's M&M (Music & Missions)	<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm. Bible Study for all ages
6:00 pm Choir & Praise Team	7:00 pm Hand bells Cub Scouts	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Youth Discipleship Training	8:00 pm Coffee Break	
7:00 pm College Music & Message		

# The Reminder



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**Repent—a worthy word for Lent**

What pops into your mind when you hear the word “repent”? Is it a dark and somber word for you, perhaps reminding you of John the Baptist’s shouting for people to repent and be baptized?

What does the word “repent” mean anyway? Literally, it means to stop the way one is going, turn around, and then walk in the opposite direction. It refers to turning away from sin and shallow living and to begin walking through life following God’s direction.

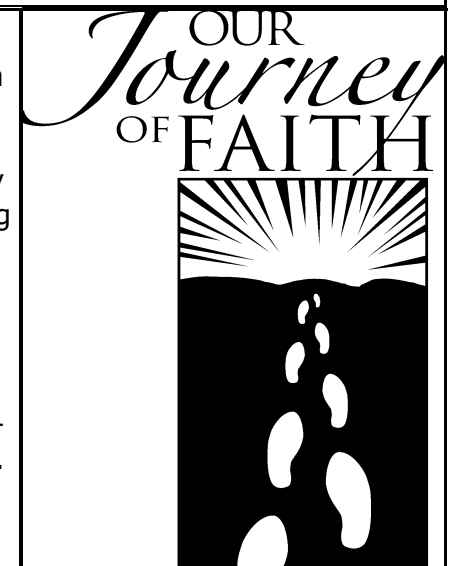
Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1), is an opportunity to check our spiritual condition, to repent (if needed) and to walk more faithfully with our Lord. If we take Lent seriously, we can begin to discover a new vision for life—a more joyous way to live. Lent can enable us to discover the immeasurable benefits of

**Belief about or belief in?**

An aerialist, who specialized in riding a bicycle on a tightrope across waterfalls, set up his equipment across Niagra Falls. A great crowd gathered to watch him ride across the roaring waters. Not only did he complete the trip over, but he returned riding backwards! The crowd was in awe of his ability. He asked the crowd, “Do you believe I could do it again with a person sitting on my shoulders?”

“Yes,” they all shouted as one.

“Which one of you will ride with me then?” he asked. No one spoke up. That’s the difference between believing *about* Jesus and believing *in* Jesus. When we believe in Him, we trust our whole life to Him.





### Pastor's Paragraphs

Here we are, after a few very warm winter months, finally experiencing a touch of cold weather. I don't know about you, but I have enjoyed the mild temperatures. It has been nice not to have to keep up with an overcoat everyday. But then, it is not spring yet and I suspect I will have to dig out that heavy coat a few times yet. Have you ever noticed that the weather is often a topic of conversation wherever you go? Could it be the reason for that is that we don't seem to have anything else to talk about? Of course, after the weather, we grab a few photos and talk about our family, and if not the family, the job. Now I am not saying that the weather does not make a suitable topic of conversation at time. And certainly, the family is always a wonderful topic to share, especially when there are children or grandchildren to talk about. Then there is the job, maybe an interesting topic, and maybe not. But how many of us are quick to talk about how God is blessing us or what a joy it is to know the Lord? I suspect most of us find it easier to talk about the weather. After all, isn't one's faith a private matter? The answer to that question is both "Yes" and "No." "Yes" in the sense that our faith is a matter between God and us. "No" in the sense that our faith is meant to be shared, not kept to ourselves. As I think about the New Testament Church, I think of a people who shared their faith wherever they went, even when they were persecuted. Shouldn't it be easier to share our faith openly in light of the fact that we are not being persecuted, at least in this country? So, the next time you are trying to find something to talk about with someone, try talking about Jesus.

I leave you with this thought for today from Kahill Gibran (1883-1931), "Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother." (*Bits & Pieces*, September 2005)

Before I close this week, Sandra and I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Pastor for these 10+ years. The reception and gift you gave us were wonderful. We both appreciate your thoughtfulness. The best part of ministry is the people you serve. Thank you for remembering.

God bless you. I will see you Sunday.

*Michael*

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

1 Frances Johnson  
9 Roger Tankersley  
10 Jacob Melvin  
10 Sarah Lemons  
11 Gene Lewis  
13 Betty Stewart  
14 Demery Austin  
16 Joyce Harmon



17 Logan Stewart  
19 Hazel Hare  
20 Joyce Stewart  
20 Anna Bain  
21 Joel Penny  
27 Jeremy Melvin  
29 Annette Hood  
31 Savanna Matthews

### Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

Jon and Angie Stewart  
T.H. and Janice McLeod  
J.T. and Joyce Stewart  
Leon and Letha Davis  
Jason and Sarah Lemons

March 4th  
March 5th  
March 21st  
March 23rd (61 Years)  
March 24th

### The Properties Committee Needs Your Help!

The cost of heating our facility is \$45.50 per day and the cost of electricity is \$20.35 per day for a total of \$65.85 per day. We have posted at each thermostat directions on how to adjust it and how to turn it on or off. Please turn the lights off in your area when you leave, and close doors on non-heated areas like closets. The properties committee is thankful for those who made it possible to replace all the windows in the educational building without them our utility bills would be considerably higher.

-The Properties Committee

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express the appreciation for the love and support shown to us. Your prayers lifted me up. Thank you for everything; prayers, visits, cards, and the food for those first days. You will never know how much this has meant to us. I am gradually improving each day. May God bless you!

-Martha and Rufus Turner

### **Yard Sale!!**

The annual yard sale is Saturday, March 25! If you have any last minute items to donate to the yard sale please do so soon. The rain date for the yard sale is Saturday, April 1. We hope to see many of you here on Saturday March 25 if the weather permits and who knows what kind of treasures you may find for you or a friend or loved one.

### ***Remember in Prayer***

Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Cal Cooper (Vivian Simpson's nephew), David Peak (Afghanistan), P.J. Melvin (Iraq), Gary Altman (Iraq); Lyn Sander, Alvin Newton, Alene Upchurch, Gerry Gregory, Valeria Lanier, Wayne Morgan, Martha Turner, Jennifer Hatcher, Sammy Overby (Celia Melvin's cousin), Frances Jones (Kathy Melvin's Mother), Robert Ennis, Marie McLamb (Annette Hood's mother), Susan Bain, Aleda Smith & Grover Smith (Joan Lanier's mother and father), Susie Carpenter, and Mary (Tootsie) Ennis (Millie Wiggins' sister); our shut-ins and homebound.

### **VBS 2006 Alert!!**

The dates for this year's VBS will be July 17-21. This year's theme is "Fiesta, where kids are fired up about Jesus". If you have anything bright and colorful that you would be willing to donate to help us decorate it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or would like more info please contact Debbie Jones at the church office. Thank you and as always please keep it in your prayers.

# KidShine

"Let your light shine before men...and praise your Father in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16

Greetings! The heading of *KidShine* was based on the verse found in Matthew. "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 Our children, their teachers, and myself praise and thank God for the opportunity to serve and minister in His name. It is such a thrill to part of a church that desires to serve God in many ways. Our youth, college, and mission leaders have provided many wonderful examples for the children to see missions in action. Which leads me to pass on appreciation from Lauren and our Children in Action (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders). They are grateful to those that participated in their Valentine Card project. They worked together to make over 80 Valentine's. The final count on the money earned was \$59.00. Thank you for your love and support. We are awaiting a call from the pastor of Kingdom Builders for Christ so that we may complete this mission endeavor. The CiA also want to thank Jim Bales for taking them around to some of our shut-ins so that they might share a bit of themselves – literally, a picture of the whole gang! The mission experience has not been limited to the older kids are preschoolers have also been busy. At Christmas our mission friends filled little gift bags for the Angel tree children. They are also working on project to be carried out during the Easter season. Please continue praying for our children and their families as they let their light shine.

May God be praised!  
Debbie