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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Thoughts From Pastor Jim



It is almost Lent. Lent starts with Good Friday worship on Feb. 14 at 6:30pm. Yes, Lent starts on Valentine's Day! Some find that odd. I find it excellent! What a day to dedicate yourself to falling in love with Jesus all over again.

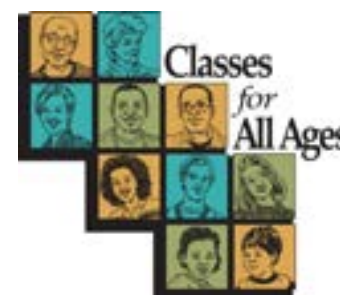
Traditionally, Lent is a time to prepare yourself for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent has been used for centuries for Christians to examine themselves, ask for forgiveness of their sins and turn towards Jesus. Many honor God by giving up something for Lent. As a kid, we were encouraged to give up candy or some other treat as a way of showing our love for Jesus. As an adult, I have come to another understanding of Lent.

In the message delivered on January 21, I spoke of how most of us are over-scheduled. That is, most of us have so many things to do that we do not have time for many important things. For instance, many tell me that they do not have time to spend time with God in prayer, meditation or Bible study. They do not have time to come to church. They do not have time to listen to God. They do not have time to spend enough time with their families to instruct them in the ways of God. They do not have time to see or feel God move in their lives. The fact is that for many, the only way to say "Yes" to something is to say "No" to something else because there is not any additional time. Perhaps this Lent is the time for you to reexamine what you are currently doing in order to do something MORE important. That is, say "Yes" to what is truly important and "No" to other things that may be good, but not great.

As an adult I have come to understand that I must say "No" to some things so that I can say "Yes" to others. For several years now, my wife and I have fasted from electronics during Lent. We do not watch television or recreational use the computer or phone. (We both must use these for business, just no recreation.) We have found an enormous amount of time this way. My guess is that I get about 1/3 of my yearly reading done during Lent. A big percentage of my sermons are written during Lent. I have had more time for planning. I have been able to spend more quality time with God, simply by giving up the recreational use of electronics. I do not know what you will do during Lent. But I ask that you look at what you should say "No" to so you can say "Yes" to God during this time..

What Is Next?

The next step for us is to develop a new Vision Statement that captures where God is calling this church. A meeting was held on Nov. 18 that began this work, but did not lead us to a Vision Statement. Therefore, the Pastors will begin meeting with groups for input into a new Vision Statement. We will begin with Sunday School classes, then move on to other groups so that a wide range of people can take part. If you are not currently in a Sunday School class, consider connecting so that you can take part in this process.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM
Family Praise
Worship Service

10:15 - 11:00 AM
Sunday School &
Small Group Time

11:15 AM
Traditional Family
Worship Service

1:00 - 3:00 PM
Youth Group
(7th - 12th Grades)

Communion is
served on the first
Sunday of the month
at both services

6:00 PM
Free Dinner

6:30 PM
Connections
Contemporary
Service

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PYG Under Construction

Pre Youth Group will not be meeting until further notice. We are working diligently to revamp the program.

Children's Ash Wednesday Experience

While adults attend the Ash Wednesday service on February 14 @ 6:30, children are invited to room 106 to participate in a service created just for them. Children who are in kindergarten or older are welcome. The nursery will be open for anyone younger.

Children's Table attendant Needed!

Are you available on Sundays (between services) to straighten up the Children's areas in the Sanctuary? It's a simple but important task. If you are available please contact Jodi at jgutierrez@schertzumc.com

VBS Save the date **9am - Noon** **June 11 - 15 2018**



Junior High Sunday School Teachers

We are looking for junior high Sunday school teachers. There can be more than one so that they can rotate. Also looking for someone to sub in the high school room. Our regular teacher is having to travel some each month for his job and will be out of town on Sunday occasionally. Please contact Alice Sutherlun at 210-658-3202 or asutherlun@schertzumc.com

United Methodist Men Pancake Supper

Are You Ready For This? We are hosting
Our GREAT PANCAKE SUPPER
On Saturday February 17th

In the Four Plex (Quad Room) 5 - 7:30pm
Your donation provides you with as much as you can eat: pancakes, sausages and drinks.

Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship with your church family. Proceeds support the many programs sponsored by SUMM that benefit our church and its members.

All you can eat



Pancake Supper

Sunday School Classes

Advent and Lenten Whole-Church Sunday School

The entire congregation is invited to share in an Advent- or Lent-themed Adult Sunday School study during these respective liturgical seasons. Typically, the regular Adult Sunday School instructors share responsibilities in leading this study.

POC: Adult Education Ministries

Meets between services, 10:15-11:00 AM on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall during Advent and Lent.

Faith Journey

General God-, faith-, and Christ-centered learning. Designed to provide an introduction to the Christian faith and what it means to be a "Christian".

POC: Greg Tillmon, gregtillmon@gmail.com, (210)-683-3135

Meets at 10:15 on Sun, in the Fellowship Hall.

G.P.S. (Grow, Pray, Study)

An eclectic approach to growing our faith. A mix of Bible study, life application study, fellowship and volunteering.

Meets at 10:15 on Sun, in rm 210.

POC: Pastor Mike Vlk, wolfm30@hotmail.com, (210)-658-3202

Mary & Joseph Class

Meets at 10:15 on Sun, in rm 208.

POC: Bill Timberlake, actimberl@yahoo.com, (210)-658-8276

Pursuing the Path

Meets at 10:15 on Sun, in rm 206.

POC: Eilene Wollslager, ewollslager@gmail.com, (210)-618-8169

The Searchers

Meets at 10:15 on Sun, in rm 209.

POC: George Ricks, gricks@gmail.com, (210)-887-5894

Serendipity

Meets at 10:15 on Sun, in rm 207.

POC: Phyllis Spitzmesser, dpstpz@sbcglobal.net, (210)-658-3625



Connections Worship Experience

Connect with friends during a free meal; Connect with God in a high-energy worship service; connect with others like you in a small group.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

6:00pm - FREE supper

6:45pm - Worship

7:30pm - Small Groups

Is God calling you to become more involved?

Here are some easy ways to get started in serving in the church:

Greeters—Provide the first impression of our church's hospitality and friendliness

Acolytes—Bring the light of Christ into the sanctuary at the start of worship and lead us out with it at the end of the service

Ushers—Assist in seating, count attendance, help with collections, and prepare the sanctuary for the next worship service

Communion Servers—Assist the pastors in serving communion

Set-up—Preparing the sanctuary for worship

Mission trips—the church completes several mission trips throughout the year for all ages. Watch for announcements for these special opportunities.

Help needed!

We need someone to replenish pew areas and set out materials for worship each week. Please call the church office or call Kathy Creel 210-651-5500 or kcreel002@gmail.com.








Regular Sunday Schedule
 9:00 AM - Contemporary Service
 10:15 AM - Sunday School
 11:15 AM - Traditional Service

February

Regular Sunday Afternoon Schedule
 1 PM - Youth Group (7th - 12th Grades)
 6 PM - Connection Dinner
 6:45 PM - Connection Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thurs. Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Worship Team 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7:00pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	2 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	3 7am - Men's Bible Study
4 9am - Blood Drive 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm -Recovery Groups	5 6pm - Connection Praise Band 7:30pm - AA Group	6 6:30pm - Sonrise Emmaus 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders	7 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 6:30pm - UMW Pot Luck 7pm Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon	8 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thurs. Morning Bible Study 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7:00pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	9 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	10 7am - Men's Bible Study  6pm - Sweetheart Dinner
11 NO UMYF 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Groups 7:30pm -Recovery Groups	12 6pm - Connections Praise Band 7pm - Community Connections 7:30pm - AA Group	13 9:30am - MOPS 6:30pm - Finance Team 7pm - AA Group 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Faith Builders	14 Happy Valentines Day 10am - KNOTS 6:30pm - Ash Wednesday & Children's Experience 6:30 - SPRC 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon	15 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thurs. Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7:00pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	16 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	17 7am - Men's Bible Study 5pm - UMM Pancake Supper
18 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 730pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	19 6pm - Connections Praise Band 6:30pm - Ladies Bunco 7:30pm - AA Group	20 9:30am - MOPS Steering Comm 10am - Coffee Break Bible Study 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders	21 10am - WUEST Circle 6:30pm - Church Council 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon	22 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thurs. Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7:00pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	23 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	24 7am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Financial Peace University
25 6pm - AA Group 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 730pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	26 12pm - Diamond Club 6pm - Connections Praise Band 6:30pm - Mission Team Meeting 7:30pm - AA Group	27 10am - MOPS 10am - Coffee Break Bible Study 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders	28 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 7pm - Praise Band 7pm - UMM 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon			