



NEWS and VIEWS

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A Word from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to all who made the Valentine Banquet such a memorable time on February 20th. The food and the entertainment were wonderful. But if you ask me, the best part of the event was simply reconnecting with our church family. It was good to see so many of you having fun and enjoying one another's company. I am pleased to announce that we have another fellowship time already planned. There will be much more information to come, but mark your calendars for May 22nd. You will not want to miss this one!

We will once again begin Lent by worshipping on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, with our friends from First Presbyterian Church. After our regular Wednesday night meal, we meet in the sanctuary at 6:15 PM for a time of repentance and renewal. We invite all of you to participate in the Imposition of Ashes, as we

remember our mortality, and remember our need for God. Please make every effort you can to attend this meaningful service.

Speaking of Lent, I am especially excited this year as Dr. David Smith and I will be sharing the pulpit as we preach a sermon series we have entitled, "Because He Lives, I Can Face..." We contend that each one of us, from the youngest to the oldest, from the richest to the poorest, faces difficulties daily. What makes Christianity so unique among the world religions is that Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man, walked through difficulties as well. In fact, He faced every trial and tribulation that we have, and yet, He did not sin. In light of that, our series will focus not only on the difficulties we all face, but the hope we have in overcoming them because of the resurrection of Jesus. I look forward to worshipping with you as we journey toward Easter.

Finally, it has become the custom at FBC Lenoir to take up a special Lent offering. This offering is over and above your regular tithe in that we ask you to give a dollar a day for forty days. This year, our mission offering will go to support our

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Calendar

Sundays

9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship
6 PM Youth Group

Wednesdays

5:15-6 PM Supper Served
6 PM Bible Study, Adult Choir,
Children's & Youth Activities

Wednesday, March 2

6:15 PM Ash Wed. Service

Saturday, March 5

4 PM Room at the Table

Sunday, March 6

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast

Thursday, March 17

7 PM Dr. Smith's Book Club

Monday, March 28

Deacons Meeting 7 PM



East St. Louis Mission Trip

We had a great response to our East St. Louis mission trip. We have 34 folks signed up with more on the way! Entire families are taking a week of vacation to go. If you missed the meeting and are still interested in going, please let us know ASAP so we can get you the information and include you in our planning.

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Summer mission trip to St. Louis. The monies you give will feed the little ones at the Children's Activities Center, as well as buy the necessary materials for the Bible Studies, the craft projects, and the building improvements led by our team. Can I count on you to give sacrificially in response to Christ sacrificing for you? Can I count on you to show God's love for others?

My prayer is that we will be challenged, yet strengthened, as we walk through Lent. As you have heard here before... It's only Friday, but Sunday is coming.

Blessings,
Rev. Josh Hughes



Our Lenten theme this year is "Because He Lives, I Can Face..."

We will begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on March 2 at 6:15 pm.

Beginning March 9, you will have two options on Wednesday evenings.

- 1) We will watch and discuss the 2nd season of "The Chosen."
- 2) Dr. Smith will lead a Bible study on forgiveness.

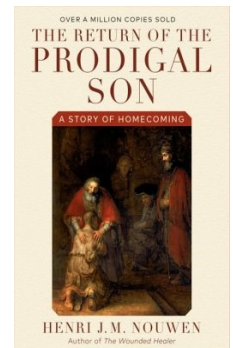
We will take up a Lent offering of \$1 per day for the 40 days of Lent. Our offerings will provide meals for the children at the Christian Activity Center in East St. Louis and other supplies for our mission trip.

Stewards of Children Training

Stewards of Children is a child sexual abuse prevention education program. The program consists of learning the facts of abuse, learning how to recognize signs and symptoms of abuse, and how to react responsibly to known or discovered abuse. Angie Gragg from Robin's Nest will be here to present this informative program to any members and guests who would be interested in taking part in this training. The training will be held at Frist Baptist on Sunday, March 13, from 3:00-5:00 PM. Please sign up by contacting the church office.

Dr. Smith's Book Club

Dr. Smith's March Book Club selection is The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen. The group will meet via Zoom on Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 PM for discussion. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.





WEDNESDAY NIGHT meal

Supper is served from 5:15 to 6:00 PM each Wednesday. Please add your name to the permanent reservation list or contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that Wednesday.

- March 2Smoked Sausage, Cooked Cabbage, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Dessert
- March 9Sloppy Joes, Slaw, Chips, Pickles, Dessert
- March 16Marry Me Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Crescent Rolls, Dessert
- March 23Pizza Pasta Bake, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- March 30Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Toppings, Tortilla Chips & Salsa, Dessert

WORSHIP volunteers

March: David Stevens, Brian & Mary Teague, Edie Stader, John & Chapel Davis, Anne-Lindsey Beall, Mitzi White



- Sunday, March, 6 Regular Schedule
- Sunday, March 13 Regular Schedule
- Sunday, March 20 Regular Schedule
- Sunday, March 27 Regular Schedule



Sunday, May 22nd
BBQ / Music / Fellowship
Details coming soon!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 3/1 Emily Fox (19)
- 3/5 Sarah Vincent
Luke Woodbury
- 3/6 Yvonne Roberts
- 3/7 Steve Bumgarner
Houston Lawing
Virginia Mullis
Katie Smith (21)
- 3/8 Joe Gibbons
- 3/9 Judy Perry
- 3/12 Erin Greene
Lora Richardson
- 3/13 Matt Kirby
Deb Lien
- 3/14 Judy Daughtridge
- 3/16 Lindsey Braswell
Bill Pendry
- 3/17 Maddy Reid (16)
- 3/18 Sherrill German
- 3/19 Cindy McCurry
Ashton Woodruff (13)
- 3/21 Matthew Walker
Nicholas Walker
- 3/22 Alice Clark
Kim Hinton
Edie Stader
- 3/24 Brian Teague
- 3/25 Matthew Land (17)
- 3/26 Dylan Gragg
- 3/27 Robert Benfield
Gwyn Icenhour
- 3/29 Mary Teague
- 3/30 Ellen Bryson
- 3/31 Tim Poarch
Erin Smith

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2022
\$836,680.00
YTD Budget Receipts
\$187,027.83

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