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Lent: A Time for Reflection, Sacrifice, and Spiritual Growth

by Vision Editorial Team

As a Christian observance, Lent is a time of reflection, sacrifice, and spiritual growth. It is a period of 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday that commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During this time, Christians are encouraged to engage in practices such as fasting, prayer, and giving as a way to deepen their faith and relationship with God.

Benefits of Lenten Practices

Lenten practices offer numerous benefits to Christians who participate in them. Here are some of the ways that Lent can benefit your spiritual life:

1. Increased Humility

One of the primary benefits of Lent is the opportunity to develop humility. By acknowledging our weaknesses and limitations through fasting and other forms of self-denial, we can become more aware of our dependence on God's grace.

2. Intentionality

Lent also offers an opportunity to develop intentionality in our spiritual lives. By setting aside time for prayer and reflection on God's word, we can cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in our daily lives.

3. Empathy for Others

Through acts of charity and almsgiving during Lent, we can develop greater empathy for others who may be struggling or in need. This can help us to become more compassionate and loving towards those around us.

How to Participate in Lent

If you're interested in participating in Lent this year but aren't sure where to start, here are some ideas:

- **Fasting**

Fasting involves abstaining from food or certain types of food for a period of time as an act of self-discipline and sacrifice. Some people choose to fast from meat on Fridays during Lent or give up sweets or alcohol for the entire season.

- **Prayer**

Prayer is an essential part of any Christian's spiritual life but can be especially meaningful during Lent. Consider setting aside time each day for quiet reflection or attending additional church services during this season.

- **Giving**

Giving generously to those in need is an act of charity and love. Consider donating money or volunteering your time at a local charity organization during Lent.

Participating in Lenten practices can benefit Christians seeking to deepen their faith and relationship with God. Whether through fasting, prayer, or acts of charity, there are many ways to engage with this important observance and experience its transformative power.

**Mar-May
2025**



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As we enter the season of Lent, we are reminded of the call to draw closer to God through spiritual discipline and intentional reflection. James 4:8 encourages us with this profound promise: “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” This verse beautifully reflects the heart of Lent—a season to pause, seek God more fervently, and grow in our faith.

Lent is a time to embrace spiritual practices such as prayer, fasting, and Scripture meditation, allowing us to align our hearts with God’s will. In doing so, we fulfill another powerful verse, Psalm 42:1, which says, “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.” Let’s be inspired by these words to thirst after God’s presence in our daily lives, knowing He meets us in our seeking.

Since our last newsletter, our congregation has shared many memorable moments together! We’ve continued to strengthen our bonds through delicious and fun fellowship meals, including a chili cookoff, critter dinner, Souper Bowl fellowship, and meatloaf fellowship. Each event has been a testament to the joy and unity found in dining together as one body in Christ.

For Valentine’s Day, we celebrated love and commitment with a Sweethearts Night Out, enjoying a spaghetti dinner and the inspiring movie Fireproof.

In February, several of our members attended the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC) annual training event and the Annual Bible Conference, where they were equipped with tools to deepen their spiritual walks and support our church family.

Looking ahead, we are excitedly preparing for a one-day mission trip to assist flood victims in West Virginia. This will be a meaningful opportunity to serve and embody Christ’s love by helping families clean out their homes and rebuild after devastating flooding.

As winter’s ice and snow have melted, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of spring and the promise of new beginnings it brings. Just as the earth begins to bloom again, let us allow our hearts to be renewed in Christ, drawing near to Him in this season. As we get closer to Resurrection Day “Easter” let us also remember the sacrifice that Christ made for each of us, and that like the grass He didn’t remain dead but arose on the third day having victory over death, hell, and the grave.

Don’t forget to watch the calendar so that you don’t miss anything. Thank you for being part of this vibrant church family. Let’s continue to grow in faith, love, and service together.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff

March-May Service Times

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday Services 6:00 pm



Main Street Baptist Church youth have been challenged in 2025 to memorize the books of the Bible. We also have been diving into tough questions such as where did Jesus go for the three days after the crucifixion. We have many activities planned for this year. We will kick off our first activity at Winterjam in Charleston WV on March 7. We are also looking forward to the Supermarket sweep challenge against Lifespring church where we will face off to find items the fastest at the grocery store while also coming in under budget. The ultimate goal will be to fill up the blessing boxes in Point Pleasant to help those in need with the times from our shopping spree. Youth Sunday will be held on April 13. Please join us as we worship our Heavenly Father on Palm Sunday. Once again we thank you for your support of our youth.

Christa Grady

As you read last newsletter, I recently purchased the cup pictured because I loved the idea of learning from and being motivated in my walk with Jesus by “Women of the Bible.” While we have all likely heard of most of the women on the cup, I thought some of you might want to join me on this journey to discover more about each woman and the phrases associated with them. Thank you for the kind words about the first article! So, this is the second of the series of articles focusing on one of the women from the Bible listed on the cup!

“Pray Like Hannah”

The story of Hannah, found in 1 Samuel 1, offers a powerful model for prayer, especially when we are facing personal struggles. Hannah, a woman deeply distressed by her inability to have children, turned to God in her pain with a prayer of deep honesty and desperation. “In bitterness of soul, Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord” (1 Samuel 1:10). She didn’t shy away from expressing her heartache; instead, she brought her raw emotions before God, trusting that He would listen. Hannah’s example reminds us that God welcomes our honest, unfiltered prayers and desires to hear the cries of our hearts, no matter how heavy they may be.

We also see that Hannah’s prayer was not a one-time request—she prayed persistently. Year after year, she continued to come before God, even when it seemed like nothing was happening. Though the answer seemed delayed, she never gave up. This persistence is another lesson for us—often, our prayers require patience and endurance, trusting that God’s timing is perfect. Like Hannah, we should be encouraged to keep praying even when the answer seems long in coming, believing that God is always at work behind the scenes.

Ultimately, Hannah’s prayer is one of surrender. After asking God for a child, she promised to dedicate him to the Lord’s service. She was willing to trust God with the outcome, whether or not it aligned with her desires. Her willingness to surrender her deepest longing to God is an act of faith that we can emulate. As we pray, may we learn to trust God not only with our requests but also with the outcome, knowing that His plans for us are always for our good and His glory. So, hopefully we will all learn to Pray Like Hannah, to be truthful with God (trusting Him the good and the bad); to be persistent in our prayer; and to surrender it all to God. In so doing, we will undoubtedly be blessed as Hannah was!

(Future articles: Serve Like Martha, Dance Like Miriam, Teach Like Priscilla, Overcome Like Naomi, Fight Like Jael, Believe Like Mary, Lead Like Deborah, and Sacrifice Like Esther)

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Church Announcements

March

- 3/7 Youth Group going to Winter Jam
leaving @5pm
- 3/9 Daylight Savings
- 3/9 Quarterly Business meeting
- 3/9 Foundations small groups @6pm
- 3/14 Pro-Life Rally @State Capitol
- 3/15 Mission Trip to Williamson WV
- 3/16 Youth Group "Super Market Sweep"
@12pm
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/19 Deacons Meeting @7pm

April

- 4/6 Communion & Fellowship Meal
- 4/13 Palm Sunday Youth Program
- 4/18 Good Friday Service @6pm
- 4/20 Easter
- 4/20 Sunrise service @6:30 followed by
breakfast

May

- 5/5-7 Spring Goldeneers Retreat
@Parchment Valley
- 5/18 Senior Sunday
- 5/26 Memorial Day



Ongoing Outreach Ministries

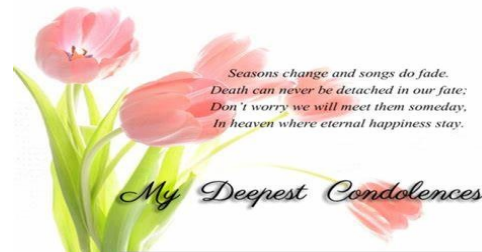
Mason County **Baby Pantry**
Mason County **Food Pantry**
MCTC **hygiene product drive** for Mason Co
teens

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Prayer Requests

Roger Tulanowski
Jerry and Kitty Perry
Terry Gillespie
Melissa Tibbetts
Marjorie Logan
Richard Weston
David & Sharon Cole
Ron Fetty
Georgia Ingerson
Edna Scarberry
Jeri White
Ada DelRosario
Jeffery DelRosario
Sammie Doolittle
Ileene Fetty
Kim Litchfield
Amber Layton
Dylan Handley
Sheree Holley

Lauretta Jackson
Caroline Landers
Kathy Wheeler
Mariaisabel Lopez
Mary Biggs
Jack Coles
Jessica Williams
Loretta Ohlinger
Randy Randolph
Jennifer Fetty
Tom Summers
Renee Meek
WV Legislature
Foster Families
Church Growth
Our Youth
Our Military
First Responders
Homeless Community
People Struggling with mental health



Christian sympathy to the friends and family of:

Sampy Hart
Jessi Hall
Tim Nicely
Kase Phoenix
J.D Reed

Celebrations

March Birthdays

David Price	3/01
Barbara Brumfield	3/02
Kaitlyn Handley	3/05
Larry Jones	3/09
Catherine Payne	3/10
Imaly Fetty	3/13
Xander Wilson	3/13
Raegan Price	3/16
Robin Jones	3/27
JT Holland	3/28
Emma Thomas	3/28

Ed & Diana Cromley	3/26
David & Sharon Cole	3/27
Rime & Deanna Stover	3/28

March Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Jamin Cole	4/04
Joyce Eshenaur	4/05
Diana Johnson	4/05
Kristen Handley	4/09
Trent Handley	4/11
David Cole	4/14
Sara Gaskins	4/14
Patrick Holland	4/15
Anna Maria Butler	4/21
Cindy Lee	4/21
Mya Huckaby	4/23

Rick Handley	4/29
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April Anniversaries

Jeff & Ileene Fetty	4/16
Dennis & Barbara Brumfield	4/25

May Birthdays

Jade Lawrence	5/05
Jimmy Jordan	5/06
Dylan Handley	5/10
Kimberly Hunt	5/13
Marjorie Logan	5/14
Ileene Fetty	5/16
Kenneth Long	5/17
Rick Hunt	5/19
Triston Wilson	5/20

Lowell Gillespie	5/23
Jeff Chambers	5/25
Denise Long	5/27
Mikayla DeVault	5/29

May Anniversaries

Jerry & Sarah Casto	5/07
Michael & Lora Young	5/19
Ron & Frieda Greathouse	5/23
David & Brooke Price	5/28