

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN DEVOTION - "*Rend your heart, and not your garments*" Joel 2:13. [By Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), from MORNING AND EVENING, Dec. 18. MORNING AND EVENING is available on the web and as an app.] Garment rending and other outward signs of religious emotion are easily manifested and are FREQUENTLY HYPOCRITICAL; but to feel true repentance is far more difficult, and consequently far less common. Men will attend to the most multiplied and minute ceremonial regulations--for such things are pleasing to the flesh--but true religion is too humbling, too heart-searching, too thorough for the tastes of the carnal men; they prefer something more ostentatious, flimsy, and worldly. Outward observances are temporarily comfort-able; eye and ear are pleased; self-conceit is fed, and self-righteousness is puffed up: but they are ultimately delusive, for in the article of death, and at the day of judgment, the soul needs something more substantial than ceremonies and rituals to lean upon. Apart from vital godliness all religion is utterly vain; offered without a sincere heart, every form of worship is a solemn sham and an impudent mockery of the majesty of heaven.

Heart-rending is divinely wrought and solemnly felt. It is a secret grief which is personally experienced, not in mere form, but as a deep, soul-moving work of the Holy Spirit upon the inmost heart of each believer. It is not a matter to be merely talked of and believed in, but keenly and sensitively felt in every living child of the living God. It is powerfully humiliating, and completely sin-purging; but then it is sweetly preparative for those gracious consolations which proud unhumiliated spirits are unable to receive; and it is distinctly discriminating, for it belongs to the elect of God, and to them alone.

The text commands us to **rend our hearts**, but they are naturally hard as marble: how, then, can this be done? We must take them to Calvary: a dying Savior's voice rent the rocks once, and it is as powerful now. O blessed Spirit, let us hear the death-cries of Jesus, and our hearts shall be rent even as men rend their vestures in the day of lamentation.

LPC PRAYER CHAIN - Please join us in prayer ministry by contacting the church office, or email Sherri Bogdan, shegolfdog@yahoo.com, or Betty Sue Safley, dukeandncstate@yahoo.com. This ministry blesses many!

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Bootise Creason in the death of her cousin, Mickey Raynor.

HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST UPDATED. Let us know if there is someone we need to add or remove. No limit to how long we will keep a name on the list, we just need to update from time to time. Contact Jonnie at 754-5351 or jonnie@lenoirpres.org

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help in the church office a few hours each day. Mornings or afternoons are available, you choose the day and time. Contact Jonnie at 754-5351 or jonnie@lenoirpres.org

REPLANTED, support for fostering/adopting families, meets at LPC each month. They need volunteers for childcare during meetings. Contact Brenda Stevens at 630-263-4320 or musicartsofwheaton@att.net

PRAYERS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

After-hours pastoral crisis, call/text Rob Hinman, 828-292-2508.
Property issues or Friday access, call Donald Lee 828-499-4408.

JOIN THE STAFF AS WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Adam, Karyn, Alicyn and Corynne Sterken; Pam Steuer and Garrett Hamby; Jeff, Brenda, Caroline, Rose, Jack, Shane, Aedon and Graham Stevens; Nancy Stevens; Robbs and Melinda Strange and their children, Kadie, Hayden and Sydney; Steve and Connie Strange

MILITARY: George Bernhardt; Brian and Jennifer Corley (Jan Nash's nephew and his wife); David Drake (Miriam Fullam's nephew); Jake Henry (Melanie Blair's brother-in-law); Jason Jenkins; Devon Lord (Darcy Evans' nephew); Tylor Moore, deploys to Afghanistan in April (Cissy Kepper's nephew); Andrew Odell (Laura Easton's nephew); Nathan Summers; Alex Whisnant; Patrick Zeller, Brenden Zeller and Bailey Zeller (grandsons of Dave and Sylvia Jackson)

EXPECTING BABIES:

Adam & Leah Felmler (girl, March); Paul and April Farringer (March); Logan and Jacqueline Delk Joyce (boy, June), Dave and Adrienne Williams (twins, July).



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LPC Talent Show

March 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Bring an Italian-themed covered-dish to share.
We're looking for 12 great performers!
Contact Frances Delk or Michelle Crisp!

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

Home

Brown, Bud (Hospice care)
and Betty
Paxson, Tom
(John Paxson's brother,
Ohio)

Brookdale (Lenoir Park)

Bernhardt, Jean
Clark, Jo
Cloer, John (Anna Josey's dad)
McKee, Anyce

Shaire Center

McMillan, Penny

OUR CHURCH AND FAMILY PRAYER LIST:

Please help us keep this list current; contact
jonnie@lenoirpres.org or 754-5351 with changes.

Adkins, Joey (Teresa Larson's dad)
Adkins, Patty
(Teresa Larson's sister)
Bair, Gerry
Beall, Harper
Bowen, Jean (John's mother)
Chambers, Brent
(Sue McKee's brother)
Chase, Rahn (LeNora's brother)
Collins, Wes (home)
Creger, Mark
Crosland, Dave and Anne (Anne-
cancer, Miriam Fullam's parents)
Eller, Brice (Scott's father)
Finley, Jim (knee surgery)
Foster Parents
Gatlin, David
(Brenda Stevens' brother)
Gayle, Ben and Mary; Daniel and
Jana LeBlanc (brother and niece
of Patty Myers)
Good, Maury
Graeber, Jim
Haas, Jane (pancreatic cancer)
Henry, Jake & Julie (Melanie Blair's
brother-in-law and sister)
Herman, Jeff (cancer)
Israel
Kingdom growth!
Lee, Stephanie (Donald Lee's wife)
McCarl, Lucy (cancer)
Marley, Larry
(Jeannie Corriher's brother)
Mayne, Larry (Asbury Place, Leroy
Mayne's brother)

Miller, Jim (home)
Missionaries in Hungary
Myers, Barbara (foot injury);
(also Barbara's great-grandchildren
born prematurely)
Myers III, Guy
Nelson, Doug (colon cancer)
Our ministry partners
Overcash, Betty
(Cris Bayne's stepmom)
Pate, Maureen
(Kathy Proctor's sister)
Persecuted Christians worldwide
Proctor, Kathy (back issues)
Prongay, Lou (Ginger's mom)
Raines, Jason and Nancy
(loss of son)
Raines, Jeni (Jason and Carol
Raines' daughter)
Reynolds, Anita
(Susan Shores' mother)
Safley, Jay
Shanks, Taylor Elizabeth
(Martha's Shanks'
great-granddaughter)
Syria and persecuted Christians
Temple, David
(cancer is now in remission)
Those without a church home
Tilley, Doug
Unsaved friends and family
Victims of natural disasters
White, Steve and Buffy (cancer)

SERVING THIS WEEK

GREETERS	8:45	Paul Norwood, Chris Jenkins Becky Bast, Cissy Kepper
	11:00	Becky Bast, Barry Spicer, Jennifer Robson
NURSERY	8:45	Myers
	10:00	Bair
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	8:45	Anders/Larson
	11:00	Sterken
ACOLYTE	11:00	Garrett Goudas
LAY READER	8:45	Annette Mayne
	11:00	Dottie Darsie
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU		Sloppy Joes, slaw, chips and dessert

Scrapbooking Jam

Ladies! Please join us for some fun and fellowship!
All ages 5 to 99 are invited to come and
learn how to scrapbook.

Friday, February 23

6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a snack or hors d'oeuvre to share

"Must wear pajamas to attend!" No Cost to You!

To reserve your place, contact Frances Delk (499-1108),
Tracey Terry (295-0101) or the church office.

Y O U T H N E W S

TODAY!

Agape Luncheon!

Today at 12:00 p.m.

Don't miss this chance to serve
and raise funds for Navajo!
Meet Brian in the Fellowship
Hall after 1st service.

TONIGHT!

Adult Leader Meeting!

Tonight at 4:30 p.m.

No Youth Group!

Thank you for serving at
the Agape Luncheon!

Brian Kane, Youth Director
(717) 404-7192 (call/text)

828-754-5351 ext. 104 (office) brian@lenoirpres.org

GET INVOLVED IN MINISTRY

February 18 - 25

Sunday (2/18)

8:45-9:40 a.m.

9:40-9:55 a.m.

9:55-10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Noon

4:00-5:30 p.m.

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Monday (2/19)

1:00 p.m.

Tuesday (2/20)

Noon

Noon

6:45 p.m.

Wednesday (2/21)

6:00-6:45 p.m.

6:45-7:15 p.m.

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6:30-7:30 p.m.

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday (2/22)

7:45 a.m.

9:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Sunday (2/25)

8:45-9:40 a.m.

9:40-9:55 a.m.

9:55-10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Afternoon/Evening

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship & Communion- Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Sunday School

Worship & Communion - Sanctuary

Agape Lunch - Fellowship Hall

Operation Christmas Child Workday - Fellowship Hall

Youth Adult Leaders' meeting - Youth Room

Staff meeting

Men's Bible Study - the Baynes' house

Men's Bible Study - Library

Bible Study Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

Supper

Pre-K through 5th grade

MS-HS Boys & Girls

Adults

Chancel Ringers

Chancel Choir

Men's Bible Study - Library

Women's Bible Study

Praise Band Rehearsal

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Sunday School

Worship - Sanctuary

Youth Skiing at App Ski Mountain

SAVE THE DATE!

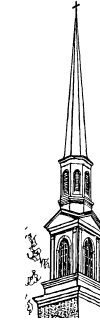
March 25 after the Palm Sunday Service

EASTER EGGSUBERANCE - Covered Dish Lunch and Fun
for all ages! Kids hunt eggs and adults fellowship!

April 27-29 - **FAMILY CAMP** - don't miss it!

July 15-19 - **VBS** (there's not another week like it at LPC!)

Questions? Contact Julie or Kori!



The Steeple

February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

Not by Might

Zechariah 4:6-9; Romans 9:30-10:10

The sermon for February 25 is "Trust and Obey."

The scripture lesson is Romans 10:11-21

Lent is the forty day season in the Church calendar between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. This is a period of preparation for the celebrations of Easter, that Christ became our paschal (Passover) Lamb, dying for our sins and rising for our redemption and restoration. It's a time for evangelism and conversion, for growing through repentance, fellowship, prayer, fasting, and reflection on our baptismal covenant. While many "give up" something for Lent, it is better to think about "taking on" a new receptivity to God's grace revealed in the mystery of God with us. Soli Deo Gloria - Glory to God alone!