

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR NEW SAFETY TEAM** is working to maintain a more secure environment for all. On Sundays, outside doors will be unlocked closer to the time that space is used, beginning with the Fellowship Hall and moving up toward the Sanctuary. Thank you for patience if you ever encounter a locked door, and let us know how we can help you and keep all as safe as possible!

**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 unhumbled 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.

**HANDY?** Do you enjoy making things work and look as great as possible? Your church Property Team needs your help. From setting priorities to meeting with contractors to simple repairs, we need more members on our team. Contact the church office or Elder Mike Bayne at [704-792-6914](tel:704-792-6914).

**HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST UPDATED.** Let us know when to add or remove a name. Contact Jonnie (754-5351 or [jonnie@lenoirpres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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:

Steve and Cindy Strickler; Bill and Susan Stronach; Louise Sullivan; Nathan, Megan and Colton Summers; Larry and Penny Taylor

**MILITARY:** George Bernhardt; John Church IV, deploys to Afghanistan in April; 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 & April Farringer (boy, March); Logan & Jacqueline Delk Joyce (boy, June), Dave & Adrienne Williams (twins, July).



### My Church App

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for Lenoir Presbyterian Church

It is simple to download...

Text **LENOIRPRES APP** to **77977**  
**That's l-e-n-o-i-r-p-r-e-s (space) a-p-p to 7-7-9-7-7**

At LPC, we connect with real people connecting to the  
real Lord Jesus. Now stay connected 24/7 on your device.

### SAVE THE DATES!

**March 17 SERVING SATURDAY 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Bring your work gloves, wheel barrows, dust clothes and  
cleaning supplies and make God's house shine!  
Contact Mike Bayne with questions (704-792-6914)

**March 25 EASTER EGGSUBERANCE**

after the Palm Sunday Service, 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 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Questions? Contact Julie ([julie@lenoirpres.org](mailto:julie@lenoirpres.org)) or  
Kori ([kori@lenoirpres.org](mailto:kori@lenoirpres.org))

## 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](mailto:jonnie@lenoirpres.org) or 754-5351 with changes.

Adkins, Joey (Teresa Larson's dad)	Miller, Jim (home)
Adkins, Patty (Teresa Larson's sister)	Missionaries in Hungary
Bair, Gerry	Myers, Barbara (foot injury); (also Barbara's great-grandchildren born prematurely)
Beall, Harper	Myers III, Guy
Bowen, Jean (John's mother)	Nelson, Doug (colon cancer)
Chambers, Brent (Sue McKee's brother)	Our ministry partners
Chase, Rahn (LeNora's brother)	Overcash, Betty (Cris Bayne's stepmom)
Collins, Wes (home)	Pate, Maureen (Kathy Proctor's sister)
Creger, Mark	Persecuted Christians worldwide
Crosland, Dave and Anne (Anne- cancer, Miriam Fullam's parents)	Proctor, Kathy (back issues)
Eller, Brice (Scott's father)	Prongay, Lou (Ginger's mom)
Finley, Jim (knee surgery)	Raines, Jason and Nancy (loss of son)
Foster Parents	Raines, Jeni (Jason and Carol Raines' daughter)
Gatlin, David (Brenda Stevens' brother)	Reynolds, Anita (Susan Shores' mother)
Gayle, Ben and Mary; Daniel and Jana LeBlanc (brother and niece of Patty Myers)	Safley, Jay
Good, Maury	Shanks, Taylor Elizabeth (Martha's Shanks' great-granddaughter)
Graeber, Jim	Syria and persecuted Christians
Haas, Jane (pancreatic cancer)	Temple, David (cancer is now in remission)
Henry, Jake & Julie (Melanie Blair's brother-in-law and sister)	Those without a church home
Herman, Jeff (cancer)	Tilley, Doug
Israel	Unsaved friends and family
Kingdom growth!	Victims of natural disasters
Lee, Stephanie (Donald Lee's wife)	White, Steve and Buffy (cancer)
McCarl, Lucy (cancer)	
Marley, Larry (Jeannie Corriher's brother)	
Mayne, Larry (Asbury Place, Leroy Mayne's brother)	

*Please reach out!*

## SERVING THIS WEEK

<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>8:45</b>	Paul Norwood, Chris Jenkins Becky Bast, Cissy Kepper
	<b>11:00</b>	Becky Bast, Barry Spicer, Jennifer Robson
<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>8:45</b>	Johnson
	<b>10:00</b>	Nash
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	<b>8:45</b>	Hinman/Chase
	<b>11:00</b>	Greer
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>11:00</b>	Ridge Hedrick
<b>LAY READER</b>	<b>8:45</b>	Jeff Crisp
	<b>11:00</b>	Darcy Evans
<b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU</b>		baked chicken, green beans, rice, salad, rolls and dessert

## GET INVOLVED IN MINISTRY

February 25 - March 4

### 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.  
5:30-6:00 p.m.  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

### Monday (2/26)

1:00 p.m.  
5:15 p.m.  
5:45 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday (2/27)

Noon  
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6:45 p.m.

### Wednesday (2/28)

6:00-6:45 p.m.  
6:45-7:15 p.m.  
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6:45-7:15 p.m.  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
7:30-8:30 p.m.

### Thursday (3/1)

7:45 a.m.  
9:15 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

### Sunday (3/4)

8:45-9:40 a.m.  
9:40-9:55 a.m.  
9:55-10:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
5:30-6:00 p.m.  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship Fellowship Hall  
Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
Sunday School  
Worship - Sanctuary  
Youth Dinner - Fellowship Hall  
Youth Groups

### Staff meeting

Coordinating Council - Large Conference Room  
Supper - Finance Committee serving  
Committee Meetings  
Officers Worship - Chapel  
Officers' Meetings

### Men's Bible Study - the Baynes' house

Men's Bible Study - Library  
Bible Study Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

### Supper

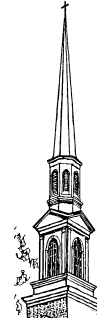
Pre-K through 5th grade  
MS-HS Boys & Girls  
Adults  
Chancel Ringers  
Chancel Choir

### Men's Bible Study - Library

Women's Bible Study  
Praise Band Rehearsal

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship Fellowship Hall  
Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
Sunday School  
Worship - Sanctuary  
Youth Dinner - Fellowship Hall  
Youth Groups



# The Steeple

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

Trust and Obey

Romans 10:11-21

The sermon for March 4 is, "The Grace Remnant."  
The scripture lesson is Romans 11:1-10.

## Annual Talent Show and Italian Night Covered Dish Dinner

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 5:30 P.M.

Bring an Italian-themed covered-dish to share.  
Donations will be accepted to keep Family Camp affordable.

*We're looking for 12 great performers!*

Contact Frances Delk (499-1108) or  
Michelle Crisp (572-1708).

Y O U T H N E

### TONIGHT!

#### Youth Group!

(5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

#### The Letter to the Galatians

Gospel-Concern  
Galatians 4:8-20

### COMING UP!

#### Mid-Week Tune-Up!

(Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.)

#### The Sermon on the Mount:

Christ's Kingdom Here  
Matthew 5:8-12

Brian Kane, Youth Director  
(717) 404-7192 (call/text)  
828-754-5351 ext. 104 (office) [brian@lenoirpres.org](mailto:brian@lenoirpres.org)

**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!