
The Beacon

The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church



Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful reeducated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the

New Testament observed Lent, believing it to be commanded by the apostles. Just as we prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The Christian journey that began in Advent as we waited for the coming Christ-child now continues as we move toward the cross. Each Lenten Sunday, beginning March 1, our worship service will include a symbolic representation of some aspect of our journey. The journey toward the cross is not an easy journey, and it can seem dark and troublesome. But we also know that we do not make the journey alone. You are invited to join us each week for worship as we enter into this important part of the Christian year, faithfully following the path that will lead us to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the celebration of Easter.



Birthdays

- 1: Paul Reed
- 4: Russell Holt
- 14: Beverly Derr
- 16: Betty Thomas
- 17: Nancy Reed
- 20: Judy Hairfield
- 24: Dean Welton
- 25: Jeanette Townsend
- 28: Ellen Shaw
- 29: Virginia Knighton
Barbara Reynolds

Anniversary

- 23: Richard and Erica Inge



Let's Get Together

Deacon's Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Humphrey Home Dinner
at the home of
Gwen & Terry Donohue
Saturday, March 21, 2020
5:00 p.m.



LINDSEY HERSHNER
recently passed the
Clinical Social Worker
Licensure examination.



Worship with your Pine Street family
during the season of Lent.

The Joyful Seniors of P.S.B.C.

Men and Women Age 66 and Above

Mission Activities - Entertainment - Fellowship

Second Tuesday of Each Month

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

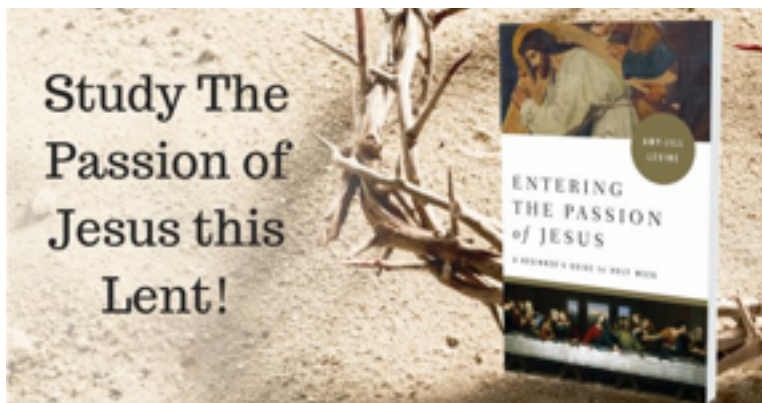
You are Invited to the Introductory Lunch

Pine Street Baptist Church

March 10, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a Time of Mission Emphasis, Fun, and Fellowship

Make your reservation to attend by contacting Marguerite Carlson, Gwen Donohue, or the church office by March 4, 2020.



A NEW BIBLE STUDY begins on Wednesday, March 4. In this study we will observe Jesus in the last week of his life as he makes his way to the cross. This study

includes Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, his encounter with the money-changers in the temple, his last teachings to his disciples, an unusual dinner at a house in Bethany, the last supper with his disciples in the upper room, and his anguish in the garden. The study is supplemented with the video teaching of New Testament scholar Amy Jill-Levine. Join us each Wednesday night for this Lenten study.

By the Numbers



On Sunday, March 29, you are invited to stay after church for the second gathering session as we continue the journey of discernment for our church. You are invited to bring and share a covered dish for our fellowship lunch. After the lunch, we will spend some time sharing information about our church's numerical health: attendance, financial giving, congregational makeup, and annual expenses. This meeting will be an opportunity to see how the numbers add up as we consider our mission and ministry for the future. This information will be helpful as we prayerfully move through this discernment process.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.



In an effort to assure that the building is properly secured, the Church Operations Team is asking that everyone leave the building within thirty minutes of the end of church activities. On Sunday, for example, everyone should be out of the building by 12:45, with the exception being the tellers who are counting the offering. We thank you for your cooperation.

Envelope Offering through February 16, 2020

Budget: \$18,207

Given: \$14,320

Deficit: \$3,887