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# The Beacon

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The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church



## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we reflect on our mortality, sinfulness, and need of a savior; to renew our commitment to daily repentance in the Lenten season and in all of life; and to remember with confidence and gratitude that Christ has conquered death and sin. At this time it is uncertain if we will worship virtually or in-person, but we will worship together in some format on Wed., February 17th.



## The Season of Lent

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17th. The death and resurrection of Jesus is not the complete gospel story, but these two events are at the heart of it. Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is the season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or graduation commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith on Easter Sunday; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of Jesus. In these forty days of Lent may we each explore and deepen a spirituality that centers on our union with Christ.

*February Birthdays*

3: Carissa Downer  
Kara Hertsch

6: Jessi Vaught

10: Rose Floyd

20: Angie Guill

**New Address**

Annis & Charlotte Blair  
12401 Gayton Rd., Apt. 238  
Richmond, VA 23238

**New Address**

Kara Hertsch  
Kennedi Hertsch  
5349 Hull Street Road  
Lot 64  
Richmond, VA 23224

**Envelope Offering**  
***(through Jan. 24)***

Budget: \$10,328  
Given: \$6,931

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be having our Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner this year. We look forward to pancakes, sausage, apples, and great fellowship next year.

**COVID-19 Vaccines**

Vaccinations for the COVID-19 virus have begun. If you are wanting to receive the vaccine, you may need to contact your doctor, county health agency, or other organization to see if you currently qualify and to make an appointment. Additionally, when you receive the vaccination, and if you are comfortable doing so, please call the church office and let us know so that we can keep up with how vaccinations are going for our congregation.

**Offering Envelopes and 2021 Directories**

New offering envelopes that will run from March 2021 through February 2022 are currently being prepared. Distribution of envelopes and the new 2021 church directory this year may be dependent on where we stand with the pandemic and how soon we will be returning to in-person worship. New decisions will be made in the next week or two, and we will be in further communication with you once these decisions are made.

**Offering**

Remember your offering? Our financial giving remains an important part of our worship. Your offering may be mailed to the church or brought in person and put in the mail deposit box. Thank you.

