

THE BEACON

The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church

Choir Rehearsal

February 11

February 25

Immediately Following
Worship



Happy Birthday

- 3: Carissa Downer
Kara Hertsch
- 6: Jessi Vaught
- 10: Rose Floyd
- 20: Angie Guill

Save the Date

Tuesday, February 13th, 6:00 P.M.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Let's welcome in the Lenten season with food, fellowship, and entertainment as we gather in the Fellowship Hall for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. The cost for the evening will be \$6.00 per person, \$3.00 per child, with a maximum of \$15 for your immediate family. All proceeds go to support the church's benevolence fund. Let's invite our family, friends, and former members as we prepare for the season of Lent as we move toward Easter. Please sign up by contacting Clint Jackson in the church office or on the bulletin board downstairs outside the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, Feb. 11th. If you cannot attend, you may contribute to the benevolence fund by writing a check and putting benevolence fund in the memo section. Hope to see everyone there!



THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which Christians anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we prepare for special events like weddings and graduations, Lent invites us to prepare our hearts for remembering the passion of Jesus and celebrating the resurrection. The practice of a forty-day time of preparation began in the third and fourth centuries. The number forty has biblical significance based on the forty years the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness and Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through holy week. The traditional color for the season is purple. As part of your Lenten preparation, you are invited to join us as we worship together on the six Sundays of Lent, as well as our Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday special services.

Ash Wednesday Worship
February 14th

Maundy Thursday Worship
March 28th



Lenten Sermon Series: What We Must Let Go Of...

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives?"

— Mark 8:34-36 CEB



"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

— Catherine Doherty

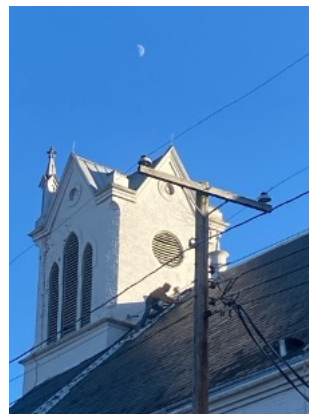


2024 Deacon Ministry

Meredith Carrington, Susan Townsend, Barbara Sprouse, Jessica Kirby,
Jennifer Downer, Charlie Clark, Terry Donohue

Roofing Work Completed

The work approved by the church on the sanctuary roof and steeple was completed over the course of the holidays and the New Year at the original cost of \$11,900 by Richmond Slate. Thanks to Marie for extra time spent at the building while they completed their work.



Dear Pine Street Community,

As we enter the season of Lent, let us embark on a journey of self-reflection and spiritual growth. Lent is a time for introspection, a period where we draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, let us use these 40 days to strengthen our faith, examine our hearts, and deepen our relationship with God.

During this season, consider taking moments of solitude for prayer and meditation. Reflect on your life, your choices, and seek forgiveness for any shortcomings. As we fast, whether from certain foods or habits, let it be a reminder of our dependence on God and our commitment to living a life that aligns with God's teachings.

Let us also remember the significance of sacrifice and service. Reach out to those in need, extend a helping hand, and embody the love and compassion that Jesus exemplified. In our journey through Lent, may we emerge spiritually renewed, ready to celebrate the joy of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord.

May this Lenten season be a time of transformation, drawing us closer to the light of God's grace. May we emerge stronger, more compassionate, and with hearts full of gratitude.

Blessings to you all during this sacred season.

In His service,

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