



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLEBURNE TX

Lent 2012

What is the Season of Lent?

Find the day for Easter on the calendar;
This year that will be April 8.
Count backwards 40 days from Easter,
But skip every Sunday.
Why?

Because every Sunday is a celebration
of Easter.

When you get to 40, if you've counted
correctly, it will always be a
Wednesday.

This year, that's February 22.
Every year's different because every
year Easter is different.

Lent is 40 days;
40 days to prepare for Easter.

There are many '40s' in the Bible.
It rained for forty days and nights
on Noah in the ark.

Moses was on the mountain for forty
days receiving the Ten Commandments.

The children of Israel wandered
for forty years in the wilderness
before they entered the Promised Land.

Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days

in preparation for his public ministry.
There are others, but all of the '40s' have
suggested a time of spiritual
preparation.

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Down through the centuries, Christians
have done something intentional during
Lent to prepare themselves spiritually -
Reading of Scripture,
intentional times of prayer and worship.
What will you do during Lent
to prepare for Easter?

This newsletter makes a number of
suggestions. During Lent, I will be
preaching about Jesus' walk to the
Cross, "The Cross: A Journey of Hope."

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The worst thing you can do is nothing,
And wind up wasting these 40 days!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Robert

ADULT MINISTRIES

Women's Bible Study

James: Mercy, Triumph

by Beth Moore

8-week study beginning:

Mondays, Feb. 27 – April 23, 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesdays, Feb. 28 – April 24, 9:30-11:00 AM

Participant Book: \$15.00

New Adult Sunday School Class

Join us beginning February 26 in a new adult Sunday School class. The class will explore the last 24 hours of Jesus' life by using a book written by Adam Hamilton. We will meet in room 109 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. each Sunday. Adam Hamilton's book will take us through the season of Lent. Come just for this study during Lent or with hopes of continuing as a class beyond Lent. This class will be facilitated by Kim Long.

Grief Recovery

March 6 - April 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The group will meet in the Parlor. All are welcome.

Caregiver Support Group—Begins March 5

It will meet the first Monday of every month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Join us.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

PrimeTimers Monthly Meeting

Games & Lunch

Thursday, March 15—Youth Activities Bldg.

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The PrimeTimers Special Event

See the Musical Comedy (Presented by Carnegie)

Murders of 1940—Directed by Dick Helmcamp

Sunday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m.

Cleburne Conference Center—\$6.00

Contact to reserve your seat:

Helen Herron 817-645-8455

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STUDENT MINISTRIES

Mission Trip Sign-Up

Sunday, February 19, Noon-1:00pm, YAB

Please bring your drivers license, medical insurance information, and \$100 deposit for registration. Scholarships are available. See Matt.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22

7:00 p.m.

Youth Service

during FUSION

Youth Activities Building

FUSION: Youth Worship

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.

Youth Activities Building

During Lent, we will explore preparation. How do we prepare ourselves? And what do we need to prepare for? Our high school seniors will be doing most of the preaching.

Paintball

Wednesday, March 14

During Spring Break, we won't meet for FUSION, but we will meet to shoot each other.

Sign up for the paintball trip by paying \$20 to Matt Strom. This will include transportation, equipment, and paint.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Children - Wednesdays

K-2nd - Music Activities.

5:00-5:30 p.m.— Hazel Bell

3rd Grade - Recorders.

5:00-5:30 p.m.— Cathy Patterson

4th-5th Grade - Chimes.

5:30-6:00 p.m.— Hazel Bell

Adults - Wednesdays

Handbells (by audition) - 6:30 p.m.

Dick Helmcamp, Director

Sanctuary Choir - 7:30 p.m.

Weslee Vance, Director

SERMON SERIES AT “THE VINE”

SMALL TALK: Rediscovering the language of our faith, again (or for the first time!)

Let's be honest, some of the language Christians use is hard to understand, distorted from its original intended meanings, and often arrogant. We hear phrases on street corners from bullhorns such as “are you ‘saved’?” and most of us step back and wonder, well what does “saved” even mean?!

In the 6 weeks leading up to Easter, together during THE VINE, we will wrestle with some of the common language

of our faith and rediscover this language in its intended fullness. We will begin to re-learn the common talk of our faith and reclaim it...so that our Christian faith isn't reduced to mere “small talk”!

Join us each week at THE VINE Worship for this provocative series, modern worship music and a casual atmosphere. Come as you are!

Sundays, February 29-April 8

8:30 a.m in the Youth Activities Building

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

UPWARD SPORTS

The final games on the 18th and 25th are at First Baptist Church and Westhill Church of Christ. The Annual UPWARD AWARDS NIGHT celebration is Saturday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at Bethel Temple with awards for each participant, door prizes, and a top notch entertainer, Rick Landry as Captain Escape. All participants, coaches, and their families, along with referees, prayer warriors, and commissioners are invited to attend this celebration.

Ash Wednesday Service for Kids

A Special Ash Wednesday service has been scheduled for all children and their families on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 5 pm in the Sanctuary. If your child regularly attends E. M. T. or God Squad on Wednesday afternoons, this service will be included in their regular meeting time. Families are encouraged to begin the Lenten season with a special worship time with your children. Other Ash Wednesday services will be at 12 noon and 7 pm in the Sanctuary, and 7:30 pm in the Youth Center.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ROTATION begins February 26

“NAZARETH” (Where Jesus Was A Kid)

Includes: A Carpentry Shop, Celebration Hall, Games on the Square, Mary's House, Olive Oil Shop, Synagogue School and “The Tabernacle.”

As an adult, if you would like to take a glance at the mock Tabernacle that was created for the children's rotation this time, please fill more than welcome to visit it in the Children's Wing. Sunday, February 19th will be your last chance to visit a very important part of our biblical history. The tabernacle will then be taken down for our next Sunday school rotation — Nazareth.

Nursery News

We will be starting a new Sunday school class for the babies. This will be held in the Nursery While the older children are in the regular Sunday school rotation. I hope to see all the babies from birth to 2 years in this class. We will have music, movement, and lots of fun. And once again, Thank you for sharing your children with us!

FOCUS on the R.O.C.K. (RAISING OUR CHURCH KIDS)

The toddler years are critical to the child's future attitude toward authority. He should be patiently taught to obey without being expected to behave like an adult.

“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” - Psalm 119: 130

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

We're on FACEBOOK!

Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

8:30 a.m. - The VINE, YAB

10:50 a.m. - Sanctuary

See full calendar at:

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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

LENT IS FEBRUARY 22—APRIL 8

Ash Wednesday (February 22)

Ash Wednesdays Services

12:00 p.m.

Service for Congregation
Chapel

5:00 p.m.

Children's Service, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m.

Service for Congregation
Sanctuary

7:00 p.m.

Youth Service during FUSION, YAB

THURSDAY'S TABLE

Thursday's Table

Thursdays during Lent, YAB

February 23 through April 5

5:30 p.m.—\$3-5 love offering suggested -
the menu will be printed in the bulletin
each week. Sign up for the meal on Sun-
days in the Friendship Folders. RSVP by
the Tuesday before by noon. You may
also contact Sarah Bennett with your
reservations:

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MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Lenten Mission Opportunity

Labor for Your Neighbor

Saturday, March 3

Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the YABRepair
Homes, Build Ramps, Impact the Com-
munity. JOIN US! Register online! Go
to www.fumccleburne.com