



FPC Chronicle

First Presbyterian Church
Crystal Springs, MS



March 2020

WIC NEWS

March is here and Spring is around the corner. A wedding shower for Tiffany Taylor (daughter of Resie and Allyan Taylor) will be March 21st from 1pm to 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tiffany is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target and Amazon.

Several churches in our area are hosting dinners on Thursday nights for the military personnel who are building Camp Kamassa, Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation. We will host them on April 2nd. The men will be taking care of the meat and the ladies will make baked beans, potato salad, and desserts. I will let people know how much food we need to prepared soon.

Easter is April 12th.. The Easter Sunrise Service with breakfast will be at Lake Chautauqua at 7am. There will be regular services on Easter .

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10 I'd would like to thank everybody for all the things you do every day to glorify God using your gifts.

Family Night Supper: Sue Lee and Susan Lee

Sanctuary Flowers: 1-Jessica Davis, 8- Sue Lee, 15- WIC; 22- WIC; 29- Julie Kent

Nursery Schedule: 1- Dianne Ham/Sue Lee; 8- Beth Dickson/Stacey Lee; 15- JoAnne & Todd Davis; 22- Nancy Belknap/Mary Posey; 29- Sharon Berch/Becky Smith

Birthdays: 1- Brittney Batton Davis

Time Change

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 8, 2020. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forward Saturday night.

Missions Minute

This month our regular \$1500 went to MTW for Linda Wixon, \$300 to Engaging Disability with the Gospel, \$500 to Dr. David Thomae, \$1000 to Rev. Carey Hammett, \$1000 to Dr. Mike Ahlberg, \$1000 to BAIC for Dr. Sal Pelicano, and \$500 to the Gideons. Please pray for our Missionaries.

Jim's Gems

During this time of the year many Christians participate in the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for 40 days leading up to Good Friday before Easter. Participants give up something during that time to indicate repentance and sacrifice as a way to demonstrate their faith.

So why don't all Christians take part in Lent [including us]? Without going into a detailed explanation let me mention 2 simple reasons why we do not observe Lent. The first reason is that the Bible says nothing about such a practice. Scripture does not direct us to carve out 40 days to engage in this kind of spiritual practice. The season of Lent did not become an established practice until the 4th century A.D.

The second reason many Christians do not practice Lent is because rather than aiding the Christian in his or her walk with Christ, it can actually hinder it. How can that be? If we focus on a 40 day period of spiritual discipline [which is not in and of itself a bad thing] that Scripture doesn't mention, we can easily let that period be a substitute for what the Bible says we should be doing all the time – all year long. When we are instructed in such matters as prayer, sacrifice, or repentance, we know the Bible tells us that these aspects of the Christian life are meant to be an ongoing part of our daily lives. So it's not that there aren't some worthy aspects to Lent; it's rather that there is a better way to live the Christian life. Just follow the Bible.

On a separate note I want to thank all of you who prayed for my shoulder surgery. As most of you know by now the results have been most encouraging. I have experienced virtually no pain, and my physical therapy is well ahead of normal recovery. I'm most grateful for the Lord's mercies, and for your prayers.

Pastor Search Committee

We are making progress. To date, we have looked at about 35 resumes from potential candidates and listened to dozens of sermons. We are working with Bebo Elkin and Wayne Herring from CSF, a consulting service out of Jackson and the PCA offices in Atlanta. Bebo and Wayne are very familiar with our church and have been very helpful in giving us names as well as guidance in the overall process. We are working on a "Short List" and have a few folks we are interested in, but no clear leader yet. We are reminding ourselves that we are working in God's timeframe, not ours, so we ask for prayers for patience, Godly wisdom, and clarity. It's a pleasure working on this committee. It's a dedicated bunch that is humbly seeking to find the man that God has already chosen for our next pastor.

The committee members are Sue Lee, Stacey Lee, Todd Davis, Keith Hood and Richard Batton. We ask that you will add each of us to your daily prayer list and pray specifically for the work we are doing. Pray that we will be in tune to what the Lord is showing us and the clear direction we need to take.

Pray that the Lord will continue to let us work together, joyfully and humbly.

Thanks from the Search Committee.

Share Your Faith Workshop (SYFW)

March 21, 2020 @ Crystal Springs United Methodist Church

Registration: 8:30 AM Workshop Begins: 9:00AM