



“The Lengthening of Days”

Judith B. Bailey

March 1, 2017 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of *Lent* in the Western Christian calendar. It occurs exactly 46 days before Easter. Ash Wednesday is named after the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God.

Originating in the fourth century of the church, Lent, which comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “Lenten,” meaning the lengthening days” or simply “spring,” was a time of preparation for those who were to be baptized on Easter Sunday. And since these new members were to be received into a living community of faith, the entire community was called to preparation. Also, this was the time when those who had been separated from the Church would prepare to rejoin the community.

Today, Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Lent, as we know it now extends for forty days, excluding Sundays, ending on Holy Saturday, the Saturday before Easter. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling.

Penitential prayer, fasting, and monetary gifts have traditionally marked Lent. “Most Christian churches that observe Lent at all focus on it as a time of prayer and repentance as a way to focus on the need for God’s grace. It is really a preparation to celebrate God’s marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.” (“The Season of Lent” by Dennis Bratcher, crivoice.org)

I encourage all of us to spend time in prayer and reading Scripture as spring unfolds, to fast or to take on something important. I found a helpful guide for reading the Bible during Lent, one that David and I will follow, and we hope you will make time to follow it also. In so doing, I believe we all will be more mindful of God’s grace and goodness, and we will be joining thousands of other believers, past and present in humble preparation for Easter.

This Lent reading plan walks through each of the four Gospels to include Jesus’ birth, ministry, death and resurrection. (Cont’d on pg. 3)

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The Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale 1st concert of 2017 will be at Dover Baptist Church on Saturday, March 11th at 7 p.m. The church is located at 635 Manakin Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA. Our theme this year is "The Love of God."

Join us for this beautiful worship service through song.

Lenten Prayers

Isaiah 58:6-9 (NIV)

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe him,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and
blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here I am.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Do you want to put something in the bulletin or newsletter? Do you want to put something on our Website or in the Goshen News? If so, please submit the information as you want it to appear in the bulletin, newsletter or website, by the deadlines listed below to: communication@oakland-baptist.com email. For those of you without email access, please call or submit your written request to Sharon Kincaid.

Deadlines:

Bulletin - 12 noon of each Wednesday
Newsletter - 15th of each month
Website - 12 noon of each Thursday
Goshen Newsletter - 15th of each month

Have you moved??? **Has your name changed?** **Do you have an update to a birthday or anniversary in your family? If you answered YES to any of these questions...** Please notify any member of the Deacon Fellowship with any changes to your personal information: name, address, phone # changes, new births, deaths, weddings and divorce information for name changes or anniversary deletions to keep the church database updated for newsletter & other mailings to members & non-members.

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Day	Today's Scripture Reading
March 1, 2017) Day 1	Matthew 1-3
Day 2	Matthew 4-6
Day 3	Matthew 7-9
Day 4	Matthew 10-Matthew 12
Day 5	Take a Break
Day 6	Matthew 13-Matthew 14
Day 7	Matthew 15-Matthew 16
Day 8	Matthew 17-Matthew 18
Day 9	Matthew 19-Matthew 20
Day 10	Matthew 21-Matthew 22
Day 11	Matthew 23-Matthew 24
Day 12	Take a Break
Day 13	Matthew 25-Matthew 26
Day 14	Matthew 27-Matthew 28
Day 15	Mark 1-Mark 3
Day 16	Mark 4-Mark 6
Day 17	Mark 7-Mark 9
Day 18	Mark 10-Mark 12
Day 19	Take a Break
Day 20	Mark 13-Mark 14
Day 21	Mark 15-Mark 16
Day 22	Luke 1-Luke 3
Day 23	Luke 4-Luke 6

Day 24	Luke 7-Luke 9
Day 25	Luke 10-Luke 12
Day 26	Take a Break
Day 27	Luke 13-Luke 14
Day 28	Luke 15-Luke 16
Day 29	Luke 17-Luke 18
Day 30	Luke 19-Luke 20
Day 31	Luke 21-Luke 22
Day 32	Luke 23-Luke 24
Day 33	Take a Break
Day 34	John 1-John 2
Day 35	John 3-John 4
Day 36	John 5-John 6
Day 37	John 7-John 8
Day 38	John 9-John 10
Day 39	John 11-John 12
Day 40	Take a Break
Day 41	John 13-John 14
Day 42	John 15-John 16
Day 43	John 17-John 18
Day 44	John 19-John 20
Day 45	John 21
Day 46	1 Corinthians 15
Day 47	It's Easter!

Happy Birthday!

David Bailey	3/1
William Hees	3/1
Robert Grooms	3/5
Eddie Bradshaw	3/7
Brandon Klaty	3/8
Paula Archer	3/9
Vicki Kellison	3/9
Dan Summitt	3/9
Kathy Wade	3/9
David Atwood	3/10
Michaela Kandrotas	3/12
Jesse Pleasants	3/12
Gabe Edwards	3/13
Wayne Ware	3/13
Brenda Snead	3/14
Rhonda Lloyd	3/15
Charles Wagner	3/15
Joshua Kellison	3/16
Robert Cutchin	3/17
Kyle Dabney, III	3/17
Becky Edwards	3/17
Noel Brooking	3/18
Elizabeth LaSauvage	3/22
Tennis Bradshaw	3/24
Ember Trice	3/24
Angie Wright	3/24
Louise Parrish	3/25
Nancy Franklin	3/26
Riley Saunders	3/26
Daryl Smith	3/26
Jerralyn Sherrill	3/27
Jeremy White	3/27
Amber Bowmaster	3/28
Melinda Gammon	3/28
Amanda Durham	3/29
Janet Jones	3/30
Breanne Hafley	3/31
Deborah Ware	3/31

Happy Anniversary!

David & Deborah Ware	3/16
Robert & Debbie Cutchin	3/17
Harry & Mary Barlow	3/20
Bubba & Kim Rosson	3/25

Youth News...

“Never stop speaking about this Instruction Scroll. Recite it day and night so you can carefully obey everything written in it. Then you will accomplish your objectives and you will succeed.” Joshua 1:8

One of my objectives for our youth ministry is to encourage students to memorize scripture. It is my prayer that as we go along each week, our boys are catching on to the life changing Word of God. I keep reminding them what goes into our brains (memorization) impacts what we think and what we think impacts the way we live. If God’s Word isn’t in our minds and hearts, our thoughts and actions will not reflect the love God has for us. As Joshua reminds us in the above verse, without God’s Word we cannot succeed. May each of us take time each day to read God’s Instruction Scroll so we may faithful servants who accomplish great things as we seek to be obedient to His Will.

I want to thank each of you who contributed to our “Souper Bowl” lunch and fundraiser. We raised \$462 for the youth fund. We will use these funds to pay for our lodging at MC2 camp this July at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center in Lynchburg. A very special thanks to the youth committee for their help in setting up and cleaning up. The winner of our “Souper Bowl” was the potato soup made by Bobby Fields.

I’m very excited to be a part of the Consignment Sale in March. I’ve been busy cleaning out Eli’s clothes and toys! But I also look forward to seeing it all come together and how this event impacts our community.

Blessings, Shelby

Camp Info 2017 - MC2 Camp at Eagle Eyrie, July 24-28

MC2 is an INTERGENERATIONAL camp experience featuring Missions, Discipleship, Worship, Fellowship, and Fun. There is something for ALL AGES! (Any child who has completed 4th grade may go without a parent, younger children will need a parent/grandparent to attend.) This year’s theme is: Legacy, Living a Life That Lasts based on Hebrews 12:1-2.

An \$80 non-refundable deposit is due on or before March 5, 2017. An additional \$115 will be due on or before June 25 (covers meals and bed linens). The youth fund will cover the rental of one of Eagle Eyrie’s Lodges.

For more information contact Shelby Jones and/or visit www.eagleeyrie.org/MC2.

Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

Missions Committee...

We raised \$2,089.00 for missions through the Brunswick stew, bake sale and donations. Thank you for your support as we minister in our community.

WMU Happenings...

Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American Missions is March 5th - 12th. This year's theme is "Together for His Kingdom." Prayer guides and offering envelopes are in the Sunday school classrooms and church foyer. Our goal is \$2,000. Prayerfully give.

Upcoming Events

On April 2nd from 3 - 5 pm, Oakland will host the Goshen WMU Spring Meeting. There will be two speakers: Greg Compton and Mary Ann Johnson.

Greg has a Masters of Divinity from Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond and a Masters in Patient Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University. He currently serves as Chaplain, Hospice of the Piedmont, in Charlottesville.

Mary Ann has a Masters in Christian education and is a Certified Dementia Care Practitioner. She has worked in the world of dementia for 20 years. She has experience working in residential communities and managing the dementia special care unit. She is recently retired as Program Director from the Alzheimer's Association Greater Richmond Chapter. She also has experience in working with families and people who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's or a related dementia disease. Mary Ann has presented at local and national conferences on Spirituality and Dementia and Art and Dementia. Her mother had probable Alzheimer's disease for about 20 years and Mary Ann was a long distance care partner and support for her family.

A light dinner will be served afterwards. Everyone is invited to attend.

May 7th from 2 - 5 pm - Mother/Daughter Tea. More information to follow.

CIAs on the move...

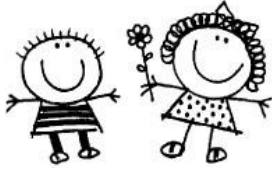


On Sunday, February 19th, our CIAs delivered baked goods - muffins, brownies and cookies - to Craig Jones with Henrico Police, Bruce Alford with Henrico Fire Company 18, Deputy Russell with Goochland Sheriff's Department and Goochland Fire Company 5. The CIAs made cards thanking them for their service and baked the chocolate chips cookies we delivered. We also had an opportunity to pray with them. It was a wonderful afternoon. A special thanks to those who baked the muffins, brownies and cookies we delivered.

We are collecting bags of hard candy and gum (5 stick size) to package bags for the Trucker and Seafarers Ministry along the Eastern Shore. We also need sandwich zipper bags to package the candy and gum. Place donations in tub outside the copy room. Deadline to donate is Sunday, March 19th.

Blessing Bags for the Homeless will be an on-going project for the year. We will fill gallon Ziplock bags with deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, snack items, soap, washcloths, etc. Once the bags are filled, we will give them to River Road Church, Baptist to hand out when they host Caritas in the fall. If you would like to donate items for the bags, place donation in tub outside copy room. If you have questions, contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com.

Children's Consignment Ministry...



Children's Spring/Summer Consignment Sale is around the corner and we need your help with set up, before and after the sale. Below are some important dates and times.

3/10/2017	Drop Off	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
3/11/2017	Drop Off	9:00 am - 10:00 am
3/14/2017	Consignor Sale	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
3/16/2017	Public Sale	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
3/17/2017	Public Sale	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
3/18/2017	Public Sale - ½ price	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
3/25/2017	Public Sale - ½ price	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
4/1/2017	Pick-up	9:00 am - 10:00 am

If you are interested in helping, a sign-up book will be in the church foyer. Questions? Contact Sandy Harper at 840.514.3871.

Mineral Baptist Church

Annual

Ladies Conference

"Reflecting God in Our World Today"

*"Guest speaker?"YES!
 "Food?" YES! Of course!
 "Door Prizes too?" YES!
 AND it's FREEE!*

"It's free.... oh my!how many friends can I invite?"

DEADLINE TO REGISTER MARCH 13th

Register early for a seat you don't want to miss this one!

*March 24 - Friday Evening
 5:30pm to 6pm hot hors d'oeuvres
 6pm to 9pm music and conference*

*March 25 - Saturday morning
 8:30am to 9am hot breakfast
 9am to 12 noon music and conference*

Guest Speaker, Nina Blevins, is a Bible teacher and speaker who has also written a devotional book titled Reflections in the Psalms.

Guest Music -Destiny Baptist Church, Fredericksburg

Come and be filled with His love, His glory, His forgiveness, and His blessings!

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

TO REGISTER CONTACT VIA EMAIL: traciebarnett60@gmail.com or call the church 540.894.4234

DEADLINE TO REGISTER MARCH 13th - register please only one time for both days!

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE Mineral Baptist Church 51 Louisa Avenue in Mineral

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – March 2017

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to PreK
05	Ron Taylor	Betty Dunivan	Sharon Kincaid	Kim Rosson	Janet Hawk
12	Betsy Young	Betty Stanley	Pat Groome		Alisha Fields
19	Bobby Fields	Hilda Harper		Sandi Blair	Becky Sutterfield
26	Ricky Harper	Wanda Miller	Bill Groome	Denise Brooking	Sarah Blair



			<u>1</u> 6 pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 6 pm - Dinner 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>9</u> 7 pm – WOM Evening Group	<u>10</u> 6:30 – 8:30 pm Consignor Drop-Off	<u>11</u> 9 – 10 am Consignor Drop-Off
<i>March 5 – 12 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering & North American Missions</i>						
<u>12</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>13</u> 10 am – WOM Morning Group	<u>14</u> 6:30 – 8:30 pm Consignors Sale	<u>15</u> 6 pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>16</u> 11 am Seniors @ Oakland 6:30 – 8:30 pm Consignment Public Sale	<u>17</u> 6:30 – 8:30 pm Consignment Public Sale	<u>18</u> 9 am – 12 pm Consignment Public Sale – ½ Price
<u>19</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 6 pm - WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> 9 am – 12 pm Consignment Public Sale – ½ Price
<u>26</u> 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 6 pm - WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	

The Acorn

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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?
Please contact your deacon or call the church office at
804.556.3550 & leave a message*



Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Henry & Vernell Amos
Patsy Anderson
John & Jacob Barber
Shirley Bath
Virginia Beach-Cook
Don Beatty
Shirley Bowyer
Dee Buchanan
Ruth Coleman
Lucy Cook
Jackie Cosby
Lu Dodson
Alisha Fields
Cary Lynn Fields
Margie Gonzalez
Velma Goodwin
April Grant
Bailey & Tanner Grant-Dickerson
Trisha Groome
Alan Harper
Hilda Harper
Ricky & Sandy Harper
Kathy Jones
Cary Kincaid
Babs Land
Julie Lloyd

Bryan McCallister
Joe Miller
Frank Moran
Dale Nester
Gladys Nester
Louise & Robert Parrish
Callahan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Betty & Randy Rains
Riley Saunders
Betty Smith
Nita Snead
Kathy & Tony Wade
Cecil & Pete Watson
Sharon West
Glenn & Sandi Williams
Betsy Young
Our Nation
Our Church
Interim Pastors: David & Judith Bailey
Youth Leader: Shelby Jones
Pastor Search Committee: David Hawk, Bill Groome, Sam Pleasants, Kim Rosson & Ann Taylor

Expressions of Sympathy to the families of
Virginia O'Neal
Ethel Osterbind
Betty Rackley
Mike Taylor

Our Nursing Home Members; see "Keep in Touch" section.

Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

Joey Berlin, Stateside
Tennis Bradshaw, Stateside
Gabe Edwards, Stateside
Sully Edwards, Deployed
Sgt. Allen Gordon, Deployed

The prayer concern is completely revised monthly through mentioned prayer concerns, website submissions, email (communication@oakland-baptist.com) or by contacting Sharon Kincaid by the 15th of each month.