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## MARCH 2022

Traditionally we have come together as Main Street Churches to journey through Lent together. We will return to this tradition beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2. Services and Lenten Luncheons are planned as follows:

- Wednesday, March 2- Ash Wednesday service at 12:00pm at the Episcopal Church, with lunch following at First Methodist Church.
- Wednesday, March 9- Luncheon at First Methodist Church
- Wednesday, March 16- Luncheon at First Baptist Church
- Wednesday, March 23- Luncheon at First Baptist Church
- Wednesday, March 30- Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church
- Wednesday, April 6- Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church

Devotionals for Lent- The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. To help us focus on what matters most during this season we are providing free devotional booklets entitled *The Sanctuary for Lent*. These will be located on the table in the Sanctuary vestibule and on the literature table near the main office. Quantities are limited- one per family please!

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# LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		7am Men's Group 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Wednesday Activities See Below <b>Linda Dickens</b> <b>Dianne Belson</b>	5:30 Pickleball 6:45pm Hogfest! <b>Stephanie Gillespie</b> <b>Jim Yarbrough</b> <b>Matthew Wiggins</b>	<b>Tim Cook</b> <b>William Yates</b> <b>Nancy Creech</b>	6pm Pairs & Spares Class Party <b>Mary Lou Copeland</b> <b>Elizabeth McCameron</b>
6 Sunday Schedule See Below Rev. Andrew Corley preaching <b>Brooke Werts</b> <b>Margaret Jackson</b>	7 4pm Martha Franks Fellowship <b>Miriam Corley</b> <b>David Hardy</b> <b>Julie Hill</b>	8 7am Men's Group 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions <b>Peggy Prescott</b> <b>Barbara McCraney</b> <b>Judah Norron</b>	9 Wednesday Schedule See Below Lenten Lunch 12pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist <b>Maritom Hardy</b> <b>Barbara Sanders</b> <b>Kelsie Little</b>	10 5:30 Pickleball <b>Nancy Thompson</b>	11 <b>Lance Robertson</b> <b>Kay Henderson</b> <b>Ann Poole</b> <b>Jo Lynn Wilson</b> <b>Alan Langston</b> <b>Keri Burroughs</b>	12
13 Sunday Schedule See Below Dr. David Hull preaching <b>Joel Jacks</b> <b>David Motes</b> <b>Abby Davis</b> <b>Michelle McCord</b> <b>Lindy Segars</b>	14 <b>Miles Brown</b> <b>Doris Davis</b> <b>Mark Freeze</b> <b>Tommy Cox</b> <b>Lindsey Burroughs</b> <b>Linda Dell Tennent</b> <b>Ashley Coggins</b>	15 7am Men's Group 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions 5:30 Golf Fellowship Lakeside CC	16 Wednesday Schedule See Below Lenten Lunch 12pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist <b>Tyler Crofts</b>	17 2pm Knitting Group 5:30 Pickleball <b>Marrett Franklin</b> <b>Laura Dennie</b> <b>Julia Kerber</b>	18 <b>Barry Putnam</b>	19
20 Sunday Schedule See Below Dr. David Hull Preaching <b>Ronnie Sanders</b> <b>Linda Yarbrough</b> <b>Stewart Jones</b> <b>Morgan Bolding</b> <b>Juan Monroy</b>	21 7pm Deacon's Meeting <b>Neill Martin</b> <b>Macy Pratt</b> <b>Jessica Holman</b>	22 7am Men's Group 11am CWA Meeting 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions <b>Joy Turner</b>	23 Wednesday Schedule See Below Lenten Lunch 12pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist	24 5:30 Pickleball <b>Tom Nygard</b>	25 <b>McKenzie Little</b>	26 <b>Earl Craine</b> <b>Michael Buhrmaster</b>
27 Sunday Schedule See Below Dr. David Hull preaching <b>Maxine Bennett</b> <b>Keri Turnblin</b> <b>Katie Forsyth</b>	28	29 7am Men's Group 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions 5:30 Golf Fellowship Lakeside CC <b>Steve Hobbs</b>	30 Wednesday Schedule See Below Lenten Lunch 12pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian <b>Dianne Bryan</b>	31 5:30 Pickleball <b>Dawn Reynolds</b>		

## Sundays

9:30am Sunday School	6pm Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship	6pm Men's Group
5:00-7pm Youth Study	

## Wednesdays

5-7pm Canteen area open for BYO supper	6pm Youth Group
6-7pm Children's Choir & Missions	6pm Adult Bible Studies
	7pm Adult Choir

## TRANSITIONS

David Hull

I like these words from Marlene Kropf, a professor at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary:

In the daily round of life, dust and cobwebs accumulate in our souls. The hidden corners of our hearts become encrusted with grime or filled with forgotten debris. During the weeks of Lent, God's Spirit is given opportunity to clear away the clutter, sweep away the dust and wash us clean. We are invited to prepare ourselves—heart, soul, mind, and body—for the new life of Easter.

Do you have any dust and cobwebs in your soul? Is there grime encrusted in the hidden corners of your heart? If so, the season of Lent offers a concentrated time for some spiritual spring cleaning. I encourage you to join with us for the special worship events during this season with the prayer that these experiences will prepare you for the new life of Easter.

The Season of Lent begins on March 2 and ends the day before Easter. Lent marks the season in the Christian Year when we make the journey with our Lord to the cross. It is a time when we focus on the suffering, sacrifice, passion, and redemption that Jesus offered through the cross. Through prayer, repentance, Bible reading, worship, and reflection on the death of our Lord we can let the Spirit of God mark us in a way that we will bear some identification as followers of Jesus. Others will see Jesus in us, because of the way our lives conform to our Lord. We can also let this same Spirit of God clean out some of the dust and cobwebs in our souls. This is why we observe Lent.

On the cover of this newsletter you will see a schedule of Lenten Luncheons with the Main Street churches. I hope that you can participate with our friends in these churches as we make this journey to the cross together. Then, on three Sundays during March we will explore a series called "Gospel." The holy season of Lent invites us to take a new look at the gospel. This word that means "good news" is at the core of what Jesus did for us through his suffering, death, and resurrection. So, what is the very core of the gospel? The second chapter of Ephesians offers a wonderful explanation of the very essence of the gospel. For three weeks we will learn from Ephesians 2 as we make our way to the cross.

Is it time for some spring cleaning in your life?

## March Preaching Schedule

March 6 Rev. Andrew Corley *Water and Rags,  
Feet and Dirt*

John 13:1-17

### Sermon Series: "Gospel"

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March 13 Dr. David Hull *Gospel: We are Saved*  
Ephesians 2:1-10

March 20 Dr. David Hull *Gospel: We are Reconciled*  
Ephesians 2:11-18

March 27 Dr. David Hull *Gospel: We are Connected*  
Ephesians 2:19-22

## Prayer Chain for our Pastor Search Committee

Would you pledge to pray at the same time everyday for our Pastor Search Committee and for the person that God is preparing to be our next minister? We are asking our church family to pray at the same time everyday until we have called a new pastor. We have a schedule posted near the church office. You may sign up in 15-minute increments from 6:00am to 11:00pm. Call the church office to sign up, or sign the schedule at church on Sunday! *The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16*

## Adult Bible Studies

### Sundays

*Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World* meets each Sunday at 6:00pm in Bobo Hall. The study is led by David Hull, Philip Dean, David Corley, and John Topping.

### Wednesdays

*Walking Through Colossians* Tommy Cox leads this study at 6:00pm in the Craft Room.

Beginning Wednesday, March 2,: *A Study of the Life of King David*. This 5-week study will journey through portions of Samuel and 1<sup>st</sup> Kings to explore the life of David as king. Mark Freeze will lead this study at 6:00pm in Bobo Hall.

**FBC Golf Fellowships return in March!** Our two dates for this month are Tuesdays, March 15 and 29 at Lakeside CC. We will play a 9-hole, Captains Choice format with a shotgun start at 5:30pm. The cost per golfer is \$25. Sign up by contacting the church office, or by emailing Tommy at [tommy@fbclaurens.org](mailto:tommy@fbclaurens.org). Registration deadline is the day before each round.

## Attention Men!

Our Men's Groups meet each week on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am and Sunday evenings at 6:00pm in Classroom A. For more info, contact Tommy Cox in the church office.



### CWAs (Senior Adults)

Our next senior adult program and lunch will be Tuesday, March 22, at 11:00am in Bobo Hall. Phil Hall will be our speaker/entertainer. If you know Phil, you know that you're always in for a treat when he has the microphone! Till Culbertson will be cooking for us and the meal will be \$5.00. We'll enjoy lunch together after our program, so make plans to join us!

### Sunday School Class Party

The Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class is invited to dinner at the home of Alex and Adair Rogers on Saturday, March 5, at 6:00pm. Please text your RSVP to Adair (923-1631) if you're planning to attend. If you're a young adult and not part of a Sunday School Class, we'd love for you to join us!

### Children's Musical Splash Kingdom

In the musical, children are taking a trip to a water park called Splash Kingdom which symbolizes the Kingdom of God. Our children are learning that Jesus is the Living Water; they are learning the ABCs of becoming a Christian. What valuable lessons for our children to learn! Encourage your 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to join us on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00. The musical will be Sunday, April 24 at 5:00.



**FBC Kindergarten Registration** is open for 2022-23! Only a few openings remain! Call today to get information on availability!

March 24 — **FBC Kindergarten Spring Music & Art Show!** Come out and see what these precious children have been learning this year in Kindergarten!

If you aren't currently involved in our **weekly children's activities**, we'd love to have you! Reach out to Elizabeth at [elizabeth@fbclaurens.org](mailto:elizabeth@fbclaurens.org) with any questions about what we have to offer! We have opportunities for children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade!



Thank you for your prayers, gifts, and donations toward our 2022 Winter Retreat. It was a great weekend of worship, fellowship, and community.

### March Series, "Habits"

Habits! We all have them, so let's talk about them. Whether you've got good habits (like getting enough sleep or remembering to floss) or bad habits (like biting your nails or checking your phone too often), most of your habits are probably small, tiny, hardly noticeable habits. But over time, those tiny habits can really impact your life, for good or bad. So what about your spiritual habits? What are the small things you do every day that either draw you closer to God or keep you at a distance? In this 4-week series, we'll discover some principles from Scripture that have the power to help you develop tiny habits that can make a big impact — habits like spending time with God, investing in your relationships, sharing your faith story, and worshiping with your life.

### MINISTER ON CALL

One of our ministers will be on call every weekend, so if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call us! The minister on call schedule is:

Feb 28-Mar 6	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
March 7-13	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
March 14-20	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841
March 21-27	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
Mar 28-Apr 3	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631

### Financial Record - February 2022

February Needs:	\$87,331.20
February Giving:	\$ 58,779.95
2022 Giving to Date:	\$141,016.29
2022 Needs to Date	\$174,662.40

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### RECREATION MINISTRY

Our Recreation Ministry is gearing up for 2022. Be on the lookout for details on Pickleball beginning in February and other Spring events being announced soon!

### Laurens Baptist Association Men's HOGFEST

March 3, @ 6:45 PM  
Beaverdam Baptist Church, Mountville  
Special Speaker: Seth Buckley, Director of Leadership Development, Fire Pit Ranch  
Event is free, donation basket available to help cover cost  
For more info, call 984-0123

### MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Kevin and Marianne Allmond  
Jesse, and Joe



Allie Martin, daughter of  
Neill and Kimberly Martin