

This year Pastor Allen will be reading through the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – a chapter a day – every ninety days. This week's readings are:

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| Sunday | March 1 | Luke 20 |
| Monday | March 2 | Luke 21 |
| Tuesday | March 3 | Luke 22 |
| Wednesday | March 4 | Luke 23 |
| Thursday | March 5 | Luke 24 |
| Friday | March 6 | John 1 |
| Saturday | March 7 | John 2 |
| Sunday | March 8 | John 3 |

Prayers of the People for March 1 – 8, 2020

For Those Ill of Mind, Body, or Spirit

Claudia Adams (Connie Eteo's sister), Joy Ellwanger Anderson, Harvey Auman, Nancy Belanger, Gaby Campbell, Claudia Cohen, Ricky Cox (Mary Anna Cox's husband), Cassandra Crump, Koy Dawkins, Jake Dowd (Helen Alexander's nephew), C.W. and Bobbie Dulin, Bob Ellwanger, Rick Ervin, Connie Eteo, Audrey Ewing, Betty Gibson, Barbara Goodman, Glenda Haines, Terry Hamilton (Terry Shaw's uncle), Dorothy Hendricks, Patricia Huffman (Martha Butler's mother), Lisa Johnson, Terri LaRue (Doris Denney's daughter), Dathia Lee (Daphne Smith's mother), Gabriel Martin (Lucille Martin's granddaughter), Lucille Martin, Priscilla McCormick, Virginia McDuffie, Gaynelle Moon, Sam Moser, Jason Norton, B.T. Phillips, Dotsy Reynolds, Marsha Reynolds, Jane Richardson, Bill Rohleder, Ray Scott, Ron and Hannah Shaw, William Sidebottom, Betty Smith, Kay Stewart, Sandra Sweatt, Jerry Thomas, Wayne Thorton, Charles Turner, Kay Vance, Kathy Yates, Kelly Wheeler, Tom Wheeler, Cathy Wilson, Cherri Wilson, Regina Witherspoon

For Those Who are Mourning

The Family of Margie Cannon, The Family of Steven Holder, The Family of Betty Mace (Randall Mace's mother), The Family of Bill Smith, The Family of Annie Ruth Hammonds, The Family of Linda Moore Sharpe, The Family of Mart Page, The Family of Chuck Bowden, The Family of Madison Fedak, The Family of J.W. Goodwin (Diane Goodwin's brother in law)

For our Home-Bound and Assisted Living Members

Beverly Crofts (Benson's sister), Jean Crouch, Kelli Gillis, Helen Goodman, Faye Herring, Barbara McLain, Bill and Ann Poe, Billy Reynolds

For Those Who Serve Our Nation

Charles Auman (Don and Virginia Auman's son), William Lunceford (Beth McQueen's nephew), Alec Rushing (Jerry and Connie Eteo's grandson)

Other Prayer Needs

The Roger Staley Bible Study at Morrison Correctional Institute, The People and Animals of Australia Suffering in the Fire, All First Responders

Church Staff

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| Presence | |
| Sunday School: | 35 |
| Worship: | 139 |
| Ash Wednesday Service: | 40 |

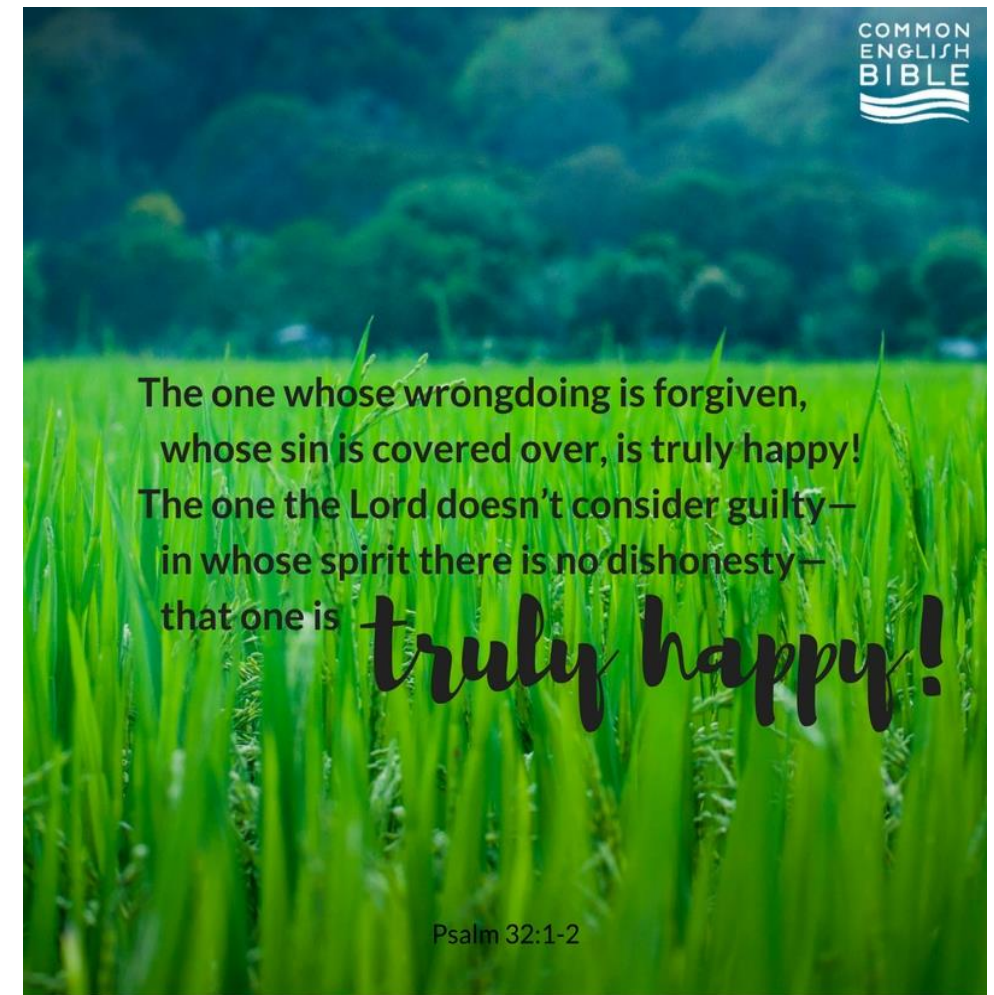
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| Gifts | |
| Operating Budget for 2020 | \$473,600.00 |
| Operating Budget Needed to Date | \$75,252.16 |
| Given to Date | \$76,057.50 |
| Percentage Given | 101.07% |
| Amount needed each week to meet 2020 budget | \$9,406.52 |
| Budget offering last week | \$13,573.50 |
| Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected) | \$20,121.33 |
| Zoe pennies collected in December | \$2,096.00 |

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| Servers for March 1 | |
| Ushers: | Benson Crofts Team |
| TV Ministry: | Randall Mace |
| Heat/AC: | Randy Leak and Tommy Leak |
| Crucifer: | Jadyn Johnson |
| Acolytes: | Devin Haynes and Graham Odom |
| Nursery: | Nicole Johnson |
| Greeters: | Deborah Thomas |
| Soup Kitchen Leader: | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED |
| Hedge Prayer: | Discovery Young Adult Class |
| Sunday Morning Fellowship: | This Sunday: Glenn Alexander Next Sunday: Benson Crofts |

Calendar for March 1

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| Sunday | Mar 1 |
| 9:30 am | Sunday School Fellowship |
| 9:45 am | Sunday School for all ages |
| 10:55 am | Worship Hour |
| Monday | Mar 2 |
| 10:00 am | First Place, BB |
| 6:30 pm | Church Council, FH |
| Tuesday | Mar 3 |
| 10:00 am | Bible Study, Chapel |
| 5:30 pm | Girl Scouts, BB |
| 6:30 pm | God's Gorgeous Butterflies, BB |
| Wednesday | Mar 4 |
| 12:30 pm | DAR, BB |
| 3:30 pm | Wonderful Wednesday |
| 6:30 pm | Circle 8, FH |
| 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | Mar 5 |
| Friday | Mar 6 |
| Saturday | Mar 7 |

BB Bynum Building (400)
 CR Conference Room
 FH Fellowship Hall



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

10:55 a.m. March 1, 2020

*When the music begins, please prepare for worship in silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!
(* Please stand as you are able.)*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

WELCOME and Announcements Lisa Poplin, Lay Leader

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship!

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Priere (Prayer)* D. Wagner

INTROIT *Praise to the Lord* Klusmeier

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UM Hymnal, 140

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION *The Apostle's Creed* UM Hymnal, 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, in now, and ever shall be, world without end.*

PSALTER from Psalm 32

**Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin
Therefore, let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you; at a time of distress.**

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

CHORUS *Jesus, Remember Me* Berthier

**Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom.**

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Nearer, Still Nearer* Larson

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal, 95

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LESSON Matthew 4:1-11

ANTHEM *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* Martin

SERMON ***There Is No "Easy" Button***

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONFESSION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UM Hymnal, 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER UM Hymnal, 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

RESPONSE The Covenant Prayer UM Hymnal, 607

**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* UM Hymnal, 365

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *May You Run and Not Be Weary* Hanson

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*POSTLUDE *Fugue* Zachau

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Buddy Way by his family.*

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There will be no Children's Church today as we welcome our children to stay in Worship and participate in Communion with us. You can find "Worship Bags" with children's bulletins and crayons in the Narthex. If your little one needs a break from worship, ask an usher to direct you to our Nursery.

The FUMC Youth and parents would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you for the support and love you gave us. We hope you all enjoyed the "Pasta and Pastries Fundraiser" last Sunday night. A special thanks to Sheila Gilmore for helping with the auction. It was a fun night for all!

THANK YOU to all the men who came out to help prepare, cook, and clean for the Pancake Supper. And thank you to all of you who joined us for the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Church Council will meet Monday night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Circle 8 will meet Wednesday evening, March 4, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members are encouraged to attend!

252 "Family Experience" is next Sunday, March 8 at 9:30 am in Room 302 (room next to nursery). This is a fun time for the whole family (children, parents, grandparents, etc.) to get together to learn this month's scripture and life app. We will have a light breakfast, coffee, juice, and water. Dress casually! There will be time for parents to socialize and ask questions afterwards while the children go to Sunday School.

It takes a village (or a church)! Our children's ministry team is looking for a part-time worker to care for our children on Sunday mornings. Also, we need a second person each Sunday to volunteer in caring for the kids on a rotating basis. The primary qualification is the willingness to love our children as God loves you. Please contact Mary Griffith at the office or Kate Layton if you are willing to serve or have recommendations.

See Michael W. Smith in concert on Sunday, April 5---a trip is being planned to see Michael W. Smith in Indian Trail. **Tickets are \$25 and must be prepaid.** If you would like to go, call the church office or see Mary Griffith to prepay for your ticket.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place a Lily in the church on **Easter Sunday, April 12**, please complete the form below and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office. **The cost will be \$15.00 each.**

*Please make your check payable to FUMC at the time of your order. Thanks!
All orders MUST be received by April 1, 2020.*

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____