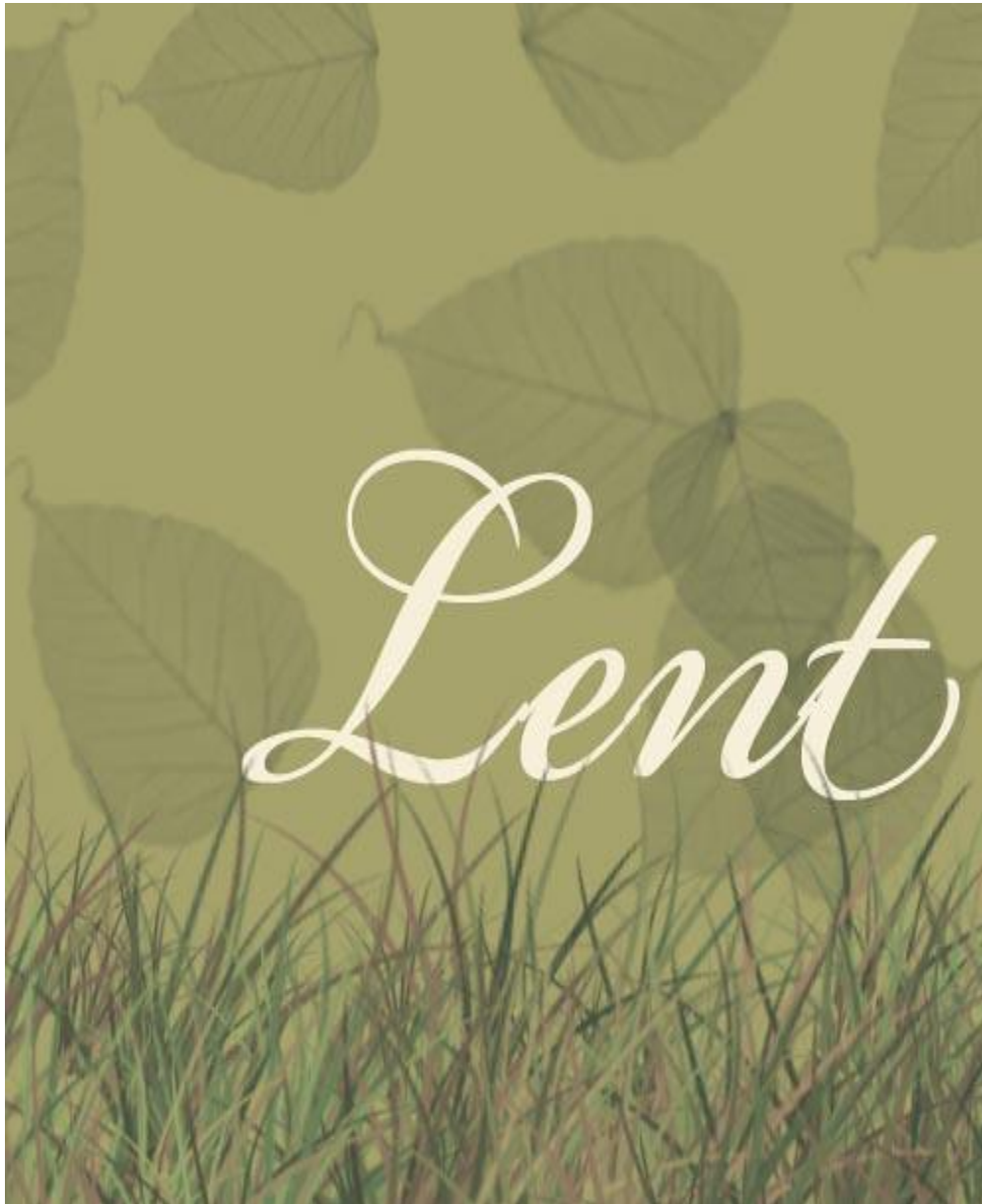


# MARCH NEWSLETTER



**The Season of Lent**  
**March 2, 2022 – April 16, 2022**

*Lent (40 days) begins with*  
*Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022;*  
*ends on Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022.*

## Prayer - Make It Simple And Frequent

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.  
Matthew 6:7



Knowing our tendency to complicate things, Jesus said, *'When you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition...for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him'* (vv. 7-8). By using the words *'thoughtless repetition'*, He's teaching us that prayer doesn't have to be long, loud, or labored. And because He said *'your Father knows what you need before you ask Him,'* He's inviting you to find a scriptural promise that corresponds to your need and stand on it. Charles Swindoll, who uses his driving time to pray, writes this: *'Often I speak to God out loud. Sometimes I sing to Him. Occasionally the entire prayer will be in my mind. Each time I commit myself to prayer, I notice that God becomes my focus rather than some personal struggle. I'm relieved of worry. I'm able to release anything concerning me so that I can become altogether lost in the majesty of His presence and the joy of ministry. When I arrive, I'm excited to do as God pleases. I find myself refreshed, relieved, and ready. My mind is focused. My heart is prepared. My emotions are clear, and whatever was troubling me when I began that drive no longer concerns me. Prayer has made that possible. Now I wish I could say I use every commute every day for time in prayer. But like many people, I often forget. My mind will be spinning from one problem to the next and rather than pray, I churn. At times I'll be so anxious it doesn't occur to me that I should quit worrying and commence praying.'* Prayer: make it simple, and frequent

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Thank You and Guide me today.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen

The above devotion was written/compiled from multiple sources **by Tim Hetzner, President / CEO of Lutheran Church Charities** and author of WORD Bible Studies.

*These daily devotions are available through our website: [tlc1900.org](http://tlc1900.org) Look for the LCC icon.*

**Lord, hear our constant prayers for . . .**

Mr. Burl Brown	Mrs. Joan McFadden
Mr. Curtis Harris, Jr.	Mrs. Marian Martin
Mrs. Agnes Hatcher	Mrs. Nancy Pritchett
Mr. Je'dan LeSure	Mrs. Jackie Wilder

**Prayer Hour – Join us each Saturday @ 11 a.m.  
Dial: 1/681-999-0264 (Access Code: 391959#)**

**Prayer Requests/Concerns – February 5, 2022**

Family members of Betty Marshall and Andrew Marshall – bereavement  
Funeral Services today @ 2 p.m. – J.F. Shields High School, Beatrice, AL

Pastor Marvin Griffin and Mrs. Shirley Griffin – continued blessings for them  
Bring about healing for them and also be with them in  
circumstances concerning personal business in their lives

“Congratulations” to Mr. & Mrs. Ruben & Wilma Dunlap  
Celebrating 54 years of marriage – February 10, 2022

National politics – pray that world leaders will come together  
May it be God’s will that peace will prevail

Bless our Church Services tomorrow – new month  
Word and Sacraments – May God be glorified . . .

May all of mankind eyes be open to our Lord

May God keep our people safe in current weather conditions

Finding new ways since COVID to fellowship, have prayer time, etc.

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere; keep us all in Your care

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Lord, continue to bind Satan . . .

Pray without ceasing! Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!  
In Jesus’ name . . . **Amen!**

## **Prayer Requests/Concerns – February 12, 2022**

Gracious and loving God, we come this morning in prayer for the following:

Cyndi Campbell-Jones – hospitalized in Birmingham

Prayer of thanks! Dr. Julius Jenkins – heart procedure was successful

William Johnson has pneumonia – resident in Lighthouse Healthcare Center  
(Uncle of Dorothy Veazey)

Agnes Pegues and Ollie Morrissette – passing of family member

Family members of Rev. Edgar Williams – bereavement

Family members of Rita Lett – bereavement

Family members of Lizzie Ree Lee (95yrs) of Ft. Wayne, IN - bereavement  
(Mother-in-law of Jimmie Hunter – brother of Dorothy Veazey)

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Bless Trinity's church services tomorrow

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere

National politics . . . war invasion

Rash of gun violence in Montgomery – innocent lives taken by stray bullets

Dear Lord, be with all communities, municipalities, etc.

Prayers for all people – mental health issues, depression, lonely, alone, etc.

Bind Satan . . .

Lord, thank You for bringing us together in prayer and hearing our prayers!

In Jesus' name we pray . . . **Amen!**

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

## **Prayer Requests/Concerns – February 19, 2022**

Family members of Rev. Edgar Williams – bereavement

Prayer for Dr. Ramsey and Pastor Washington as they travel today to/from Camden, AL, attending funeral services of the late Rev. Edgar Williams

Thank-you to Mr. Eugene LeSure as he led us in prayer this morning

Bless everyone online this morning during prayer hour

Cyndi Campbell-Jones – released from hospital

Joe Clark – admitted to hospital in Montgomery  
(Brother of Agnes Pegues and Ollie Morrissette)

Warren, recovering from heart attack, of Durham, North Carolina  
(Nephew of Mr. & Mrs. Ruben & Wilma Dunlap)

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Pray for our church services tomorrow and churches all over the world

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere

Our Nation – we pray for peace – seem like war is imminent

Bind Satan . . .

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

In Jesus' name we pray . . . **Amen!**

**For Caregivers:** Heavenly Father, You invite us to cast all our anxiety on You because You care for us. Thank You for keeping that promise by providing caregivers to listen to my concerns, help me with my physical needs, and encourage me when I am disheartened. Be with all caregivers. Provide for their needs. By Your Spirit, give them a humble heart as they serve with integrity and honesty. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **Prayer Requests/Concerns – February 26, 2022**

Cyndi Campbell-Jones – readmitted to hospital

Joe Clark – released from hospital – doing very well

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Mrs. Jackie Wilder – went to ER – be with her in her health

Vivian Fleming – passing of her granddaughter, Ashonda Washington

Timfreit “Drano” Drane – diagnosed with cancer

Curtis Harris, Jr. and mom, Dianne Harris – keep in prayer

Je’dan LeSure and mom, Shaunte’ LeSure – keep in prayer

Warren, recovering from heart attack, of Durham, North Carolina  
(Nephew of Mr. & Mrs. Ruben & Wilma Dunlap)

Edwina Davis – be with her, Lord, in her mental state – progress made  
(Sister of Carol Ishman)

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Bless our church services on tomorrow – bless us in our faith!

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere

Doctors, nurses, caregivers, etc.

Conflict with war – Ukraine

Pray for peace and love among us and protection

Thank-you to Mr. Eugene LeSure – leading prayer last Saturday

Bless everyone on prayer line this morning

Bind Satan, the evil one . . . protect and bless us, Lord

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

In Jesus’ name we pray . . . **Amen!**

## Portals of Prayer – March, 2022

**Ash Wednesday (March 2):** We are but dust, heavenly Father, feeble, and fleeting, and frail. And yet, in Your creative hands, we are given life. Even more, through the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we are granted forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. Help us be ever mindful of our own mortality, laying aside the hopes of this world and trusting in You alone for salvation. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lent (General):** Heavenly Father, throughout these forty days of Lent, draw us ever closer to You. Help us lay aside the sins that cling so closely and run with endurance the race that is before us, looking to Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. As we have been made one with Him through Baptism, empower us to share the good news of Your grace with others. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Annunciation of Our Lord (March 25):** What startling, surprising news it must have been for Mary, heavenly Father, to hear that the Savior of the world would dwell in her. You are still at work in our world in surprising and startling ways. May we respond faithfully, as she did, with humility and purpose and overflowing joy, as You choose to dwell in us through Baptism and in Your Word. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH** – The flowers which beautify our Altar are given by Mrs. Latonya Brown Hunter and Mrs. Yolanda Brown York – in loving memory of their parents, Mrs. Sharon Oden Brown and Mr. James C. Brown.

## **Stewardship Thoughts**

*It's good to start the day with prayer and devotions!*

### **Strengthened Through His Word**

During this penitential season of Lent, we kneel at the cross, pondering the perfection of our Savior and the sin of our souls which led Him to that place (**1 Peter 1:18-20**). We ask for forgiveness, and we ask that we might be strengthened through His Word and Sacrament to rise as new creatures, eager to do His will, eager to thank Him with grateful hearts, and eager to speak the message of His love and sacrifice for all.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, You are the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. You are the King of glory, the Lord strong and mighty. We pray that You will strengthen us to follow Your ways. Help us to boldly proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to those around us. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

### **God's Love Draws Us to Him**

Only Jesus, the Savior, on Whose suffering, death, and resurrection we focus during this time of Lent, can meet all our needs. His love for us and the salvation He has earned for us draw us away from the pull of the world, away from our own selfish desires, away from that which leads to sin and death. His love draws us to Himself, to service to others, to using our gifts as we have been blessed in the building up of the Church. ***"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).***

**Prayer:** O Lord, You graciously look on me, not as I deserve, but through Jesus' eyes of love and forgiveness. You guard me through this life and keep me safe for eternity. Give me a readiness to speak of the sacrifice of Your Holy Son Who gave His life for me and all who believe. Through Christ Who calls me to be a steward for Him. **Amen.**

**Blessings On Your Stewardship Journey!**



## **SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT/HOLY WEEK/EASTER**



Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent. As we continue to live cautiously in the midst of Covid, here is our schedule for this Lenten season with that awareness.

- 1) On Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, between Noon and 1 p.m. please come out for Communion and the imposition of ashes.
- 2) On each subsequent Wednesday in Lent you are invited out for meditation and Communion during that same lunch hour. On Holy Week, Communion will not take place on that Wednesday but on that Maundy Thursday same time.
- 3) We will omit the Holy Saturday hot dog give-a-way, one of our favorite activities, for obvious reasons.
- 4) Easter Sunday, which is usually our busiest day of the year will have just the one activity, a 6 a.m. Sunrise Easter Service with Holy Communion.
- 5) The omission of some of our beloved activities including no Mid-week night Services, no hot dog outreach event, no Easter morning breakfast, no Children's Easter Program, no Easter egg hunt are all excluded in an effort to be as safe as possible in our current situation. Thanks for your patience and understanding and let's pray that we'll have a normal experience on next year.

# MARCH

*Happy  
Birthday!*

*5<sup>th</sup> Jabari Martin*

*27<sup>th</sup> Ulysses Blackmon, Jr.*

*16<sup>th</sup> Gabriel Buster*

*27<sup>th</sup> Miles Knox*

*24<sup>th</sup> Jada Matthews*

*27<sup>th</sup> James Ware*

*Happy Anniversary!*

*March 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Michael Harrison*

*March 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Corey Washington*

*March 25<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Alphonso Fails*

*March 29<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Chrystopher Hatcher*