

The Tie That Binds

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From the Pastor...

Rev. Charles Waugh

Most of us love Christmas and Easter. Easter is just a few weeks away. It's such a special time of the year. At this time of year more than any other time, people are turning to the Lord and the Church for direction and help. It's a time when we remember that Jesus died on the cross, was buried in a tomb, and then was raised victoriously from the grave, and ascended into heaven where He is today as we wait His return.

The Apostle Paul in Acts 17 was in the city of Athens preaching the Good News about Jesus and the resurrection. Athens was a city full of idols which was a very difficult situation for Paul in preaching about Jesus. Many in that city were upset because Paul was standing strong in preaching Jesus. They called him a "babbling" who was stirring up problems among the mainstream of the city. Most of these people had never heard about Jesus and His saving and resurrection power. It reminds me of many people today. There are those who get upset when the truth of the gospel is preached. It treads on their beliefs that they are comfortable with even though they are not Christian.

There are basically 3 kinds of people in this world: 1. Those who don't know what's happening. 2. Those who don't care what's happening. and 3. Those who make things happen.

Jesus told the Apostle Peter that "if you love me, feed my sheep." And that is a message for us as well. We will do as the hymn says, "Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born." The disciples said that they could not help themselves in telling the Good News of Jesus. God places a power, a drive, or whatever you might want to call it in us to do God's will. I pray that the resurrection of Jesus will do for you what it has done for million's, and that is to keep you going and growing and doing more than we've ever done before for the Lord.

In His Service, Charles

MARCH 2019

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MARCH
VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:
FAITH
"Love is the measure of faith."
- POPE FRANCIS

FAQs About Lent

Here's a look at Lent, a season of prayer and penance in the Christian church and a period of preparation for the Easter season:

- This year Lent is observed from **March 6-April 18 2019**.
- The word Lent comes from the word Old English word "lencten", meaning spring.
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and ends on Holy Saturday.
- Fasting and prayer are done in remembrance and reflection of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness.
- Lent lasts 40 days. Sundays are not counted.
- The observance of Lent dates back to the 4th century.
- During the 5th-95^h centuries strict fasting during Lent was customary. Meat and fish were forbidden, but one meal a day was allowed.
- Fasting still continues but is less strict now in Western churches.
- Many people give up something during Lent, such as TV or other pleasurable activities (like Chocolate!!).
- Engaging in acts of charity is another custom during Lent.

A NOTE FROM OUR MODERATOR

Lent begins Wednesday March 6. We have planned an Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 P.M. This service may be unfamiliar to many of us, so I thought that I would give just a little history behind the service. Our church has conducted an Ash Wednesday Service over many years and it has become a very moving and spiritual tradition.

Ash Wednesday is a Christian Holiday that is not a biblical requirement just like Christmas and Easter, which are not commanded in scripture. Nevertheless, it has been honored by Christians for well over ten centuries, falling at the beginning of Lent, a six-week season of preparation for Easter. In the earliest centuries, Christians had ashes sprinkled on their bodies as sign of **repentance**. The Palm branches used during the last year's Palm

Sunday are burned and used in the Service. The Palm ashes will be placed on our foreheads as **reminder of our mortality and sinfulness**. The person who marks the ashes quotes something like what God once said to Adam after he had sinned, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19). This shows bad news of our sinfulness that prepares us to receive the good news of forgiveness in Christ.

I hope that you all will participate in this moving service.

Ron



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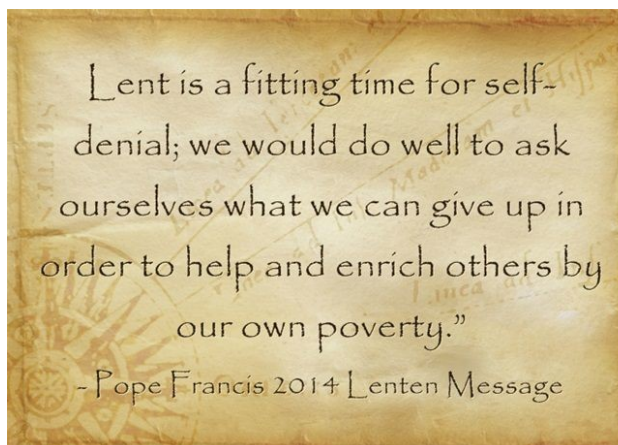
DR. SANDY Z. SANDLIN—GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019



Sandy has been in ministry as a licensed and ordained minister since 1975. Sandy received his BBA from Texas Tech University, and both his Masters of Divinity and Dr. of Ministry degrees from Southwestern Theological Seminary.

Sandy has been directly involved in local (Meals on Wheels), state (Idaho, Iowa, New Mexico, & New York), and foreign missions (Canada, Mexico, & Brazil), as well as serving on various mission and university boards. He has extensive experience in pastoral counseling, discipleship, and evangelism, having served various congregations in West Texas, North Texas, and Southeast Texas, leading each congregation to new growth with 5 building campaigns raising more than \$4 million in capital expansion. He also served as Vice President of Development for Bill Glass Prison Ministries and continues to be active as Chaplain for Howard County Emergency Services. Sandy has led 3 tours to Israel, which is one of his favorite places to go.

Sandy, and his wife Paula, have 4 grown children and 8 grandchildren. His hobbies include photography, guitar, and outdoor camping (especially in Colorado).



TOP TEN BEST THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT 2019:

1. Twitter
2. Facebook
3. Fast food
4. Complaining
5. Snacking
6. Red meat
7. Cheese
8. Alcohol
9. Lying
10. Gossip

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 March 2019
 Serving Schedule

Mar 3 Guest Pastor-Sandy Sandlin
 Mar 10 The Word of Forgiveness - Luke 23:33-38
 Mar 17 The Word of Assurance - Luke 23:39-43
 Mar 24 The Word of Affection - John 19:25-27
 Mar 31 The Words of Anguish & Agony - Matthew 27:33-30 and John 19:28-30

***If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and write the change on the Serving Schedule on the bulletin board by the church office.

Date	Elders	Deacons	Joys/ Concerns	Worship Leaders	Counters	Acolytes
3/3	Michele Darling	Teri Howell Terry Matlock Linda Westerfield Marilyn Petrick	Michele Darling	Grover Howell	Grover Howell	Katlyn Williams
3/10	Paula Harris	Charolette Collie Ronnie Daniel Alayna Engen Linda Guess	Paula Harris	Ron Petrick	Ron Petrick	Adam Engen
3/17	Hank Holt	Jim Nance Marilyn Petrick Jonnie Stark Sharon Tippie	Hank Holt	Jonnie Stark	Jonnie Stark	Katlyn Williams
3/24	Grover Howell	Linda Westerfield Charolette Collie Ronnie Daniel Alayna Engen	Grover Howell	Sharon Tippie	Sharon Tippie	Adam Engen
3/31	Ron Petrick	Linda Guess Teri Howell Jonnie Stark Linda Westerfield	Ron Petrick	Grover Howell	Grover Howell	Haylee Williams

The Elder is responsible for Stewardship Meditation and Prayer for both Bread and Cup.
 Preparation of Communion: 3/3-3/24 Teri Howell 3/31 Jerry Hostetter

March

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship Noisy Offering 1 st Sunday Luncheon	4 MARCH 3 RD PLEASE WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER - Dr. Sandy Sandlin to our church service.	5  5:30p Choir Practice	6 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p Ash Wednesday Service Elders Mtg After Svc.	7	8	9 TBA- Disciple Women's Mtg.
10 1 st Sunday of Lent 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship	11 	12 5:30p Choir Practice	13 10:00a Bible Study 5:30p Choir Practice 6:30p Elders Mtg. 7:00p Board Mtg.	14	15	16 8:00a Disciple Men's Mtg.
17 	18 APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLE PREP	19 7p Compassionate Friends	20 10:00a Bible Study 5:30p Choir Practice	21	22	23
24 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship	25 APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	26	28 10:00a Bible Study 5:30p Choir Practice	28	29	30
					Isabella Dunegan Rosanne Dunneagan Jon Blankenship Mary Arnold Alicia Blankenship	03/08 03/14 03/18 03/21 03/29

2019 LEADERSHIP TEAM

<i>Elders</i>	
Bennie Clark	Michele Darling
Paula Harris	Hank Holt
Ron Petrick	Ernie Spiekermann
Greg Williams	Grover Howell
<i>Deacons</i>	
Ronnie Daniel	Charolette Collie
Alayna Engen	Linda Guess
Jerry Hostetter	Ronda Hostetter
Teri Howell	Jim Nance
Terry Matlock	Jonnie Stark
Sharon Tippie	Linda Westerfield
Marilyn Petrick	Yvonne Evans
<i>Trustees</i>	
Richard Dunegan	Jim Nance
Susie Rodgers	
<i>PRC</i>	
Michele Darling	Paula Harris
Jerry Hostetter	Sharon Tippie

Moderator	Ron Petrick
Vice Moderator	Brenda Williams
Secretary	Lana Orr
Treasurer	Bennie Clark
Historian	Susan Clark
Education	} Committee Counsel
Faith-Sharing	
Membership	
Outreach	
Property	
Worship	Susie Rodgers
Disciple Men Rep.....	Hank Holt
Disciple Women Rep	Jonnie Stark

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