



# –In Between–

February 17, 2021

# The Christian Year



On Wednesday, February 17, we ushered in the Season of Lent with our annual Ash Wednesday worship service. It was a meaningful time of reflection and repentance. Thank you, church, for your participation.

This Sunday, February 21st, marks the First Sunday in Lent.

"The season of Lent spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, and concluding Saturday before Easter. Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays in Lent. 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. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self examination, and repentance."

"Lent has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some churches today still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets, and other types of food. Other traditions do not place as great an emphasis on fasting, but focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing, or simply the giving of money to charities. Most Christian churches that observe Lent at all focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance,

# Lent

# Worshiping Together February 21, 2021

The 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30 & 11:00 am

The Company We Keep James 4:1-10 Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

repenting for failures and sin 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 color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple. This color symbolizes both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday." - **Dennis Bratcher**, Copyright © 2010, Dennis Bratcher - All Rights Reserved

# 2021 Lenten Devotional



If you are interested in using the "Again & Again" Lenten devotional, please contact Rev. Thompson who will supply you with a digital or printed copy.

# **SERVING** IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

# Week of February 21—27, 2021

## Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061 anita@fbcahoskie.org

### **Deacons on Call**

Rick Burns, 209-4058 Chuck Revelle, 862-6322

# Sound System Operator — February 21

Josh Brinkley

### Floral Offering—February 21

Duck & Jerri Harrell

# Food Pantry—February 26

Arthur Brown

# Two Sunday Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00 am

As the number of in-person worshipers increase, in order to maintain our Covid-19 guidelines, we now offer two Sunday morning worship services, one at 8:30am, and the second at 11am. The 11am service will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook, and broadcast on our local radio station, WQDK, 99.3.

Reservations are required. And, of course, we are still wearing masks and observing appropriate distancing. As it stands now, there will not be a nursery for the 8:30am service, but there will be a nursery for the 11am service.

# 2020—2021 Global Missions Offering Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

We have surpassed our \$5000 goal! Well done! If you've not yet given to this offering, it will be received through March 2021.



We offer our sympathy to Carolyn Arrington and family in the February 15, 2021 death of Bill Arrington. A memorial service was held at FBCA on February 18.

# Week of Feb. 28—March 6, 2021

## **Minister on Call**

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321 trey@fbcahoskie.org

### **Deacons on Call**

Betty Joyner, 398-6104 Jim Wiggins, 287-9790

### Sound System Operator —February 28

Frank Britt

# Floral Offering—February 28

Betty Duke

# Food Pantry—March 5

Kay Byrd & Vicky Overman

# Reservations for In-Person Worship

Please make your reservation by calling the church office (252) 332-4003 or emailing Anita at anita@fbcahoskie.org by 5 pm each Friday. A firm number is needed to ensure appropriate safety measures are in place.

Nursery Needed? When you reserve your place for worship, also reserve a nursery spot

If your plans change and you cannot attend, please let Trey or Anita know as soon as possible.



# February 14, 2021

Weekly Need	\$ 8,755.72
Weekly Offering	\$ 13,265.10
Difference	\$ 4,509.38
YTD Needs	\$ 61,290.04
YTD Offerings	\$ 52,092.72
YTD Difference	\$ -9,197.32
CBF Global Missions Total	\$ 5,136.69
Benevolence Offering	\$ 1,325.00
Capital Campaign Offering	\$ 100.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!