

Fasting for Change...

We are called to love our neighbor. But, like the scholar in the scripture passage, we may find ourselves wondering, "Who is my neighbor?" This Lent, through a faith-inaction program, we can help answer that question.

Beginning Wednesday, February 14th, we are inviting you to reflect on how an encounter with your neighbor—as companions on life's journeys—can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support mission opportunities in our community and beyond.

Through prayer, we encounter Christ, present in the faces of every member of our human family, so often still walking that long road to Calvary.

Through fasting, we encounter our own obstacles, those things about ourselves that prevent us from loving God and neighbor.

Through almsgiving, we encounter our brothers and sisters around the world, asking what we can give up so that others might have life to the fullest.

Each day of Lent, individuals are invited to give up that daily treat of Starbucks, CC's, McDonald's (no judgment here,) etc. Anything that you would consider a little that could surprisingly add up to a lot, then bring that change to the church and place it in the designated receptacles, so that it can be applied to the church's mission offering, which will be used to benefit the Together for Hope ministry. You can collect throughout Lent and place it in the receptacles at the end of Lent, or you can do it each time or week you visit the church during the Lenten season. This can be a great tool to help adults, teens, and children to realize how much we spend on things we could probably do without, and how to help meet needs of our neighbors. Will you contribute to the culture of change and transformation this Lent?

Bobby

ADULTS

Grief Share

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Small Dining Room

"A Missing Piece"

resumes at la Madeleine's Thursday, February 15 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Book Study

Monday, February 19 1:30 p.m.

BBC Direct Deposit

Direct deposit for your church contributions is available and forms are in the church office.

Dave Oakley Ordination Service

Sunday, February 25 10:30 a.m.

Day of Caring rescheduled

March 10 9:00 a.m., CAH

We will gather for a full breakfast, then disperse for InReach calls and visits after breakfast. Please sign up in the church office.

First Place 4 Health

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. Church Conference Room

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, contact Laura Boord at 925-5264 or email her at laura.boord@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night February 21

5:15- Dinner

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Cobbler

6:15-Bible Study

Spiritual Practices
Through Lent
Meditation and Prayer

Chili Cook Off & Cake Bake

Everyone is invited to attend whether or not you bring chili or a cake! Look for postcards to invite your friends and family. They will be located in the church office, at the Welcome Center, and in Sunday School. Please sign up in the church office or in your Sunday School class. Prizes will be awarded for Best Chili, Best Decorated Cake, and Most Delicious Cake.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

In Appreciation

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from Gerald and Mae Johnson.

THE PROMISE OF EASTER

February 14 Ash Wednesday combined service with First Christian Church in our Sanctuary, 6:15 pm March 25 Palm Sunday, Children's Palm Processional Maundy Thursday Service and March 29 Communion, 7 pm Good Friday, Church Office Closed March 30 Tenebrae Service, 7 pm March 31 Easter in the Park, 11am-1pm **Easter Sunday** April 1 8:00 am Flowers on the Cross 8:30 am Service at the Cross 8:45 am Breakfast in the Activities Hall 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Easter Service

MEETINGS

David Oakley Ordination Council Meetings

Monday, February 19 Wednesday, February 21 4:30 p.m., CCR

Missions Committee Meeting Sunday February 25

Sunday, February 25 5:00 p.m.

Security Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 25 12:00 noon, CCR

Preschool Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 28 5:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

Thursday, February 15

9:30 A A Missing Piece, la Madeleine's on Jefferson

10:00 A BBQuilters

Friday, February 16

9:00 A Yoga

Sunday, February 18

9:00 A Library Opens 9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care Kate King, Allison Roark, Mary Mullen, Greg Edwards, Danielle & **Faith Gremillion**

5:00 P Youth Choir

5:45 P Belles and Beaux 6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Monday, February 19

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY-**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

1:30 P Ladies Book Study

4:30 P Dave Oakley Ordination **Council Meeting, CCR**

Tuesday, February 20

9:30 A Yoga

5:00 P First Place for Health, CCR

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:00 P Grief Share, SDR

4:30 P Dave Oakley Ordination Council Meeting, CCR

5:15 P Church Family Dinner

6:00 P Chapel Bells

Youth Bible Study 6:15 P Adult Bible Study

7:00 P Sanctuary Choir **Trustees Meeting, CCR**

Thursday, February 22

9:45 A LLL departs for St. Joseph Abbey

10:00 A BBQuilters

Friday, February 23 9:00 A Yoga

Saturday, February 24

4:00 P Chili Cook Off and Cake Bake

CHILDREN

Extreme Summer Music Camp

June 18-22 Cost is \$85

YOUTH

Spring Retreat March 9-11

E. Feliciana Retreat Center

Pastalaya Sale **Fundraiser**

Sunday, March 25 Following Worship

> **Passport July 9-14**

Greenville, South Carolina

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St. Joseph Abbey and lunch at

Annadele's Plantation Thursday, February 22

The charter bus will depart from the church at 9:45 a.m. The cost is \$30, which includes the bus, tour, and lunch. Must sign up in the church office by Wednesday, February 14.

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Deacon Sponsored

& Cake Bake

Saturday, February 24 4-6 p.m. **Church Activities Hall**

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