



FORT WAYNE BAPTIST
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Newsletter

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Sunday:

Bible Study—9:00 AM
Worship—10:00 AM

Wednesday Eve:

Dine Lite—6:00
Bell Choir —4:30
Choir Practice—5:30

Forty Days

Biblically speaking, the number forty is often used as a kind of shorthand for “the amount of time for the Lord’s will to be accomplished.” How long does it rain on Noah? Forty days. How long do they wander in the wilderness? Forty years. And most importantly for the subject at hand, how long does Jesus go into the wilderness following his baptism? Forty days.

The Season of Lent, minus Sundays, is intended to represent these forty days. For Jesus they were a time of preparation to begin his ministry, He was tested as to what kind of messiah he was going to be. Would he be popular and feed people? Spectacular and jump off the temple? Would he take the easy way out and just submit? No, he would be obedient to God and His word.



For us Lent is the time when we prepare to receive the blessings of Easter, the truth of the cross and resurrection. There is a tension, a duality, in this season. We are reminded that we need a savior on the one hand while on the other we are reminded that we are God’s Beloved. It is appropriate to respond to both with humility.

Traditional Lenten practices are meant to reinforce this humility. Everyone has heard of the sacrifice portion, giving something up for Lent, but we often forget that it is to be replaced with a discipline, a spiritual practice meant to draw us closer to God.

If you choose to give something up, do not let it be something frivolous. Do not do it for your health or any other reason. Let it be something that you will miss and each time you miss it you should think “This represents the need for Jesus in my life.”

Taking up a new spiritual discipline, or renewing or strengthening an old one, is more important.



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Some people find having a book to guide them is helpful. Here are some suggestions:

-Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter by various authors including C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton, and Philip Yancy

-God Is on the Cross: Reflections on Lent and Easter by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

-Lent and Easter Wisdom from Henri J. M. Nouwen: Daily Scripture and Prayers Together with Nouwen's Own Words by Judy Bauer

-A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions For Lent by Walter Brueggemann

-Wondrous Encounters by Richard Rohr

You only need one of those.

We will be observing special services during the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday on Feb 26th at 6PM will be our first. In March we will begin a Lenten focused series on Wednesday nights which I will announce more about later. We will also have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services this year.

I hope that the Lenten season can be a time of renewal and preparation that creates lasting spiritual disciplines in all of us. If you have questions or want to know more please contact me.

—Pastor Scott

PRAYER REQUESTS



- Brian Blair—in ICU at Lutheran
- Mabel Clark—passed away on Friday January 17th
- Sasha (Brenda's grand-daughter) and her family
- Milene Stekly (The Noaks' daughter-in-law's aunt)—myelofibrosis leukemia
- Gina (friend & neighbor of the Stoners)—recovering from major medical surgery
- Kamden (Vaunetta's 4-year old grandson)—cataracts—left eye doing great after surgery, right eye surgery on 2/18
- Seth (Vaunetta's grandson)—continued prayers
- John Trammel—continued prayers



ministry

Missions Board Update

In addition to the traditional four annual offerings—Retired Ministers and Missionaries (January), America for Christ (March), One Great Hour of Sharing (June), and World Missions (October), we are exploring new partnerships for 2020 to increase Fort Wayne Baptist Church's involvement within the community.

Just Neighbors has the following dates available for us to host dinner for a week (Sunday–Friday, 5–6:30 p.m.) again this year. Please rank your preferences and email Janica at janicayork-carter@gmail.com or call 260-715-8070 by February 9 so that she can get the week that works best for everyone reserved on the Just Neighbors calendar.

Week 1: June 7–12

Week 2: June 28–July 3

Week 3: July 19–July 24

Week 4: August 9–August 14

Riverfront Fort Wayne currently partners with at least one local church for events in Promenade Park, such as Free Family Game Night. Church members bring cards and board games, light snacks and beverages to share with park visitors. We have requested more information on how we might sponsor a similar event.

The Packard Area Planning Association has hosted a summer kick-off in June in Packard Park, and Scott is in contact with the association to see if we can help in some way this year. They have had family movie nights, a picnic, and a pumpkin sale in the past.

The Christ Child Festival is held the first weekend in December at Franke Park. This 2-day event includes opportunities to host booths with family friendly games and/or crafts with a focus on children. They also accept donations of wrapped candy and baked goods, and new or gently used books. They may accept knitted/crocheted items in addition to sewn clothing for ministries. For more information, go to christchildfest.org.

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation hosts a children's Winter Carnival during Winterval in January. While we missed this event in 2020, this might be another great opportunity to meet local families with young children. We will update you as we get more information about hosting a booth in 2021. If there are other 2020 events available with parks and rec, we will let you know that as well.

We are in contact with Fairfield Elementary School and the Allen County Public Library to see if there are additional partnership possibilities. If you have a contact with the YWCA or YMCA, please provide their name to Janica.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. Coffee Hour Helpers— Pathfinders HAPPY ANNIVERSARY NEIL & DIANA SOWARDS	3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY NATE EMMERT!!	4	5	6 1:00 PM G.G.G.	7 10:00 AM Prayer Network	8
9 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. Coffee Hour Helpers—Disciples	10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEL PROCTOR!!	11 6:00 PM Council Meeting HAPPY BIRTHDAY PHYLLIS ARVOLA!!	12	13	14 10:00 AM Prayer Network <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15
16 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. Coffee Hour Helpers—Council HAPPY BIRTHDAY ED GOETZ!!	17	18	19	20	21 10:00 AM Prayer Network	22
23 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. Coffee Hour— Choir	24	25 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CHARLIE & MARVEL POWELL!!	26 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	27	28 10:00 AM Prayer Network	29