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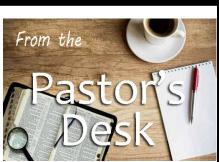
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# Brosville Beacon March, 2021



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that you and your family are staying safe. This past Wednesday, we had the Ash Wednesday worship service. This year we had a different experience. Due to Covid-19, individual ashes were handed to the church members. The people made a cross on their forehead by themselves or family's members. It was unusual, but the imposition of ashes reminded us that we are dust and will return to dust. We had a meaningful time.



According to Christian tradition, we celebrate forty days from Ash Wednesday as the season of Lent. Many Christians prepare for Easter. Some may give up their favorite food or things; chocolate, soda, computer games, coffee, etc. Some may set a time for prayer. Others may read the Bible every day. I strongly encourage you to do one of the above or discover your own thing to prepare for Easter.

As I preached yesterday, I think the pandemic is a time of testing. The story was about the temptations of Jesus. Jesus was driven into the desert by the Holy Spirit. Jesus was in the desert for forty days with wild animals. The wild animals would threaten him sometimes. Jesus was very weak because of fasting. At that time, Satan tempted Jesus three times. One of the temptations Satan tempted him with was to turn stones into bread. The forty days in the desert were a hardship. Also, in the Bible, a desert was described as a time of testing. Moses led the people of Israel out of slavery. They wandered in a desert for forty years. We can understand the life of the wilderness as a time of testing. God tested them to see whether they followed the laws and his will.

The pandemic is like a journey in a desert. It is a hardship, uncertainty, and fear. We can also think the pandemic is a time of testing. Maybe God is testing us to see whether we follow the laws and his will. Perhaps it is a time to distinguish genuine Christians or imitation Christians.

I hope during the season of Lent we will restore our relationship with God. We are to love God with all our hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Blessings, PASTOR INTEK

#### THANK YOU NOTES

#### Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and phone calls. Most of all I thank "Jesus" for giving me another chance. Five different doctors told me that I am a miracle! I could feel "His" presence every step of the way. God is so good! Much love, Dot Bray

#### Dear Church Family,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and the beautiful flower arrangement that you sent to my son's funeral. You never cease to astonish me with all of your love towards me at all times. This has been a very hard time, but

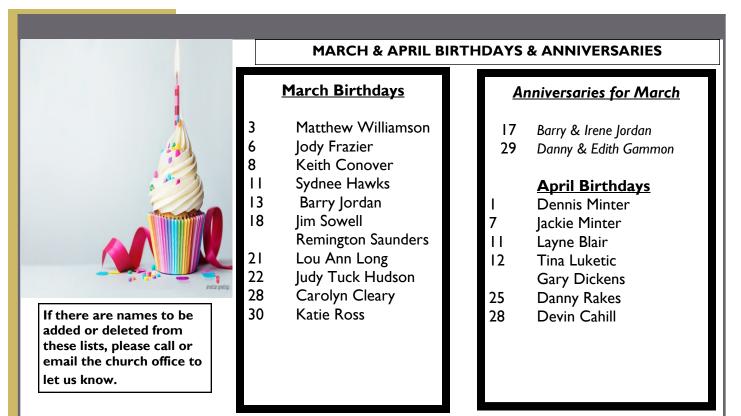


know that with God's help, my faith, and people like you surrounding me that things will be o.k. Blessings, Martha Doss & Family

Bible Study has been scheduled for every Wednesday Night (virtual) from 7:00—8:00 PM. If you would like to sign up, please call Pastor Intek or the church office at 685-3140.







### PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Request: Angela (Tina Luketic's cousin), Katherine Blair, Dot Bray, Ruth Keatts, Gay Workman, School children, teachers, staff, and all those affected by COVID-19.
Bereaved: Wayne Holley, Jr. family, Patti Owen Family, Bobby Ray Dodd Family, Ernie Frazier Family

**Church Shut-ins:** Chris & Charles Davis, Ann Ferrell, Danny & Edith Gammon, Ed Godsey & Susan Martin, Louise Hayden, Norma Tuck

#### **Prayer Warriors Reminder**

Every other Wednesday we stop at 5:00 PM to pray for those on our prayer list. Please join us if you would like. The more we pray we realize how many are in need of prayer and another opportunity we have to spend time with our Father. Thank you for praying.

#### **ALIGNMENT OF DISTRICT**

Beginning July 1, 2021 eight District Superintendents' will be appointed to serve and order the 16 districts of our Annual Conference. The Danville District and the Lynchburg District will have the same District Supt—Denise Baker.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

