

The Broadcaster

March 2022

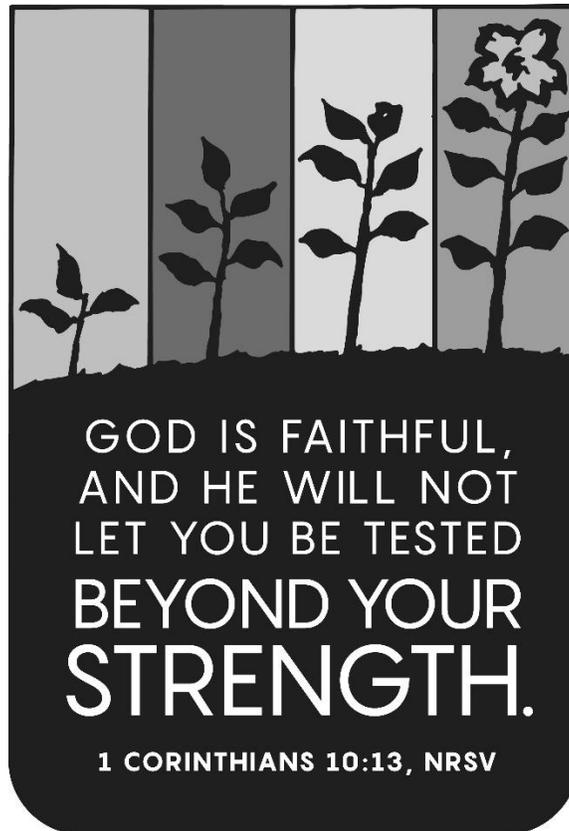
Monthly Newsletter of the Warwick Central Baptist Church

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Mission Statement:

To Grow in Christ

To Share His Love

To Serve His World

Do Baptists celebrate Lent?

This is a question I have been asked in the past, and one that I have asked myself as well. And as with anything relating to Baptists, the answer is complicated, and there is also virtually no agreement on the subject. I have been a part of Baptist churches who celebrate Lent fully, as well as those who do not even acknowledge its existence, and even ones in the middle, who would acknowledge Lent but refuse to celebrate Ash Wednesday. So I thought I would take my column this month to explain why Baptists in the past may not have celebrated Lent, and why I think it is still a valid practice.

For many Baptists, the primary reasoning behind not celebrating Lent comes down to the fact that our primary basis for everything is scripture. Now don't get me wrong; scripture is at the heart of most Christian denominations. However, Baptists have always believed in scripture alone being sufficient, which means that they have tried to only do that which is explicitly commanded to do in the New Testament. This is why you will see several holidays celebrated by other denominations not celebrated by Baptists. This also includes Advent, which many Baptist churches did not celebrate.

Here is where I differ from some of the Baptist traditions over time. I believe that we are not "required" to celebrate anything that is outside of scriptural tradition. Mandating that a church needs Advent and Lent is not necessary, and many churches feel comfortable without those periods. However, should those traditions be valuable to the people who experience them, I think there is a lot of merit in utilizing them.

The way that plays out is this. For some denominations, Lent brings with it specific requirements, primarily in the form of fasting. This does fly against my Baptist beliefs. Fasting is listed in the Bible as a valuable practice, but it is not listed as something required by all believers. Jesus and His apostles, the primary sources for the New Testament, understood that spiritual practices were not one size fits all. Some people might benefit from fasting, but others might find it an impediment to their faith. As a result, fasting did not become a mandated spiritual practice. But if it is a valuable practice for you, I don't think you should be scared away because "Baptists don't 'do' Lent."

Ultimately, Baptists believe that each individual, and each community, have different needs. I consider Lent to be a valuable time for us as a congregation to prepare our hearts for Good Friday and Easter. It is a spiritual focusing that reminds us of what is important. Is it absolutely necessary? No. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important thing. But I hope that as we journey together in Lent you will find it valuable as well.

From the Fellowship:

Warwick Central Baptist Church
Year End Summary
Mission Offerings (Revised)



- March 5th**- Landon Girouard
- March 7th**- Eric Linden
- March 9th**- Paula Lynch
- March 10th**- Leona Drew
Denise Sunderland
- March 13th**- Robert Aldrich, Jr.
Brielle Marie Piscopio
- March 15th**- Ruth Adams
- March 21st**- Joan Lindsay
Kathy Mancosh
- March 26th**- David Maine

Wine corks are still needed for projects for the Bazaar. Some projects that have been made so far are Christmas trees, a grapes/ cork wreath and cork trivets are in the works! Please consider donating your corks to Bobette to complete these projects! Thank you!!

Special Dates in March:

- Ash Wednesday — March 2, 2022
See [Ash Wednesday](#) for related art.
- World Day of Prayer — March 4, 2022
See [Prayer](#) for related art.
- Girl Scout Day — March 12, 2022
See [Scouts](#) for related art.
- Daylight-Saving Time begins — March 13, 2022
See [Daylight-Saving Time](#) for related art.
- St. Patrick's Day — March 17, 2022
See [St. Patrick's Day](#) for related art.
- First Day of Spring — March 20, 2022
See [Spring](#) for related art.

United Missions	\$ 4,500.00
Baptist Fund of RI	\$ 1,100.00
RI State Council of Churches	\$ 600.00
One Grear Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,054.00
Retired Ministers Missions	\$ 834.00
World Mission Offering	\$ 1,377.00
Love Gift	\$ 200.00
America For Christ	\$ 975.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 835.00
Tim & Patti Long	\$ 971.00
Dam Repairs	\$ 1,735.00
International Ministries (Gutierrez Ministry)	\$ 1,025.00
OGHS Disaster Relief	\$ 910.00
Teen Challenge	\$ 250.00
Mission Hunger Walk	\$ 785.00
Samartian's Purse (Christmas Boxes)	\$ 227.00
Total for the Year	<u>\$17,378.00</u>

Above please find a summary of our Mission Offerings for the Year ended 12/31/2021
Any questions please see Ron Zangari
Revised to include Mission Hunger Walk, Samaritan's Pusre and Change to Dam Project

*The Secret Place and Our Daily Bread
Devotionals are available in the Church
office.*

**The Mission Team will be collecting the
America for Christ offering thru March!
Building Blocks donations are greatly
appreciated.**

*****BROADCASTER DEADLINE FOR APRIL
BROADCASTER IS MARCH 25TH,2022*****

Bible Quiz

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

A. Jesus' mother, Mary
B. Mary Magdalene
C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
D. None of the above



John 12:1-8)
Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; **7**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

March 2022

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Psalm 55:22

Current Prayer Needs:

Ally	Pat Adams	Josephine Ricci
Bernadette	Judy Beaudoin	Stacy
Lindsay	Nathan & Angie Dawley	Jan Sherman
Diana B.	Normand & Cathy Laporte	Kellie Terrell
Isaac	Mary Lewchik	Sonia Vargas
Karen	Maddie Loos	

Continuing Prayer Needs:

Sue Able	Jeff & Dawn Hall	James Myatt
Michael Adams	John Houlker	Marilyn Neary
Don Benson	Ben & Elaine Keene	Lucille Nelson
Jeanne & Richard Boffi	Malia Jusczyk	Flo St. Jean
Ron Butera	Jack Lindsay	Fred Taylor
Linda Dailey	Tim Long	Marilyn Timperley
Judy Deblois	Deb M.	John Worthington
Melissa Dennis	Sally Morgan	Diane York
Russ Flanagan	Tom Morgan	Doreen & Lou
Ruth Grandy	Clara Motter	Jesse

Prayers for Spiritual Strength and Guidance

Our covenant church and Pastor, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and Father Scott Lee. Tim and Patti Long, our missionaries to Mexico; and our national, state, and local leaders.

Our church family sympathy surrounds:

~ the family of Curtis Miner who passed away February 2, 2022. We lift up in prayer all of Curtis' family and friends.

~ the family of Camille Beltran who passed away February 3, 2022. We lift up in prayer all of Camille's family and friends.

~ the family of our friend Bob Zarrella who passed away February 5, 2022. We lift up in prayer all of Bob's family and friends.

~ the family of our friend Val Deion who passed away unexpectedly on February 8, 2022. We lift up in prayer all of Val's family and friends.

~ the family of Gary Rasmussen who passed away February 9, 2022. We lift up in prayer all of Gary's family and friends.

We pray for all those in Ukraine during the time of such unrest; especially Natasha and her family members who live on the border of Ukraine.

We continue to be in prayer for all those throughout the world experiencing the many symptoms and effects of COVID-19.

And as we pray for those listed above, let us also be in prayer for each other throughout the week.

Discipleship Corner- March 2022

New at the Church Library for March

New Pamphlets from Our Daily Bread Ministries Discovery Series

1. Gospel Conversations: Connecting People with the Story of Jesus by Ajith Fernando
2. What Do You Do With a Broken Relationship? by James Pittman

These pamphlets are 32 pages each and easy to read. They are brief overviews of a book from the OT, NT or a topic of interest in Christian living.

New Books for the Library:

1. **I Just Want to Die: Replacing Suicidal Thoughts with Hope** by David Powlison-Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation
2. **Fearless Faith: 90 Devotions for Teens- Our Daily Bread Ministries**
3. **Finding Jesus in Everyday Moments: 100-Day Devotional Journal for Women** by Anne Cetas
4. **Journey Through James: 30 Biblical Insights** by Douglas Estes
5. **A Nation in Crisis: How the Prophecy of Jeremiah Speaks to Our Culture** by Ray C. Stedman
6. **Cancer Now What: Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead** by Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D.

Any items from the church library are available for checkout. The Church Library is open on Sunday mornings before and after worship or when the Church Office is open. Please contact Dave Maine if you need help locating an item or would like tips on exploring the library.

Adult Study- Sunday Mornings - 9:00-9:50am

We are currently doing a DVD study, "The Story", which is an overview of the Old and New Testament. We invite you to join this informal time of fellowship, prayer and study. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Up and Coming Events:

Movie Night- Sunday March 13 @6pm with post movie discussion.

Patterns of Evidence: Exodus- This documentary unlocks the the mystery of this ancient saga with a retelling of the Exodus story.

Good Friday evening at 6pm- April 15

The movie, " The Passion" will be shown prior to the start of the Good Friday Prayer Vigil.



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."



Prayer Vigil on Good Friday

The Worship team and Discipleship team invite you to come and spend some time in the sanctuary in prayer and reflection beginning April 15, 2022, at 8:00 pm and continuing throughout the night until 8:00 am on April 16, 2022. There will be a sign-up sheet posted at church for those attending in-person worship services. You can also email Heather Lindsay at comdis100@gmail.com, if you would like to be added to the sign-up sheet. More details will follow.