



## Lent

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As we begin the month of March, we journey into the season of Lent. This year's Lenten series will be called *Surrender*. As we continue in Matthew's gospel, we will look at six passages that remind us that following Jesus is about humbling ourselves and giving up. As Baptists, we have varying degrees of emphasis on this season. As a child in Georgia, we never talked about Lent. During seminary, I began to realize the importance of preparing for Easter.



Some of us give up something during this season. Others do not. Either way, let me encourage each of us to consider Jesus' words and example of submitting, giving up, surrendering ourselves to God.

## Worship Schedule

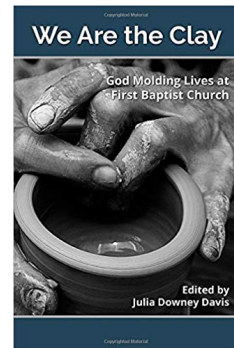
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- ▷ March 01 - Surrender: Forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-35)
- ▷ March 08 - Surrender: Children (Matthew 19:13-15)
- ▷ March 15 - Surrender: Money (Matthew 19:16-26)
- ▷ March 22 - Surrender: Position (Matthew 20:1-28)
- ▷ March 29 - Surrender: Our Will (Matthew 26:36-46)

## Story Project Book Is Now Available for Purchase

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A big thank-you to everyone who had a hand in putting together *We Are the Clay*, the book of stories that resulted from our year of work on the Story Project. If you did not preorder the book at church but wish to buy a copy, you can now purchase it on Amazon (with free shipping if you are an Amazon Prime member) at <http://bit.ly/fbc-story-project>. The cost of the book is \$15, and all proceeds go to First Baptist Church.



## Opportunity to Serve at Christian Ministries

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We have agreed to provide one meal a month for the Men's Sleeping Room for seven months this winter. We have provided four meals so far. Check the dates for the next three months on the *Joining God in the Neighborhood* bulletin board in the main-level hallway. You can also contact Patti Warner at 765-748-3057 if you could provide a meal. The group of men who will be consuming the meal can be as small as 4-5 or as large as 15. This is one way to help people with food insecurities. It is also an outreach from First Baptist Church. The men have been super thankful.

## Children Involved in Service as Northern Seminary President Preaches

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On **Sunday, March 8**, we will gather in a special combined service at **10:45 AM** as we welcome the president of Northern Seminary. Dr. William D. Shiell is the eleventh president of Northern Seminary, where he also serves as Professor of Pastoral Theology and Preaching. A native of Pensacola, Florida, Dr. Shiell holds degrees from Samford University (B.A.) and Baylor University (M. Div., Ph.D.). As we continue our Lenten series, Bill will be focusing on Jesus' teaching from Matthew on children. The children's ministry team is working to involve children in this special day of worship. We are planning a Church Friends' Lunch following the service.



## Church Friends Lunch

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Please join us on **Sunday, March 8** following our combined worship service. The church will provide meat and veggie lasagna, salad and bread. We ask that you please bring a dessert (or two)! We encourage you to use this opportunity to get to know folks you may not know! Reservations are required. Register online at [http://bit.ly/Marchfriends\\_lunch](http://bit.ly/Marchfriends_lunch) or call the church office by Wednesday March 4th to reserve a spot. See you there!

## Senior Adult Day in April

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Sr. Adult Day is **Thursday April 2**. The event will take place at First Baptist Church in Warren, Indiana and is sponsored by the American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis, the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky, and BHI Retirement Communities. Please contact Shirley Pittenger for reservations by **Sunday, March 15**. The cost is \$10.00. If you pay at the door it is \$12. The church van will leave the church at 8 AM.

## It's a Girl!

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Congratulations to Andrew and Dawn Dawson on the birth of their daughter, Zoey Elizabeth Dawson! Zoey was born on February 6th at Ball Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs and measured 19 1/4 in long. She is the 4th child of the Dawson's and little sister to Ella, Owen, and Andi. Welcome to our church family, Zoey!



## Easter Candy

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Easter is right around the corner, and we are in need of candy donations for our annual children's Easter Egg Hunt! Please drop off your candy donations to the church office anytime between now and March 29th. We kindly ask that all candy be individually wrapped please.

Thank you!

The Children's Ministry Team

## Visitor or Bulletin Information

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If you would like an announcement in the March Visitor, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, February 16**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

## Thank-You Notes

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**Debbie Bradburn** – Dear First Baptist family, I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers. It's nice to know my church family is thinking about me during my hospital stay. Thank you to Wade for taking time out of your day to come pray with me. It meant a lot to me. Thank you.

## February Birthdays

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We would like to say Happy Birthday to the following people in the month of February. Please let them know that you are thinking of them on their special day.

02/04 - Jeff Jones	02/16 - Melanie Graham
02/05 - Brandy Say	02/17 - Elora Heimlich
02/05 - Pam Williams	02/18 - Micah Braswell
02/07 - Ernestine Shields	02/20 - Jo Boyce
02/07 - Linzi Rodgers	02/21 - Haylee Mathis
02/07 - Marge Manor	02/23 - Daniel Morency
02/09 - Bracken Petroviak	02/23 - Joe Johnson
02/11 - Gary Henderson	02/23 - Penny Morris
02/14 - Brenda Cox	02/24 - Wes Russell
02/14 - Nancy Borton	02/27 - Christy Allen
02/15 - Elizabeth Shreves	
02/16 - Chris Wright	