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SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner



On Tuesday, March 5, we are holding a Free Pancake Supper from 5:30 -7:00 PM to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

The expression Shrove Tuesday comes from the word shrive meaning absolve. This is a day, observed by many Christians desiring to "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent of, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with."

It is always the Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday. We ask you to come out and enjoy the fellowship of this Free Pancake Supper in the church Fellowship Hall. But also to consider the things in your life that you need to bring before God to guide you towards correction.

VBS 2019
June 23-27



Ash WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will hold an Ash Wednesday Service here at the church on Wednesday March 6 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a time of reflection, preparation and prayer as we begin our journey towards Easter. We urge everyone to attend.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Join the fellowship and enjoy the delicious food at the Fellowship Dinner with a St. Patrick's Day theme on Monday, March 11. It is held in the Carter Family Life Center and we begin eating at 6:30 p.m. You are asked to bring enough food for your family plus extra to share. The Merry Mates Class is the host. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun evening.



On April 18 at 6:30 we will hold a Maundy Thursday Service. Maundy Thursday is a day in which we commemorate the Last Supper and Jesus' washing of the disciple's feet. This an important service for it reminds us of the example that Jesus gave us of true humility and his urging for us as his disciples to emulate him: *"a new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another"* (John 13:34)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



On April 19 at 6:30 we will hold a Good Friday Service to commemorate the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross. Good Friday is a day of mourning and fasting in the church. During this special service we will remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, and what this means for our faith.





8:45 SERVICE	SCRIPTURE	OFFERING PRAYER
MARCH 3	Boyd Knott	Richard Buckley
MARCH 10	Roscoe Faris	Bill Gibson
MARCH 17	Johnny Parks	John Grady
MARCH 24	Allen Bingler	Eddie Harlow
MARCH 31	Richard Buckley	Johnny Parks

11:00 SERVICE	COMMUNION	OFFERING
MARCH 3	Mike Lynn	Mike McCollister
MARCH 10	Scott Carter	Ken Jones
MARCH 17	Billy Marsh	Todd Archer
MARCH 24	Stan Martin	Billy Marsh
MARCH 31	Bob Archer	Mike Hill

SERVERS: **8:45 SERVICE**

Jim Baber	Jess Franklin
Allen Bingler	John Grady
Richard Buckley	John Lang
Larry Drumheller	

11:00 SERVICE

Bob Archer	Billy Marsh
Kevin Coleman	Brett Martin
Tommy Durrer	Josiah Walcott
Mike Lynn	

CLOSING PRAYER



8:45 SERVICE **11:00 SERVICE**

MARCH 3	Boyd Knott	Mike Hill
MARCH 10	Allen Bingler	Bob Archer
MARCH 17	Richard Buckley	Greg Bugg
MARCH 24	John Lang	Mike McCollister
MARCH 31	John Grady	Billy Marsh

SERVING COMMUNION TO SICK & SHUT-IN

Communion is taken to the sick and shut-in per the request of those at home, in a nursing home, or in the hospital. Call the office (977-1515) if you wish to receive home communion.

MARCH:

3	Donna Marshall
10	Johnny & Becky Parks
17	Stan Martin
24	Eddie & Carol Harlow
31	Scott Carter



GREETERS FOR MARCH:

Patsy Minahan Peggy Fitzgerald
Mike & Debbie McCollister

COMMUNION PREPARATION & BUILDING SECURITY FOR MARCH:

Greg Pitts and Mike Hill

WASH COMMUNION CUPS FOR MARCH:

Lillie Mae Cooke

NEED A RIDE



The Van Committee provides transportation each Sunday for those who need it. If you are in need of a ride the driver's schedule is:

MARCH 3	Bill Gibson	973-8184
MARCH 10	John Grady/Billy Marsh	979-2494
MARCH 17	Mike Lynn	295-7761
MARCH 24	John Grady/Billy Marsh	979-2494
MARCH 31	Bill Gibson	973-8184

CHILD CARE



NURSERY WORKERS

8:45 A.M.

MARCH 3	Pat Durrer
MARCH 10	Jonae Buckley
MARCH 17	Pat Durrer
MARCH 24	Jonae Buckley
MARCH 31	Pat Durrer

11:00 A.M.

MARCH 3	Lila Robertson / Sandy Taylor
MARCH 10	Waller Norford / Pat Durrer
MARCH 17	Judy Marsh / Donna Marshall
MARCH 24	Samantha Horn / Beth Horn
MARCH 31	Jackie Daniel / Pat Durrer

TODDLERS/RED BARONS TEACHER

Sherry Archer and Mitzi Hill



From **THE**
CLU**T**T**E**R**E**
DES**K**

As a sports fan, March is just about my favorite month of the year. Baseball season is starting, hockey is beginning its playoffs, and it's time for the college basketball tournaments—wall-to-wall hoops for days on end. Of course, being a UVA basketball fan is tough, because we've endured the two most notorious upsets in college basketball history. In 1982, the #1-ranked, Ralph Sampson-led Hoos fell to tiny Chaminade—a school that wasn't even part of the NCAA. Then, of course, came the loss to UMBC last year, when UVA became the first #1 seed to lose to a #16 seed in tournament history.

I would imagine the hardest part of it for the players has to be that everywhere they play, they're reminded of that loss. Despite winning 30 and losing only 3 last year; despite going 20-1 in arguably the best conference in the country; despite having a great record this year, that loss keeps being brought up. Nearly every game that's been on TV has had a mention of it. And fans being fans, they've been pretty creative in reminding the team of their failure. At Maryland there were signs and chants; at Carolina some students wore UMBC jerseys to the game; and Duke students even tried to fly the Terriers' point guard from last year to Durham to join the Cameron Crazies when UVA came to town. And of course, when this year's tournament starts, that upset will be the ongoing story.

When asked about it, the coaches and players have all talked about how failure isn't final, and how important it is to learn from it and move on—so that the next time you do better. The class and grace that Coach Tony Bennett showed in the moments afterward, when the pain from the loss was still raw, have resounded far more than a UVA win that day ever could have.

Most of us don't have to answer questions on national TV from the press after our biggest failures, but we do get reminded of them. Sometimes it's by the people closest to us constantly bringing it up; sometimes it comes from the consequences of those failures that we still have to deal with; sometimes it's from the habits we developed to help us cope with them that we still struggle to overcome. Long after we've repented and been forgiven, and no matter how many victories we've won, Satan will still find ways to use our past to try to keep us down.

But the great thing about being a Christian is that when God forgives a sin it's gone—we may have to still deal with some lingering circumstances our sins have

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**Youth
 Ministry
 Sarah Bowles**

February is over and not much seemed to happen with the youth. The college students had a super bowl party and 11 people did go snow tubing at wintergreen. Youth Group did meet during February and started a series called awkward conversations. Awkward conversations is a series about prayer and how most humans feel awkward when they are talking to God.

The Virginia Preteen convention is March 1-2 in Mechanicsville with the theme being Ooze God's Love.

March in junior church will look very similar with lessons that let them participate by reading from the Bible, acting out lessons, and playing games that relate to the lesson.

To me, March also means that winter is almost over and warm weather will be on its way. I love the warm weather and everything that can happen when it is warm outside; that also means summer is on its way!

Continued – *From the Cluttered Desk*

created, but the guilt is gone. Psalm 102:12 says that our sins are removed as far as the east is from the west. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." Hebrews 10:17 says, "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." Acts 3 urges us, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out."

When God forgives our sin it's gone—completely. We may not forget it, but He does. And He wants us to learn from it, grow from it, and move on. God has used liars, adulterers, thieves, drunks, murderers, and more to accomplish His purpose. I mean, Jesus' great, great, great, great, great grandmother, Rahab, was a ... ummm... how can I put this gently? ... a "woman of negotiable affection." Everyone has a past; but when we repent and turn to God our record is wiped clean and God can do great things in our lives.

I've found that one of the most exciting parts of Celebrate Recovery is seeing people let God turn their lives around and use their mistakes to help others. We always say, "God never wastes a hurt." He can use anything—even our past—to build His kingdom. He can take the very thing we're most ashamed of and use it for His glory in ways we never imagined—if we let Him.

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**MINISTER'S
MOMENTS**

Becoming a fully Devoted Disciple

Years ago I was in a bookstore (remember those) when I spotted a book entitled "Mule Eggs and Topknotts". Now with a name like that I had to buy it.

The first story in the book was set in the early 1930's about two brothers from New York who decided that they were fed up with city life, so they bought a ranch in Texas. Once they realized they needed a mule, so they went to a neighbor's ranch and asked if he had a mule to sell.

The rancher didn't have a mule for sale, but he couldn't resist the opportunity to have some fun with the city slickers. He pointed to a honeydew melon and said, "I don't have a full-grown mule, but I do have some of these mule eggs. Take this egg home and in a couple of days when it hatches, you'll have a brand-new mule." So, they bought the melon, placed it on the back of their truck, and headed down the bumpy road toward their ranch. They were almost home when they hit a bump and the honeydew melon bounced off the back of the pickup, hit the road, and burst open.

The driver saw this through his rearview mirror and turned around to retrieve his mule egg. Meanwhile, a big Texas jackrabbit came hopping by and saw the melon in the road. He hopped over to it and began to eat it. When the brothers approached, they saw the mule egg in the road and the long-eared creature in the middle of it, and said, "Look! Our mule egg has hatched! Let's get it!"

When the jackrabbit saw the men coming it took off hopping at lightning speed with the two New Yorkers in hot pursuit. They gave it everything they had but were unable to catch him. Finally, they hit the ground, exhausted, as the jackrabbit hopped off in the distance. One of the men said, "I guess we lost our mule." The other man said, "Yes, but, you know, I'm not sure I wanted to plow that fast anyway."

I am afraid that a lot of us today feel the same about our Discipleship. We want to be Christ followers we just don't want to do it that fast. But if you want to be a true disciple you need to be ready to do some fast plowing. The cost of discipleship is this: you must be willing to do things God's way. He sets the standards, not you. He sets the pace, not you. He makes up the rules, not you. You must be willing to do things God's way. The process of becoming a fully devoted disciple requires that you take your relationship with God seriously. It's not just a one-day-a-week event; it is an ongoing process that is the core of your every thought and action. It takes a serious commitment.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

BIBLE SCHOOL



By Johnny Parks

Spring is just around the corner! But first we have to deal with March's weather! Snow, sleet, rain, heat, cold and yes wind. We will just have to wait and see if March comes roaring like a lion, in or out. But let's hope it is mild as a lamb. The apostle Peter tells us in I Peter 5:8 "Be...alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." But as we have learned in Bible School we have the Lamb of God with us! John the Baptist tells us in John 1:29 this, "...Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" and through our studies we know the outcome, for our Lord and Savior is victorious over that lion, the devil!

So no matter what March's weather brings don't let it stop you from coming to Bible School and learning just who is the all powerful, yet so loving like a Lamb!

See YOU in Bible School!

Johnny

Teachers for the Spring Quarter:

Adults:

Disciples Class – Candace Wood
J.O.Y. – Nancy Haussmann
Homebuilders
Merry Mates – Stan Martin
Crusaders – Roscoe Faris
Men's Class – Johnny Parks

Children & Youth:

Nursery – Pat Durrer and Sandy Taylor
Red Barons – Sherry Archer and Mitzi Hill
Primary – Billy and Della Marsh, Nancy Brownlee
Middler – MyKaela Morris
Sr. High – Sarah Bowles and Donald Faris



LIBRARY NEWS



By Debbie McCollister

"I've never seen ashes able to control where the winds of change take them." This is a quote from *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way* by Lisa Terkeurst. And frankly, this quote did not incur great hope or joy in my life. I don't want my life to have turned to ashes. I don't want to be blown to some unknown future where I have no say in the matter. But here I am, in the midst of just such a season.

And I find I am not the only one. Many of my friends are also going through huge changes that they did not ask for, did not want, never in their wildest imaginations dreamed of. And we are asking, "What is God thinking?!?" We band together in our confusion, trying to make sense of it all, trying to encourage each other, even though we are stuck in the same muddy pit and can't seem to climb out.

But we try to remember that God is working to heal us. "He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand." (Psalm 40:2 NIV) It may take awhile to be set free from our brokenness, but God is walking through it with us. He is molding us to be more like Him. When we are ashes, He can more easily shape us. We are the clay that the Potter in Jeremiah 18:4 is remaking.

Yes, it hurts. It also hurt Jesus when He willingly let Himself be nailed to the cross. He wanted us to have a better life, to have hope, so He went through that pain for us. He is making us stronger and more beautiful. But we have to learn to depend on His strength, not our own. He is in control of our future, and it is His wind, His Spirit, that will blow us to the right path.





March 2019



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