

# The Cornerstone

from Community Church

March 2020

Dear Family,

Last week we launched into the Lent season. A season that traditionally is used to prepare Christians for Easter and is a reminder of the need to reflect upon the cross, pray, and repent of sin. Lent begins 40 days before Easter. Therefore Lent always falls on a Wednesday. For those who celebrate Lent this is called Ash Wednesday. Last Wednesday, February 26th was Ash Wednesday. It is traditional that Christians give up something for Lent. It is one way to repent, pray and reflect. The act of giving something up for a period of time for spiritual reasons is called a fast. Though Ash Wednesday is over and Lent has begun it is not too late to consider a fast. I would like to take a moment and challenge you to consider a fast this year. We fasted as a community recently during the 100 hours of prayer in late January for unsaved people in general but specifically for one person who you knew who was not saved. Hopefully you are still praying for that person!

By fasting for the remainder of Lent leading up to Easter it can be a great way to refocus your daily life on Christ and more specifically repenting over sin within your life. When fasting your motives need to be pure. Fasting has become a new trend in America with the onset of intermittent fasting through popular diets like Keto. Fasting for Keto is not necessarily wrong but it holds no spiritual value. Fasting to lose weight is the wrong reason for fasting.

In fact there is a danger when picking up any new spiritual discipline that a believer can do it wrong. Fasting can become a legalistic rule and a point of pride. Jesus makes this clear when he speaks about fasting in Matthew 6 verse 16. This was the mistake of the Pharisees. Another mistake is to think that you can force or manipulate God into doing what you want Him to do. We cannot force God to do anything. If we think fasting will earn God's grace in any form we are wrong and we waste our time. Today, many Christians make the mistake of ignoring fasting all together. Protestants have ignored fasting as one of the many extra ideas that Catholics have introduced into the faith. The idea of fasting can be found throughout scripture. Throughout the Old Testament and New Testament there is reference to fasting both individually and corporately. A quick study of the book of Joel, Matthew 6:16-18, and various passages within the book of Acts (Acts 9:9, Acts 13:2, Acts 14:23) will show that fasting was an expected activity of God's people. God's people fasted for a variety of reasons including celebration and mourning, to seek God's will or advice, to fight sin, and to seek repentance.

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(from the Pastor)

Fasting was assumed in the first century culture and so there is not direct teaching in scripture on the topic. There is need to discuss how practically believers are called too fast that is both Biblical and not legalistic. Fasting generally refers to abstaining from food in some manner. You can choose to fast from something else like social media, TV, or video games. These non-food fasts can be helpful especially if you cannot give up food for health reasons. Examples of people who should not partake in a food fast would include diabetics, pregnant women, and people suffering from any sort of eating disorder. Within scripture we see a couple different fasts. Jesus did a total fast of no food or water for 40 days (Luke 4). This type of fast is physically impossible without a miracle from God to allow the fast to happen. Accordingly it is highly not recommended unless God has specifically made it clear that you should fast in this manner. Another type of fast is commonly called the Daniel fast. This fast is based upon Daniel 1 when Daniel, in Babylon, asked to eat nothing but vegetables and water. Likewise this fast is a whole food vegetable and water fast. Many people do a generic no food fast. Where they will drink whatever they want with calories but stay away from all food. Finally another fast to consider is to cut all food and drinks with calories and only have water. Whatever you choose to do I suggest you start small and learn how to fast well before trying something too hard. Remember it is not about physically accomplishing the task of fasting but instead about connecting and drawing closer to God.

As I challenge you to fast you should understand that an actual fast can look very different from person to person. For example, one person might choose to fast all sweets for all of Lent. While another person might choose to eat nothing but fruit and vegetables. Meanwhile someone else might choose to fast all food every Monday, or every Saturday. You can structure the fast anyway you desire. There are just two concepts you should keep in mind. The first concept is to take on fasting at a level that is beneficial to your walk with God. A new Christian should not be given the Levitical Law as a starting point in reading their Bible instead they should be encouraged to read the Gospel of John or Romans. Nor should a runner run a marathon without training and practice. Similarly, choose a fast that meets your level of understanding. If you have never fasted before, a great place to start would be one meal a day once a week. Perhaps Monday dinner throughout the remainder of Lent. As you grow and learn then maybe an entire day. Finally in time you can choose a fast that lasts longer like a Daniel fast that lasts all of Lent.

The second concept to consider as you choose your fast is the end goal you have in mind. Meaning that the fast is supposed to draw you closer to God. In order to accomplish this task it is generally advisable to take the time you are not eating during a fast and devote it to study, meditation, and prayer before God. In this way you are not just giving something up but you are also adding extra intentional spiritual focus back in. If you are going to fast from video games or entire meals it is easier to refocus that time back toward God in prayer, meditation, and study. If you give up sweets it will help your waste line but most people eat sweets on the run throughout the day verses devoting real time to consuming them. However you choose to fast do not just consider what you are giving up but also what you are adding into your schedule to actually refocus toward God. Guard your heart from both pride and legalism. This article only stretches the surface about the conversation of fasting. To learn more you can begin by reading a chapter about fasting in the book: *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster. You can find this book in our library amongst other places. As you consider the remainder of Lent I challenge you to fast as you look forward to Easter, the cross, and what Jesus has done in your life.

- Pastor Bob

Save the Date!  
Women's Service Project



**On March 27th at 6:30pm**, we will be making heart shaped pillows as gifts for breast cancer patients.

We need supplies and we need volunteers.

What supplies are needed:

- Sewing Machines
- Scissors or rotary blades with mats
- Hand sewing needs
- Pink or white thread

Volunteers are needed to trace, cut, sew and stuff the pillows.

Please sign up in the lobby in March or contact:

Maureen Wilson; 330-573-9500 or Chris Wokaty: (330) 883 2442

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## Library News...

Thank you for using your CCPL Library. The weather has been dreary and there is not much to do outside, so come in and browse! Find something inspiring to read!

I just purchased "Living Beyond Pain" by Mintle and Kribs; "A Holistic Approach to Manage Pain and Get Your Life Back." Anyone living with chronic pain should read this book. Such a difficult subject

Everything checks out for three weeks and you are on your honor to return all items in a timely fashion.

Be of good cheer; Only 19 days until Spring!

Diana



Women@Community

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*Just One More Chapter!* Book Club is meeting on Tuesday, March 24 @ 6:30pm. The book for March is *The King's Mercy* by Lori Benton. In this story, "When captured rebel Scotsman Alex MacKinnon is granted the king's mercy-exile to the Colony of North Carolina-he's indentured to Englishman Edmund Carey as a blacksmith. Against his will Alex is drawn into the struggles of Carey's slaves-and those of his stepdaughter, Joanna Carey. A mistress with a servant's heart, Joanna is expected to wed her father's overseer, Phineas Reeves, but finds herself drawn instead to the new blacksmith. As their unlikely relationship deepens, successive tragedies strike the Careys. When blame falls unfairly upon Alex he flees to the distant mountains where he encounters Reverend Pauling, itinerate preacher and friend of the Careys, now a prisoner of the Cherokees. Haunted by his abandoning of Joanna, Alex tries to settle into life with the Cherokees, until circumstances thwart yet another attempt to forge his freedom and he's faced with the choice that's long hounded him: continue down his rebellious path or embrace the faith of a man like Pauling, whose freedom in Christ no man can steal. But the price of such mercy is total surrender, and perhaps Alex's very life." All ladies are welcome to join us. Contact Jessica Krege (330.622.3897) if you have any questions.

### *Tuesday Morning Ladies Study*

Begins Tuesday, March 17, 2020. 9:30-11:00 am. Room 128(Estimated 4-6 weeks) A friendship grew between Paul and the Philippian Church that was closer than that which existed between him and any other Church. Paul wrote this letter while in a prison in Rome. The objects were

1. A letter of thanks
2. Regarding Epaphroditus
3. Encouragement
4. Appeal for unity

If you would like to join this study: Call the Church office; contact Sonya DeBerte at [fearzero@aol.com](mailto:fearzero@aol.com) or text/call 330-592-6132, 330-896-4737

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Prayers and Stamping is now meeting at the church every 1st Monday at 1:30pm in the Conference Room



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Tuesday 6:30-8:00am  
Community Church Room 128  
Thessalonians  
by Jim Reedy

### **Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm  
Community Church Room 128  
Spiritual Warfare  
By Kevin Nash

### Men's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

**Leader:** Kevin Nash  
**When:** Tuesday's 6:30 - 8:30pm  
**Place:** Community Church Room 128  
**Occurrence:** Weekly  
**Topic:** Spiritual Warfare

### Men's Upcoming Event Summary

#### Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

**Leader:** Jim Reedy  
**When:** Tuesday's 6:30 - 8:00am  
**Place:** Community Church Room 128  
**Occurrence:** Weekly  
**Topic:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians

#### Men's Breakfast

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month beginning  
in October 9:00 am through March  
**Place:** Community Church Parlor  
**Donation:** \$3.00



Friday April 17th at 6:30pm (Doors Open at 6:00pm)

The keynote speaker this year will be our own Don Hutchison. Registration will begin March 15 between services and after the second service in the lobby. The cost is \$10 -- All men are welcome



## ***THE NEW AND IMPROVED MODEL***

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:16

When we look to purchase a product we are looking for the best and latest of whatever it is we want or need. If the product has been on the market for some time we are enticed further to purchase it by what is touted as being the “new and improved model”. The question that probably runs through all of our thoughts is; if it was as great as you said the old model was what was it that you had to improve? With that in mind we realize that when something new comes out it might not be perfect in every way and down the road changes will come to “improve” it. Often for that reason people might hesitate to make a purchase. Even with music some of our old standards become revised, same song with a different twist to make it better for one reason or another.

As Disciples of Christ we are somewhat the same. We come to trust Christ for our salvation and things become “new” for us, things we do, things we say, things we think, and so on. It is a process of learning and growing, continually being stretched into becoming more like Jesus, “new and improved” through the word of God and the circumstances of life. All of us that are in Christ are, or should be, on this path following Jesus. And when we look at a fellow believer that might be new to salvation or one who is not where “we think” they should be spiritually we need to be patient, kind, and other centered, spurring one another on in love as we all grow together in the truth of the Gospel.

### ***ENCORE MINISTRY***

**Luncheon March 14th** We will enjoy a potluck lunch together as well as the wonderful music of Raette George.

**Seniors' Bible Study** What events took place in the life of Jesus during the last week He was on earth? A period of time we know as Holy Week that culminated on Easter Sunday Join us as we take a detailed look at the events that took place during this week in history-Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the trial, Jesus' death and his resurrection-are foundational to our salvation and our Christian life. This bible study gives us the opportunity to focus more closely on these amazing events recorded in Scripture. We'll gain a deeper understanding about who Jesus is and how much He loves us. This LifeGuide Bible Study in IVP's revised format features questions for starting group discussions and for meeting God in personal reflection, as well as a new "Now or Later" section following each session that is designed to help us act on what we've learned. Please join us on Thursday, February 13th at 10:00 AM as we begin this nine week journey.



## MISSIONS AND PRAYER

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Community Church has recently spotlighted the importance of prayer. We would like to share with you some prayer needs from some of our missionaries.

**Brian and Kathy Moyer with Wycliffe Bible Translators:**

Brian has recently been having some health issues and would appreciate prayer.

Kathy will be very busy working on preparations for Wycliffe's conference.

**Paul and Robin Hardway with CRU:**

For the family, strong walks with the Lord in 2020.

For Robin, balancing homeschooling and work; safe travels.

For Olivia, their daughter, who has a breathing disorder that is not improving.

For their daughter Roselyn's faith; finding a loving youth community.

**Glenn George. Lead Chaplain with the Summit County Sheriff's Office:**

Glenn has taken on additional responsibilities, serving as Ohio State Representative to the International Conference of Police Chaplains, reaching out to any agency in the State of Ohio to assist them after a critical incident. He will also be instructing classes at the local and regional levels.

**Aaron and Katie Golby with CRU in Slovenia:**

Pray for students that Aaron coaches in the Upgrade program, a personal development program they offer to students to help them meet and develop relationship and trust with non-Christians.

**Emilie Harker with Word of Life in Guatemala:**

Pray for Emilie as she tries to bring Christ to the Guatemalan people, and for God's leading in the direction in decisions she will be making regarding her future ministry.

Pray for the local agencies that we support, such as Haven of Rest, Pregnancy Solutions, Summit Missions, South Street Ministries, The Way Out Prison Ministry, Child Evangelism, Emerge, and The Gideons.

Obviously, this does not cover all of the 30+ missionaries and agencies that we partner with. If you would like a Missionary Prayer card listing all of the missionaries we support, please stop by the church office to pick one up.

Don Hutchison



# Birthdays

Charlie Gale	1	Faith Brunty	16
Mary Ann Shisler	2	Judy Rowe	16
David Mobley	3	Vincent Connelly	17
Jaime Oden	3	Logan Miller	17
Dave Baker	4	Gavin Robeson	18
Stevie Galemmo	7	Ingrid Stillman	19
Carol Talley	7	Ryan Wallis	19
Becky White	7	Austin Pamer	20
Don Burdette	8	Michelle Wright	21
Gene Hill	8	Beth Brunty	22
Seth Uhl	9	Samuel Keleman	22
Candy Elliott	10	Jasren Mobley	23
Richard Fox	10	Annabelle Tulley	23
Brooklyn Rector	10	Dylan Blamble	27
Cynthia Burdette	11	Christian Gale	27
Dave Dickson	12	Chip Seibert	27
Steve Rector	12	Sarah Wroblewski	27
Hannah Stephens	12	Evey Gale	28
Gabe Martter	16	Kadynce McCann	31
Nate Martter	16		



# Anniversaries

		Ben & Kathy Walker	03/17/1967
Rich & Billie Army	03/06/1971	Tom & Becky Oden	03/20/1971
Greg & Jeannie Taylor	03/12/	Jim & Diana Pryor	03/24/1978



<b>March 14</b>	Encore Luncheon	<b>March 21</b>	Men's Breakfast
<b>March 20</b>	Children's Movie Night	<b>March 25</b>	Encore Movie Matinee
<b>March 21</b>	MFL March Madness	<b>March 27</b>	Women's Service Project

# COMMUNITY CHURCH MINISTRY CALENDAR

## MARCH 2020

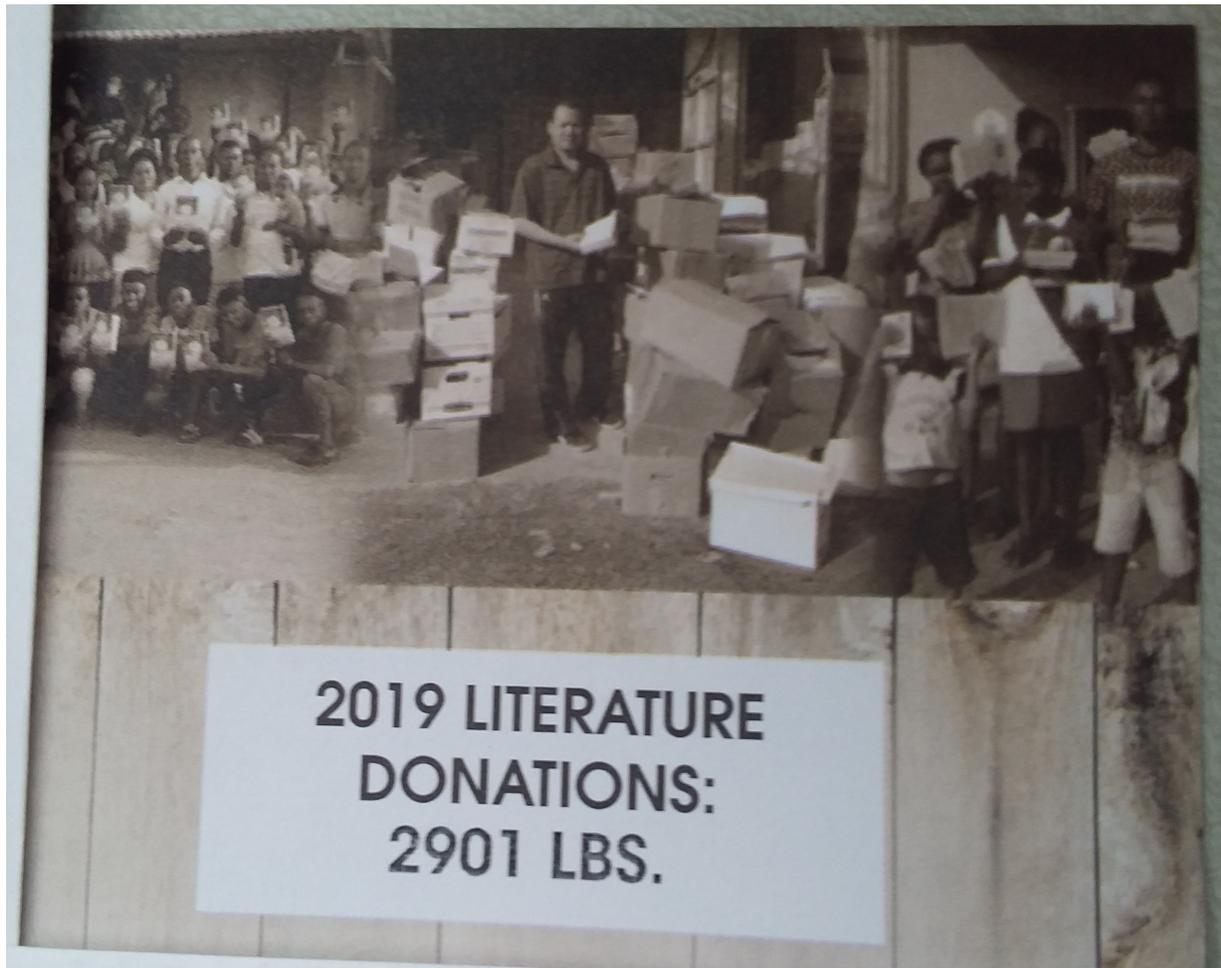
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Communion & Benevolent Fund Sunday 8:00 AM Christian Heirs ABF 8:15 AM Agape ABF 9:15 AM First Service 9:15 AM Sunday School & ABFs 11:00 AM Children's Wor/ABFs 11:00 AM Second Service 12:30 PM College & Career Sunday Grub 6:00 PM Annual Meeting	<b>2</b> 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Group 1:30 PM Prayers & Stamping 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:30 AM Men's Study 1:00 PM Jeremiah Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Over 30 Basketball 6:30 PM Mission Board 6:30 PM Spiritual Warfare Study	<b>4</b> 5:45 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Deaconess Meeting 6:30 PM Middle School Small Groups 6:30 PM Twiddy Bible Study 6:30 PM Wednesday Clubs 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 PM Men's BB	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Encore Bible Study 7:00 PM Galvanized Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b> 8:00 AM Christian Heirs ABF 8:15 AM Agape ABF 9:15 AM First Service 9:15 AM Sunday School & ABFs 10:30 AM Pastor Meet & Greet 11:00 AM Children's Wor/ABFs 11:00 AM Second Service 12:15 PM Pastor Meet & Greet 1:00 PM Volleyball League 6:30 PM Truth Project 6:30 PM Youth - SNG	<b>16</b> 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Group 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:30 AM Men's Study 1:00 PM Jeremiah Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Over 30 Basketball 6:30 PM Spiritual Warfare Study	<b>18</b> 5:45 PM Family Dinner 6:30 PM Middle School Small Groups 6:30 PM Twiddy Bible Study 6:30 PM Wednesday Clubs 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 PM Men's BB	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Encore Bible Study 7:00 PM Galvanized Group	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM Children's Movie Night	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Sr/Jr Breakfast 5:00 PM MFL March Madness Game Night
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<b>29</b> 8:00 AM Christian Heirs ABF 8:15 AM Agape ABF 9:15 AM First Service 9:15 AM Sunday School & ABFs 11:00 AM Children's Wor/ABFs 11:00 AM Second Service 12:30 PM Children's Volunteer Meeting 1:00 PM Volleyball League 6:30 PM Truth Project 6:30 PM Youth - SNG	<b>30</b> 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Group 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	<b>31</b> 6:30 AM Men's Study 1:00 PM Jeremiah Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Over 30 Basketball 6:30 PM Spiritual Warfare Study	<b>1</b> 5:45 PM Family Dinner 6:30 PM Middle School Small Groups 6:30 PM Twiddy Bible Study 6:30 PM Wednesday Clubs 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 PM Men's BB	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM Encore Bible Study 7:00 PM Galvanized Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Thanks to each of you who have been saving used postage stamps and dropping them off at the church office.

With your help, a large packet is sent monthly to Stamps for the Wounded. This Lion's Club program of "hobby therapy" aids wheel-chair- and hospital-bound veterans. Brighten someone's day with your repurposed stamps!

Becky Warner





Thanks for your donations for  
Christian Resources  
International. Every item makes  
a difference to those thirsty for  
The Word. -Harry Warner