

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

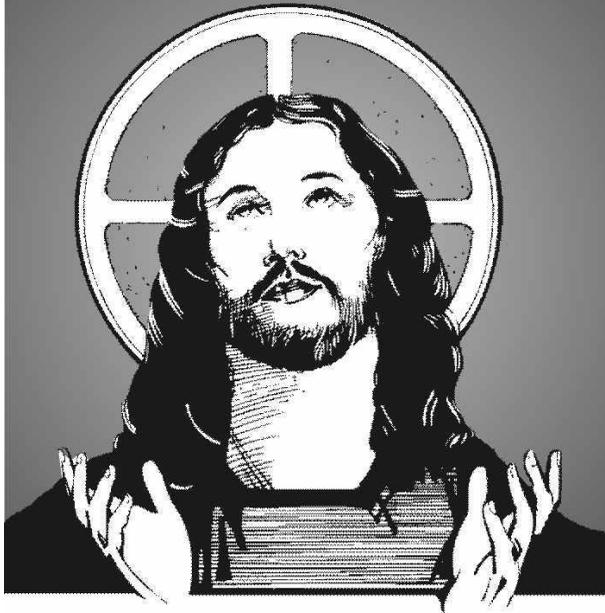
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"The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God
has come near;
repent, and believe
in the good news."
Mark 1.15



First Sunday in Lent, February 18, 2018

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

***Chiming of the Hour**

***The Call to Worship**

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

for where he is, we would be also.

***Hymn**

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH 368

The Opening Prayer

Loving God, you have made covenant with us and with every living creature. We give thanks for the sign of the rainbow, for it reminds you and us of your promise: that the flood of destruction will not be the last word. We thank you, too, for the waters of baptism, the sign that we are raised as children of the covenant; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And we thank you for the sign of the dove, the promise of your Holy Spirit. Hovering over the dawn of creation descending upon your beloved Son, your Spirit also hovers over and descends upon us. With the whole creation, we give you all glory and honor. In your triune name we pray. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Message

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

***Hymn**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

UMH 301

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and

circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may repent and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled and the kingdom has come near; in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Genesis 9:8-17

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The Gospel Reading – Mark 1:9-15

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This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“Wilderness”

The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Response: “In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (2x)

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

Lift up your voices: The Lord is near.

***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

“When We All Get to Heaven”

UMH 701

***The Charge and Blessing:**

As Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, so we will spend forty days in this season of Lent. Consider, children of the covenant, the faithfulness of God, and what it means to be baptized into Christ. Live each day proclaiming the good news, in word and deed, that God is with us and the kingdom is near.

May the God of covenant faithfulness enfold you; the beloved Son encourage you; and the Holy Spirit descend upon you in blessing; this day and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

“Bless the Lord” (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s Holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Assisting with Worship	Today	February 25, 2018
Scripture Readers	Pam Hunter	Pam Thompson
Greeters	_____	Volunteers Needed

Volunteers Needed: The sign-up sheets for March and April are available now.

Welcome Cards – We welcome all our guests. There are welcome cards located in the pews. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it into the offering plate during the collection.

About Fletcher's Chapel Church

Our Vision is to be a beacon in the name of Jesus Christ to the world, to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to send them forth to proclaim God's Word and serve God's will everywhere and always.

Our Mission: "19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." -- Matthew 28:19-20

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MINISTERS:	All Members
PRESIDING BISHOP:	Sharma D. Lewis
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:	Theodore Smith
PASTOR:	Michael B. Reaves
LAY LEADER:	Marie William
MUSICIAN	Elizabeth Pruett

February 18, 2018 – February 25, 2018

Sunday, 2/18	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Wednesday, 2/21	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home
	7:00pm	Girl Scouts
Thursday, 2/22	11:00am	Lenten Bible Study Morning Class (Week 1)
	7:00pm	Lenten Bible Study Evening Class (Week 1)
Saturday, 2/24	8:30am	Chat 'N Chew 2.0 w/ Bishop Lewis
Sunday, 2/25	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship

Upcoming:

Weds, 2/28	10:00am	Morning Prayer Group Ministry
Sun, 3/4	Communion	Sunday/Canned Food Collection
Friday, 3/9	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Sunday, 3/11	Loose Change	Collection/Coffee Fellowship
Saturday, 3/24	10am	Intentional Disciple Making Training at Wrights Chapel Church

Birthdays This Week

2/20 Sue Salo **2/25** Shirley Seay



Stay Informed! Copies of the 2018 Church Budget and a list of all Officers and Committees are available on the table under the literature rack in the sanctuary entrance. Everyone is encouraged to obtain a copy of each.

Coming this Lent:

“Easter Earthquake: How Resurrection Shakes Our World”

by James A. Harnish

In “Easter Earthquake,” James Harnish invites us to place Easter at the center of our Lenten journey. This study explores how Christ’s resurrection shakes some of our most basic assumptions about ourselves and God. Harnish reverses the usual focus of Lenten studies by starting at the empty tomb and seeing the entire journey in light of the resurrection. This different perspective on the passion can bring fresh energy into our lives as followers of Christ.

This six-week study will meet on Thursdays at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm beginning February 22. See Pastor Mike to sign up.

The Prayer Concerns list has been updated. If you want a person to be added to the Prayer Concerns list, then submit that request by filling out one of the blue Prayer Request Cards and placing it into the offering plate.

Prayer Concerns:

Prayers for our Community and the World: The congregation and guests of Fletcher’s Chapel and our community; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Our Bishop and her cabinet.

Prayers for Our Church Family: Jeanne Bullock, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Audrey Davenport, Ruby Hawkins, Louise Henderson, Grace, Shawn, Jayden, & Karis Humburger, Bob Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, David Pitts, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Gavin Balderson, Mitchell Burroughs, Elwood Coates, Sandy Collier, David Frazier, Frazier Family, Gage Ford & Family, Chip Hall, David Kane, Jim McCurtain, Daniel (D.P.) Newton, Malone Schooler, Brian Scott, Ryland Tedeton, Fred Weaver

***Prayer Request Cards** are available in the pew rack*

Lenten Worship Series: Rehab

Rehab is a word that can refer to many different things. In general, the word rehabilitate means to restore to a condition of good health, ability to work; to restore to good condition or operation; or to restore a person's reputation. Similarly, the annual observance of the Lenten discipline among Christians is a time to seek restoration for our lives. It is a time to reflect, take stock of our spiritual condition, and realign our lives. Even the spiritually mature among us become aware of how out of step we are with where we are called to be. We all have work to do.

February 14 Ash Wednesday: Mortality

We gather to acknowledge our mortality and our sinfulness, and to seek God's mercy and guidance for the season of intensive formation and re-formation in the way of Jesus that lies ahead.

February 18 Lent 1: Wilderness (Mark 1:9-15)

We acknowledge we are entering a wilderness, uncharted and perhaps un-chartable territory for us.

February 25 Lent 2: Intervention (Mark 8:31-38)

We become aware of the degree to which we need intervention and help beyond ourselves, and we identify how we can access it and start doing so.

March 4 Lent 3: Program (Exodus 20:1-17)

We encounter the specifics of the kind of program that can keep us moving forward and learning this new normal, if we stick with it.

March 11 Lent 4: Recovery (John 3:14-18)

We address the sense of progress (and lack of progress) that comes with beginning to make some recovery.

March 18 Lent 5: Promise (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

We remember with gratitude and hope the promise of healing and wholeness that awaits us as we continue to persevere, even in the face of challenging circumstances.