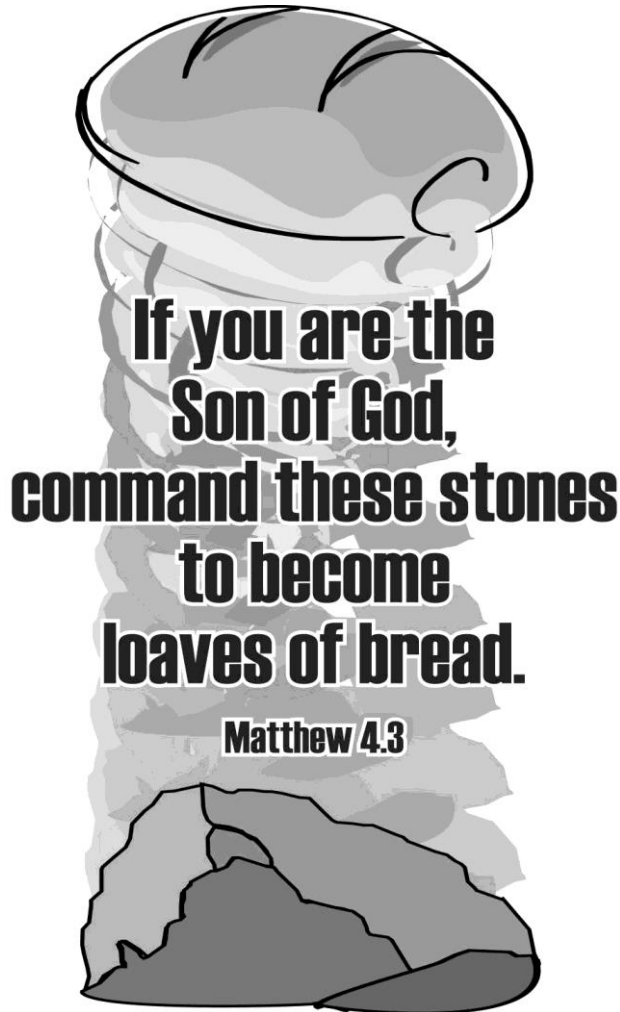


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**If you are the
Son of God,
command these stones
to become
loaves of bread.**

Matthew 4.3

The First Sunday in Lent, March 5, 2017

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

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

*Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH 526

The Opening Prayer

Wild God of wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Children’s Message (Canned Food Collection)

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

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

*Hymn

“Freely, Freely”

UMH389

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

The Scripture Reading – Romans 5:12-19

p. 1697

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 4:1-11

p. 1453

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message “Living Our Baptismal Calling: Renounce”

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:** We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Service of Holy Communion (UMH 12)

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Giving the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” UMH 297

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Worship the Lord; serve only God.

May the steadfast love of God surround you throughout these forty days and into everlasting life. **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

March 12, 2017

Scripture Readers	Tina Lauber (8:30) Stephenie Newton (11:00)	Pam Hunter (8:30) _____
Greeters	Kenny Newton (11:00)	Stephenie Newton (11)

Volunteers Needed: The sign-up sheet is on the front center pew.

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 Williams
MUSICIAN:	Elizabeth Pruett

March 5, 2017 – March 12, 2017

TODAY	Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection
	8:30am Worship
	9:30am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Wednesday, 3/8	10:00am Morning Prayer Group
Thursday, 3/9	10:30am Lenten Study Daytime Session (Week 1 of 5)
	7:00pm Lenten Study Evening Session (Week 1 of 5)
Friday, 3/10	5:00pm Girl Scouts
Sunday, 3/12	Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)
	Loose Change Collection
	8:30am Worship
	9:30am Coffee Fellowship (Hosted by Troy & Pam Thompson)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship

Upcoming:

Wednesday, 3/15	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Friday, 3/17	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center

Birthdays This Week

3/10 Makayla Emory **3/11** Bethany Ayers



Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Week! Don't forget to "Spring Forward" before you go to bed next Saturday night.

Lent: Living Our Baptismal Calling

Today, Lent 1: Renounce

We walk the way of temptation with Jesus and learn from him what it means to continue to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin.

Newt Week, March 12, Lent 2: Accept

Through the powerful image of new birth and the biblical story of the serpent in the wilderness, Jesus shows Nicodemus and us what it takes for us to accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Coming this Lent:

“He Chose the Nails – What God Did to Win Your Heart”

By Max Lucado

The wood. The thorns. The nails. Christ's sacrifice has defined the very essence of mankind's faith for the past 2000 years. And now, Max Lucado invites you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance with “He Chose the Nails.” The author examines the symbols surrounding Christ's crucifixion, revealing the claims of the cross and asserting that if they are true, then Christianity itself is true. The supporting evidence either makes the cross the single biggest hoax of all time, or the hope of all humanity.

This five-week study will meet on Thursdays at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm beginning March 9. See Pastor Mike to sign up.

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 his cabinet.

Prayers for Our Church Family: Jeanne Bullock, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Dewayne Coates, John Earl Coates, Ed Curtis, Pat Curtis, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Ray Highfield, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Tommy Jacobs, Sr., Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Turner Minx, Jesse Radolinski, Lily Radolinski, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan, Howie Weadon

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Mitchell Burroughs, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Tommy Davis, Chris Deike, Pat DeShazo, Rowena Diaz, Almeta Frazier, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Karissa Greecher, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Betty Jubb, Billy Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy, Robert Klink, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Paul Morfit, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Robert Pruitt, Chuck Rabbitt, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Kelly Roy, Malone Schooler, Brian Scott, Joseph Sirrels, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Dickie Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew rack