

Sharpe Insight

Lent is the period of 40 days prior to RESURRECTION SUNDAY

(Easter). The Lenten Season began February 14, on Ash

Wednesday. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before

the celebrations of Easter Morning. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is usually marked by fasting, both from food and festivities as well as using these 40 days to accomplish spiritual introspection, rededication of one's life, begin a renewal of Bible Study, or start a devotional life through prayer and service to our Lord. We in Hatcher Church now have many options in service, study and mission service.

Whereas Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross, Lent recalls the events leading to and including Jesus' crucifixion by Rome and the Hebrew religious leaders. These events took place in Jerusalem while occupied by the Roman Empire and in the hands of Roman leadership.

Most Christian churches observing Lent in the 21st century (and not all do) use it as a time for prayer and mission service. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favorite foods, activities, or pleasures. Whatever the sacrifice one surrenders, it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

Why 40 days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.

Moses was on Mount Sinai with the loved for 40 days.

Jonah gave God's message for Nineveh to repent within 40 days

The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.

Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.

Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

From the Resurrection of Jesus to his Ascension was 40 days.

Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

Be invited to renew your faith in sacrifice and service during this special season,

Pastor Sharpe

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Hatcher Happenings

March 3	10am	Bible Study
	11am	Worship Service
	12pm	Deacon's Mtg
March 4	10am	Staff Mtg
March 6	11am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
March 10	10am	Bible Study
	11am	Worship Service
March 13	11am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
March 17	<i>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</i>	
	10am	Bible Study
	11am	Worship Service
	12pm	Chili Cook Off
March 18	7pm	Finance Committee Mtg
March 19	7pm	Church Council Mtg
March 20	11am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
March 21	11am	Love & Fellowship
March 24	<i>Palm Sunday!</i>	
	10am	Bible Study
	11am	Worship Service
March 27	11am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
March 29	<i>Good Friday!</i>	
	7pm	Maundy Thurs./ Tenebrae Service
March 31	<i>Resurrection Sunday!</i>	
	10am	Bible Study
	11am	Worship Service

Bible Study

We will continue our series following "The Chosen" on Wednesday's at 11am.

We have now entered Season 2!

If you're interested in attending please let the Church Office know via phone, email, or sign up on the sheet located in the Sanctuary Foyer on Sundays.

We have a light lunch following the study and want to make sure we have enough food prepared.

Special Thanks to Terry Hoover and her team as they work so hard to provide us with the most amazing food during this time of fellowship!

Lamb's Basket Volunteers 2024

Our church supports the Lamb's Basket in supplying volunteers each month to go in and help sort/clean. Hatcher has one day each month designated to come help them out.

The hours are **10am-12pm** each volunteer day.

The dates for 2024 are:

March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, and December 12th

Please join us in helping support the Lamb's Basket so they can continue to supply those in need with much needed food!

We hope you can join for our first upcoming date of the year:

Thursday, March 14th.



Hatcher Happenings

Hatcher Church Family says...

“THANK YOU, HEATHER and Blessings!!”

With much sadness Hatcher has accepted the resignation of our Office Administrator, Heather Stamey. Heather has worked with us since December, 2021, and has provided outstanding ministry support for Hatcher Church. It is with tremendous thanks the Hatcher Church Family recognizes her positive ministry skills in leadership. It has been our pleasure to have observed her diverse leadership responsibilities during this chapter of Hatcher's life. While serving as the Office Administrator, she has had the opportunity to serve as the Coordinator for the Children and Youth Ministries. She has developed a community resource Bible Study Group where individuals from all walks of life can find a new beginning. Since December 2021, these positions have provided Heather the varied opportunities in administrative leadership, staffing, curricula evaluation/implementation, and the proficient understanding of Administration and Volunteerism. Our church has had the pleasure to have worked with Heather in organizing and planning diverse ministry events. She interfaces with most every leadership committee of the church, parents, and provides the role-model as a parent-leader. She has been outstanding as we observed how she secured volunteers and extended leaders for diverse ministries.

Heather is most professional, yet so very kind, sensitive, and patient with every church member, child, and parent. She demonstrates the ability to learn, be adaptive, and be most creative. She brings keen insight, leadership, and management skills which are very visible in how she relates with diverse people groups, cultural, social, gender, or age groups. With her people skills and spiritual maturity, she has the wisdom to maneuver through today's emotional “mine fields” that social and political Issues have brought into all current children and youth ministries. Because of this wisdom, she is able to move from administration, to assisting in ministry concerns, to mediating, and assessing parental concerns. Her diverse professional skill-set has broadened Hatcher's ministry profile in all of its ministry platforms and publications.

Heather, thank you for being a vital part of Hatcher's Ministry. Our prayer is for our Lord to continue opening doors for growth and His ministry future in your life.

Personnel Committee of Hatcher Church

Among Our Fellowship



March 10	Michael Heflin
March 12	Howard Weis
March 13	Patty Kucera
March 16	Betsy Craig
March 17	Shirley Smith
March 18	Charles Fleet
March 20	Amanda Fultz Amy Sibley
March 23	Kathy Ridenour
March 24	Alice Phillips
March 25	George Weis
March 27	Ben Jones
March 28	Linda Pomfrey Christopher Stratton
March 29	Sue Mitchell Bob & Shawn Carlton*
March 31	Preston Pugh Erin Roehm April Manley

**Indicates Wedding Anniversary*

In Our Prayers...

Adam Griffin (Dianne Rife's grandson)
 Barbara Burks (Kay Craig's Sister)
 Betty Weis (Betty Bancroft's daughter in law)
 Bob Carlton
 Brenda Martin (Teddy Martin's Wife)
 Carol McCann
 Carrie West-Bailey (Carol West's Daughter)
 Connie Johnson (Brandon Johnson's Grandma) - Hospice
 Charles Brammer
 David & George (Lena Taylor's Brothers)
 Debbie Cargo (Kay Craig's Niece)
 Debbie Peak
 Dianne Rife
 Dorothy Irwin
 Dot Major
 Gloria Tiller (Shirley Tuck's Sister In-Law)
 Imani Foster (Friends of Taira Boudine & Jerry Phaup)
 Janet Henderson (Family of Susan Dawson)
 John Whitlock (Dottie Whitlock's Son)
 Judy Williams (Sharon Bracken's Sister)
 June Banes
 Kathy Crone (Cookie Martin's Neighbor)
 Kay Craig
 Kristine Jenkins (Friends of Taira Boudine & Jerry Phaup)
 LaVerne Taylor
 Lois (Lena Taylor's Sister in-law)
 Lois Mattingly (Alice Phillip's Brother's Sister in-law)
 Margaret Carins (Friend of Cookie Martin)
 McKenzie Meador & Her Competition Dance Team
 Nancy Walker
 Nikki Rettig (Friends of Taira Boudin & Jerry Phaup)
 Rick & Ann Haldeman (Vivian Hucksteps Family)
 Sandy Biggs Lee
 Scout Craig (Kay & Joe Craig's Granddaughter)
 Sharon & Johnnie Newcomb
 Sharon Bracken
 Shut-Ins (see list)
 Steve Gallahan (Charlie Brammer's Son In-Law)
 Susan Dawson
 Vivian Parks
 Warren Mitchell
 Zachary Unroe (Jane Stanard's Grandson)
 Zeke Noble (Step great grandson of Al & LaVerne Taylor)

Worship Discipleship

The Lenten Season: Our Journey to the Resurrection

MARCH 3

“Communion with Fellow Believers”

Healthy Christians Grow Healthy Churches
Sharing Communion Means Sharing the Same Spirit

Luke 24:28-35 (Jesus’ Secret, Sharing Bread at Emmaus)

The things we believe, the things we do, are we an intentional people.....

In this service we will be looking at Hatcher’s spiritual strengths and gifts and
how we use them or don’t use them.

MARCH 10

“Growing to Be Like Christ”

When is it time to renew our life with God?

When do we need to renew our life with God? Or start a relationship with God?

Matthew 6:7-15 (Jesus’ Secret: On Forgiveness)

MARCH 17

“At the Crossroads”

When Do Churches Face the Reality of Ministry?

(Knowing how to make positive spiritual decisions)

The fellowship meal will follow the service and address how Hatcher can be more loving

Matthew 19:16-22 (Jesus’ Secret: given to The Rich Lawyer’s Question)

MARCH 24

Palm Sunday

“A Promise Kept”

Explaining how God gave and kept His divine promise for a Messiah

Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 11:6-13 (Isaiah’s secret: of the future rule of the Coming Messiah, Jesus)

MARCH 31

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

“How Does One Get an Invitation to the Kingdom of God?”

When Nicodemus came to Jesus one night under the cloak of security, seeking the Kingdom of God, Jesus revealed his secret through simplicity and the Torah. That invitation is also for us on this Easter Sunday.

John 3:1-3 (Jesus’ secret: invitation to His Kingdom)

Ministry

Love & Fellowship

Their next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 21st, 2024 at 11am** in the Fellowship Hall.

Marsha Rettig from Moments of Hope will be their guest speaker. It will be an Easter Cover Dish Luncheon. Ham & Potato Dishes are provided, side items and desserts are needed.

Contact Terry Hoover or Kay Craig with any questions.

Hearts In Motion

Hearts in Motion will be going to Chestnut Grove on March 11th from 2:30 – 3:30 to help the residents with Bingo in their dining room. We will provide prizes such as toothbrush, toothpaste, combs, brushes, packs of tissues, small shampoos, soap, deodorant (men and women) etc., plus snacks and candy and small Easter related items.

We hope to do this once a quarter and anyone is invited to help out and/or provide prizes.

Contact Sue Mitchell or Wayne Duke if you have any questions.

Hatcher's Luck of the Irish Fellowship

"ST. PATRICK'S DAY"

MARCH 17, 2024

Following the Worship Service

On Sunday, March 17, Hatcher is planning a "St. Patty's Day" After Worship Fellowship for a time of having fun and to share ideas how our Church Family can become kinder, more loving, and develop better patterns of communication for future ministries. This time of informality will be anchored with a **Chili Cook Off**. Our members who are known for their Famous Chili Making's are asked to call Terry Hoover so we may know how many Special Crock (Crack!) Pots of Chili we can count on..let's get the pots signed up.

For those whose palate is "Not Crock Chili", Ms Hoover is asking for anyone with Ham Biscuits, Deserts, or Other Food talents to contact her so we will have a diversity of food for everyone. Our Church Family is planning to make this a wonderful time around the Lord's table.

We may have an update from the Deacons on how the Pastor Selection Committee is going and the Personnel Committee is hoping to share some very positive and inspiring information.

Easter Offering for 2024

The Church Council and Finance committee have decided to use this year's Easter offering for Building Repairs. The church building is in need of repairs. Many projects need to be done, like painting, replacing light fixtures, possible repairs for the steeple and painting the sanctuary windows. All of these projects need to be done if we have the funds for them.

Thank you in advance.

Finance Committee

Hatcher Kids



Would you be interested in taking a shift sitting with the kids during our
11am Worship Service?

Following the “Children’s Moment” in the service you take the kids back to
room 288 for some fun!

If you would be interested in taking a shift one Sunday please reach out to
either the Church Office or Terry Hoover and let us know what Sunday works
for your schedule!

Upcoming Children’s Church Schedule:

March 3rd—Mrs. Belinda Blanchard

March 10th—Ms. Karen Stamey

March 17th—Mrs. Terry Hoover

March 24th—Mrs. Terry Hoover

March 31st—Mrs. Debbie Welch

HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2024-2025

Deacons

Chair — Lena Taylor

Secretary—Susan Dawson

Treasurer—Wayne Duke

<u>2021-2024</u>	<u>2022-2025</u>	<u>2023-2026</u>
Carol McCann	Wayne Duke	Susan Dawson
Karen Stamey	Cookie Martin	Peggy Ingram
Lena Taylor	Michael DiGaetano	Bill Moseley
	Tom Ingram	Debbie Welch

Church Officers

Moderator: Dr. Carol McCann
 Treasurer: Jackie Matthews
 Clerk: Debbie Welch
 Asst. Clerk: Sharon Vecchione

Committee Chairpersons

Counting: Mary Atwell
 Endowment: Belinda Blanchard
 Finance: Jerry Myers
 McShin: David Dunston
 Nominating: Alice Phillips
 Personnel: Susan Haynes

Program Leaders

Outreach/ Mission Director: Sue Mitchell and
 Kathy Ridenour
 Sunday School Director: Alice Phillips
 Love & Fellowship Coord.: Kay Craig

Team Leaders

Building & Grounds: David Dunston
 Flower & Decorating: Betty Bancroft
 Hostess: Kay Craig
 Kitchen: Terry Hoover
 Transportation: Ray Clary
 Ushers: Eddie Harris
 Communications: Jerry Myers
 Audio/Visual: Ray Clary/Jerry Welch

Building Use Coordinator :	William Moseley
McShin Board Representative:	David Dunston
Wedding Coordinator:	Terry Hoover
LAMB'S Basket Representatives:	Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione
Benevolence Coordinator(s):	Karen Stamey, Rev. Dr. Carol McCann, & Susan Haynes

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J. Brandon Johnson, Maintenance
Jerry Myers, Webmaster
Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator