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*Now to Him who is able
to do immeasurably
more than all we ask or
imagine according to
His power that is at
work within us.
(Ephesians 3:20)*

Get Excited Now

40 days of preparation..

Will you overcome a mighty flood? (Gen 7:4) *Do it*

Will you stay on Mount Sinai? (Ex 24:18) *Maybe*

Will you turn to God and repent? (Jonah 3:4) *Do it*

Will you fast and pray? (Matt 4:1-2) *Do it*

Will you wander in the desert? *Don't do it* (Num 14:33)

Make your choice

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The Season of Lent

Lent is the 40 day period before Easter, February 22—April 7, 2012. Sundays are not counted in the season of Lent since they commemorate the resurrection of Jesus.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and last for six and one half weeks. Lent ends at Easter when Christians remember the crucifixion of Jesus then celebrate His resurrection.

Lent is a time when some Christians try to remember their own faults because they believe that it was man's sin which led Jesus to be crucified. They put aside more time for prayer and religious acts so they can really let God into their lives. Lent is a season for reflection and taking stock of your life. Lent in the early days of the Church was a preparatory time for Easter, where lives were rededicated and converts were instructed in faith and prepared for baptism.

The last week of Lent is known as Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the celebration of the day Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Passover. Great crowds lined up to wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna", which means "Save us Now!". Palm Sunday is a day of celebration also one of sadness because Jesus died on a cross less than one week after entering Jerusalem.

Holy Week is the week before Easter, commemorating the last days of Jesus life on earth.

Special days in Holy Week are:

Palm Sunday—the day Jesus arrived in Jerusalem

Maundy Thursday—the last supper and betrayal of Judas

Good Friday—the arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus Christ.

The 40 days of Lent is also a time where Christians can remember

the time Jesus spent alone in the desert being tempted by Satan. Yet Jesus remained faithful to His Father in Heaven. Christians everywhere should be faithful to God in fasting, prayer, and rejoicing about the Resurrection of Jesus. During the season of Lent, fasting can be giving up something that will allow you to focus on God more or build your faith in God.



Lent begins Feb 22nd

Those Serving in February

Worship Leader Bay Chandler
Serving Elders Danny Curnutt and Jim Romine
Greeters Marvin and Peggy Todd

Brother Phillip will be speaking at
St. Timothy's Church Feb 29th

Will be Announced in the Church Bulletin

Prepare your heart for the season of Lent

Be prayerfully considering how you will focus on your spirituality during Lent. Will you be giving up something, praying more, studying your Bible more, reflecting more?

Plan to draw closer to God!

CELEBRATIONS IN FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

1st	Kelsey Curnutt
2nd	Bobby Bailey
3rd	Maggie Smith
4th	Buddy Nelson
5th	Michael Dykes
5th	Adrienne Wright
6th	Tommy Maples
11th	Susan Nelson
16th	John Watson
20th	Keith Johnston
22nd	Jean Keyes
23rd	Bettye Gregg
24th	Genie Johnston
29th	Brandon Weaver

ANNIVERSARIES

9th	Dean & Frances Roy
12th	David & Norma Jean Bailey
12th	Dan & Shirley Johnson
17th	Sam & Sandy Mitchell

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February 2012						
Sunday The Epistles	Monday The Books of the Law	Tuesday The Books of History	Wednesday The Psalms	Thursday The Books of Poetry	Friday Prophecy & Revelation	Saturday The Gospels & Church History
			1 <u>Psalms 21-23</u>	2 <u>Job 15-16</u>	3 <u>Isaiah 40-44</u>	4 <u>Matthew 20-22</u>
5 <u>Romans 15-16</u>	6 <u>Genesis 32-35</u>	7 <u>Judges 17-21</u>	8 <u>Psalms 24-26</u>	9 <u>Job 17-18</u>	10 <u>Isaiah 45-50</u>	11 <u>Matthew 23-25</u>
12 <u>I Corinthians 1-2</u>	13 <u>Genesis 36-39</u>	14 <u>Ruth</u>	15 <u>Psalms 27-29</u>	16 <u>Job 19-20</u>	17 <u>Isaiah 51-55</u>	18 <u>Matthew 26-28</u>
19 <u>I Corinthians 3-4</u>	20 <u>Genesis 40-43</u>	21 <u>I Samuel 1-5</u>	22 <u>Psalms 30-32</u>	23 <u>Job 21-22</u>	24 <u>Isaiah 56-61</u>	25 <u>Mark 1-2</u>
26 <u>I Corinthians 5-6</u>	27 <u>Genesis 44-47</u>	28 <u>I Samuel 6-10</u>	29 <u>Psalms 33-35</u>			