





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE

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I am so excited thaty we are all back together today as we

take precautions. We have missed you all immensely! And it is good we have missed one another. That is the Lord letting us know that we need each other.

I trust we are reading our Gospel challenge this winter to read ONE of the four Gospels by Easter Sunday April 17th. I am enjoying preaching through the Gospel of Mark. It is God revealing who He is and what His Heart is all about. And that is such an encouragement to our hearts!

I am looking forward to our Ash Wednesday Services on March 2nd. As we begin our Lent season, we will meditate all the more what it means to fellowship with His Suffering as our Jesus makes His way to the Cross...

Love,

Pastor John & Debbie



Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.



USHER SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson DEACON–Ken McVey Small Talk-Junior Church-*(The previous week's attendance and financial status)* ATTENDANCE SS-0 Worship- 0 FINANCIAL NOTES Monthly Need \$11,070.16

| | Worship Service | Sunday School |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| February 6 | \$ 949.95 | - |
| February 13 | \$2,558.00 | - |

Operating Fund \$3,497.95

SPECIAL OFFERINGS Trash Bags-\$60.00, Rental of FH-\$50.00 Kroger-\$131.70, Initial Offering-\$1.00

 Total Receipts (Feb.)
 \$4,175.65

 Weekly Need
 \$2,700.18

One day a man was crossing a bridge in life but was scared so he turned and asked God, "Can I hold your hand so I may not fall?" God said, "No, my child, I will hold your hand." He asked, "What's the difference?" God replied, "If you hold my hand and something happens, you might let go but if I hold your hand, no matter what happens, I will never let you go." May the Lord hold your hand tightly in all your ways. Author Unknown



March 2 -----Ash Wednesday March 10 -----Start Lenten Lunches March 9 -----Quarterly Business Meeting March 31-----First Baptist Sponsors The Lenten Lunch

<u>Sunday School and Bible Study</u> Sunday School will reconvene on March 6th. Tuesday Morning Bible Study will reconvene on March 8th.

Lenten Lunches

Below is a schedule of this year's Lenten Lunches that will be at St. Martin's Catholic Church.

March 10 -- First Christian Church

March 17--St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church

March 24-- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

March 31-- First Baptist Church

April 7-- First United Methodist Church

Join us for our Lenten lunches!

Thursdays, during the season of Lent, a Church from the Martinsville area will host a lunch.

All lunches will be held in Sexton Hall on the St. Martin of Tours Campus, 1720 East Harrison St.

They will begin serving lunch at 11:30 am Cost is \$5.00

Devotion talks begin at 12:15pm

All are welcome!

AMERICA FOR CHRIST

Starting next Sunday we will begin four weeks of collecting America For Christ offerings. Envelopes will be included in the Bulletins.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

We are going to have all of the sermons on the book of Mark that Pastor John is doing until Easter posted on our website. So if you would like to go back and review any of the past messages, go to the website and you will find them from the beginning to the end. The website address is at the top of the Vision.

<u>FUNNY</u>

Funny how simple it is for people to trash <u>God</u>, and then <u>wonder</u> why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but

question what the <u>Bible</u> says. Funny how everyone wants to go to <u>heaven</u>,

provided they do not have to believe, think, say, or do anything the Bible says.

Funny how someone can say "I believe in God," but still follow <u>Satan</u> who, by the way, also "believes" in God.

Funny how we are quick to judge, but not to be judged.

Funny how you can send a thousand 'jokes' through email and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

Funny how the lewd, crude, vulgar and <u>obscene</u> pass freely through cyberspace, but the public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace. Funny how someone can be so fired up for Christ on Sunday, but be an invisible Christian the rest of the week.

Are you <u>laughing</u>?



PRAYER REQUESTS: <u>Church Family</u>:

Carol Williams, Kathy Morris, Evelyn Denney, Mary Jennison, Judy Thompson, Brian Etchison, Dee Dee Kaufman, Jim Abshire, Donna Abshire, Betty Williamson, Mike Adams, Susan Polk, Tom Holman, Dixie Carter, Larry & Peggy Martin, Bob & Catherine Etter & Bob & Dianna Jennings. **Community: Pray for America**,

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in school this year and those in need in our community.

Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard,

Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake,

Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country People affected by the COVID-19, Kentucky Tornado Victims, Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, the US economy, firemen and medical personnel.

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

