

# The Vision



#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE

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#### March 13, 2022



We rejoice in this Lenten season as we see additions

to our church family. God is moving among us and adding to our fellowship! We give Him all the praise and glory for all He is doing! Springtime is just about upon us and Easter demonstrates the power over death which God showed us in raising up His Son Jesus. But not after Jesus' suffering and sacrifice upon the Cross. And for that we continue in repentance and returning back to this God who loves us so during this Lenten season.

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!

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-Debbie Maples
(The previous week's attendance and financial status)
ATTENDANCE
SS-36 Worship- 52
FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

Worship Service Sunday School March 6 \$2,440.00 \$20.00

Operating Fund \$2,460.00

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

America for Christ Offering-\$130.00, Deacon's Fund-\$66.00, Zumba-\$400.00, Love Gift – ABW-\$20.96, Ice-\$6.00, Utilities for Nov. & Dec.-\$3,000.00, Office Depot Refund-\$16.10

Total Receipts (Mar.) \$6,099.06 Weekly Need \$2,700.18

# **CROSS**

A young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said, "I have too heavy of a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in." When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined. Varietyreading.com



March 15-----Restart Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
March 16-----Bible Study at 7:00 PM
March 31-----First Baptist Sponsors The

**Lenten Lunch** 

### **Lenten Lunches**

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

March 17 – St. Martin's Catholic 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

Everyone is invited!

Martinsville First
Church of the Nazarene
"Pre-Spring Jubilee"
tonight, March 13
6PM: Appointed Brothers Quartet &
Channel 8's Randy Ollis



Candy is needed to make up Easter Egg Bags for the children, to be given out April 16th. There is a box in the Narthex,

Thank you, Board of Christian Education



Jennifer Drapalik will be hosting a new Bible Study, starting Wednesday, March 16th at 7 pm here at First Baptist Church. This is a study for both men and women. It is for those who want to have a closer relationship with Jesus. It is for those who don't have that relationship with Him yet, but want to know more about Him.. Our first week will be "What are you focusing on?" What distractions do you have that keep you from having the relationship you want with God. How can you get refocused on Him?

Snacks will be provided.

Come join us! Invite a friend! We hope to see you there!



## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

#### **Church Family:**

Bertha Marie Heiny, Family of Doris Nail, Family of Dixie Carter, Carol Williams, Kathy Morris, Evelyn Denney, Mary Jennison, Judy Thompson, Brian Etchison, Susan Polk, Dee Dee Kaufman, Jim and Donna Abshire, Betty Williamson, Mike Adams, Tom Holman, 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.

<u>Military Personnel:</u> Skyler Rynard, Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

<u>Country</u> People affected by the COVID-19, 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.

