

MEN WHO SERVE

	SERVICE	FEBRUARY 28	MARCH 6
MORNING	Song Leader	Jimmy Snow	Eddie Nuckols
	Announcements	Eddie Nuckols	Tom Davenport
	Opening Prayer	Jered Markman	Rick Brown
	Scripture Read	John Davenport	Paul Davenport
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Mark Koontz	Phil Forrest
EVENING	Opening Prayer	Scott Tesh	Jimmy Snow
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Oscar Koontz	Daniel Forrest
	Lord's Table	Jimmy Snow	Eddie Nuckols
	Wed Song Leader	Tom Davenport	Eddie Nuckols

LORD'S SUPPER

Center	Ortie Boyd	Wesley Frick
Servers	Rick Brown	Steve Anderson
	Matthew Brown	Tom Davenport
	Scott Tesh	Mark Koontz
	Wesley Frick	Jered Markman
Prepare Cleanup	The Koontzs	The Boyds
Bread	Terri Maurer	Patsy Boyd

CHURCH LEADERS

ELDERS

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What About Lent?

What does the Bible say about Lent? Nothing – absolutely nothing. Lent is purely an invention of man. It's never mentioned in the Bible. So why not practice Lent? Surely there is nothing wrong with it and perhaps it can even be beneficial – so why not?

While there is no specific mention of Lent in the Bible, there is a fundamental Bible principle which can help us evaluate it. Jesus said of the Pharisees, "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:9) Paul also warned against religious practices which, "Are after the doctrines and commandments of men." (Colossians 2:20-23) Lent being a religious practice of man, not God, is therefore vain. In this same passage Paul further condemned things which: "Have a shew indeed of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body." (Colossians 2:23) Lent certainly fits into this category: it has a certain show of wisdom else why would men practice it; it is "will worship," that is, self-chosen rather than God authorized; furthermore it does suggest a certain humility in the ascetic practice of giving up something for God – perhaps even the neglecting of the body. The problem is it is not a part of God's plan.

Christians should give their attention to things God has authorized rather than inventing their own religious practices.

Claude



WELCOME

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, we would like to let you know what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. As a result, you will notice that we sing without mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). You will also notice that weekly we observe the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). This memorial is for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 42), yet we do not have "closed communion". Everyone must examine himself (I Cor. 11: 27-29). There will also be an offering collected from our members (I Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. Feel perfectly comfortable passing the collection plate down the row. You will hear the preaching of a Biblical message (Acts 20:7) and men leading the congregation in prayer (I Tim. 2:8). We strive to worship God in spirit (proper attitude) and in truth (according to the word of God - John 4:24). We encourage you to observe carefully and stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you better and answer any questions you may have.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 28 Today Fellowship Meal after morning worship service. Invite a friends, family, and neighbors!

March 1 Tuesday Just Christians Missions Bible Study meets from 7-8pm.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

February 28 Jericho church of Christ Gospel Meeting

March 12 Saturday Carolina Men's Fellowship 9am-3pm at Charlotte Avenue church of Christ in Rock Hill, SC

May 12 Thursday Eastern European Mission Dinner at South Fork church of Christ in Winston-Salem You are invited to attend and hear about updates and plans on projects throughout Eastern Europe, including new requests for over 100,000 Bibles for refuges in the Arabic, Farsi, and Urdu languages. For details, visit www.eem.org/events.

PRAYER LIST

Brandi Capps continues to recover from ACL surgery.

Oscar Koontz is undergoing radiation treatments.

Melinda Markman continues to recover from surgery on her elbow.

Claude Pharr continues to recover from knee surgery.

Clarence Rupard remains in the VA Hospital in Salisbury.

His address is: *Clarence Rupard c/o VA Medical Ctr
Building 12 Room 131
1601 Brenner Avenue
Salisbury, NC 28144*

Candice Smith requested prayers for an upcoming trip to Ireland March 4-12.

Penny Austin
Candice Davenport
Joe Koontz

Timothy Myers
Bob Scales
Nick White

SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer
Sadie Rice

Wanda Scott
Dorothy Smith

Elizabeth Seamon
Larry Warner

GOD'S PLAN of SALVATION

Hear the gospel (Romans 10:14)

Believe in Jesus, God's Son (Acts 16:30-31, Heb 11:6)

Repent of sin (Acts 17:30-31)

Confess Jesus as God's Son before men (Acts 8:36)

Be Baptized (immersed) in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38)

Live Faithfully (1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10)

