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Ash Wednesday Service March 2

Full } *With all*
that you
are
to the **Brim**

Lent begins March 2 with our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

This year's Lenten theme will be **Full to the Brim - An Expansive Lent**.

"The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, Full to the Brim, is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path."

Introduction to Full to the Brim | An Expansive Lent
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Church Council to Discuss Resuming Meals at Church

Church Council made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend all meals at church due to the high level of community transmission of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. For the time being, we will not have Wednesday night supper, Sunday morning coffee/tea, or any other meals at church. We will continue meeting in person with masks required. Church Council will be discussing plans for resuming meals at church. Please check your email and other announcements for updates.

Keenagers

Keenagers will meet Monday, Mar 14 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a program featuring performers from the Jo Brown Senior Center in Anderson. Stay safe, and we'll see you there.

Making a Difference in Nicaragua

In the Fall of 2021, the FBCP mission committee allocated funds to send some children's Sunday School resources to Joela Jiménez's family's church in Nicaragua. We recently received pictures and notes of appreciation. What a joy to know our gifts are making a difference in the lives of children thousands of miles away!

We are very pleased with the Sunday School material received for the teachers and children. Without a doubt, material like this will make learning about the life of Jesus much more interactive and fun. The material is very appropriate for our children. Thank you so much to those who made this possible! Attached is a letter of thanks from the church and photos they took with the material in the hands of the children. They were so happy! Thank you to the ministry of First Baptist Church of Pendleton for helping us with this donation. -- Joela Jiménez

November 21, 2021

Greetings from the congregation Restoration Tabernacle in the city of Jalapa, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua.

We send our profound thanks for the donation of material we received on behalf of your church for the children of our church. We are super grateful for this incredibly beautiful help in teaching our children; without a doubt, God will bless you, and we will pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will continue to bless you more and more.

All of our congregation is grateful. -- Marcos and Mayra Olivarea





As we prepare for Lent 2022, this prayer offers an invitation to open ourselves to the fullness of God's love.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God who knows us, we are amazed by you.

Your love never runs out, your hope never runs dry, your joy never gives up.

We wish that we could be more like you in that way.

In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking.

In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling.

In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating.

We long for these things.

So today we ask you—be with us on the hamster wheel.

Be with us when compassion fatigue rears her head.

Be with us when stress makes it hard to breathe.

Be with us when self-doubt pushes in close.

Be with us when exhaustion becomes constant or when loneliness becomes our primary language.

Be with us, and show us the way to the life you long for us.

Show us a life of expansive faith.

Show us a life of overflowing joy.

Show us a life of absorbing beauty.

Show us a life of engrossing purpose.

Show us a life that is as honest, and rich, and meaningful as the one Jesus led.

God, we are amazed by you.

Your love never runs out, so bring that never-ending love here.

adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

*Thank
you*

Dear church family,

Skip and I have been so blessed and encouraged by your love. Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, food, helpful deeds, and inspirational messages that have sustained us during this time. You will never know the difference you have made in our lives.

Much love,
Skip and Cindy Still



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DONATE BLOOD
Blood Drive at FBCP
Wednesday, Mar 9
3 - 7 pm



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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Coffee, Tea, & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live

We hope you can join us for in-person worship, but if you can't come or aren't ready to attend in person, worship will also be on Facebook Live using our live streaming system.

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PASTORAL EMERGENCY

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