

# THE CALLER



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## From the Preacherman....

Habits have a bad reputation. Whether it is the habit of biting your fingernails, adding too much salt to your food, depriving yourself of sleep, always being late for appointments or writing sentences with too many examples 😊, most of us can name things that we wish we did not do in such a repetitive manner. It takes real time and effort to stop doing things that we wish we could do differently. Maybe the answer, though, isn't stopping one thing, but starting another.

We undersell the importance and essential goodness of habits. I learned to read like many of you did, by repetition and practice of letters and words. I learned good ways to communicate, both listening and speaking, through the practice of methods that became good habits. The best preachers have good habits in study, preparation and delivery. I know of no single person who can play an instrument or sing with any skill who will deny the importance of the habit of practice. And practice. And practice. You understand. Anything we do well is likely because of habit.

I bring this up because the Christian season of Lent draws near. The season will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and stretch for forty days, plus six Sundays, until Easter dawns a new season on April 17. Lent is often a season focused on sacrifice, both personal and communal, but it can also be about doing some things differently in your life.

When my children were young, we often practiced Lent by living without electronics for a time, nothing for an hour or so each evening. The first few weeks were difficult, but then energy filled our conversations and our listening. How often do you check your phone? You know, you don't have to do that. Just turn it off for a while and talk to the people you are with.

The pandemic robbed us of in-person worship and study at church. Lent is a great time to begin again with that holy habit. I will write more about our book for Lenten study, *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine, but joining us on Sundays for that might be the start of a wonderful habit in your life, a habit that continues after Easter.

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together as some are doing," says the preacher in Hebrews 10:25. For the longest time I believed the importance of that text was in "meeting together." Not anymore. The importance is in the habit, the custom, the character of the repeated act. We are what we do, regardless of how we feel or think. Find a holy habit to keep and stick with it. Lent can be full of wonders. Come and see.

Peace... Chris

# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	1 Rev. Michael's 5th anniversary at FCC DWM Day Group 1pm at church	2 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Practice- 6:00 pm	3 Refugee Food Pantry 2:30 pm	4 World Day of Prayer	5
6 Worship/Sunday School <b>Youth Group 5:00 - 7:00 pm</b>	7 OCTC Chorus 6:30 pm (FH)	8 Elders Meeting 5:30 pm (S) Junior League 5:30-7:00 pm (FH)	9 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am PrimeTimers Potluck- 5 pm Concert- 6 pm <b>Choir Practice- 7 pm</b>	10 DWM Evening Group 6:00 pm at Janet Luckett's	11	12
13 Worship/Sunday School	14 OCTC Chorus 6:30 pm (FH)	15 Board Meeting 5:30 pm (FaHoLo)	16 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Practice- 6:00 pm	17 Refugee Food Pantry 2:30 pm	18	19
20 Worship/Sunday School	21 OCTC Chorus 6:30 pm (FH)	22	23 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Practice- 6:00 pm	24	25 Impact 100 Event (FH) 8:30 - 10:30 am	26
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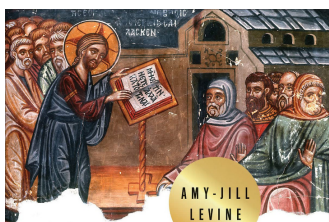
\*Men's Fellowship meets at Panera- 4600 Frederica St

## BIRTHDAYS

2 Kirby Chelgren	8 Mike Matthews	12 Tucker Schrecker	20 Judy Hale	26 Leslie Mobley
3 Barbara Norvell	11 Meg Lawson	15 Bonnie Brown	22 Amy Harper	28 Oliver Busse
4 Jake Isenbarger	11 Sue Bethel	15 Pat Kelley	23 Susan Frederick	30 Vicki Quisenberry
7 Chase Luckett;	11 Janet Suwanski	16 Sally Wood	24 Jessica Wilborn	30 Maci Quisenberry
7 Dick Yerington	12 Kristin Callis	18 Sam Busse	25 Tom Beane	30 Sam Lyons

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Terri & Kevin Bailey
- 19 Mark & Janet Luckett



### All-Church Sunday School

During the Sundays in Lent, Rev. Chris Michael will be teaching an all-church Sunday School class based on Amy-Jill Levine's book entitled, *The Difficult Words of Jesus*. Join us as we delve into some of Jesus' most difficult teachings. The class will meet from 10:30-11:15 a.m., March 6- April 10.

### January Financials:

Offering for the Month:	\$18,468
Other Revenue Month:	\$4,077
Total Revenue:	\$22,545
Expenses for the month	\$34,875
Net for the month	(\$12,330)
Year-to-Date Offering	\$18,468
YTD Other Revenue	\$4,077
YTD Revenue	\$22,545
YTD Expenses	\$34,875
Net for the year	(\$12,330)
Outreach:	
West Area Disciples CC	\$0
Disciples Mission Fund	\$1785
HELP Office	\$450





### **DWM- Disciples Women's Ministries**

St. Benedict's shelter for men is the DWM project for March. They need cleaning supplies for floors and tables, as well as the following personal items: underwear, deodorant, razors, shower shoes, and 3-1 for face, body, and hair. They are also in need of bottles of Tylenol and Tums. The day group will meet Tuesday, March 1st, at the church at 1:00. The evening group will meet on Thursday, March 10, at 6pm at Janet Luckett's home.

### **2022 Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Dates**

Mark your calendars for summer camp at KBY! This year, those completing third grade will be included in Junior Camp, and those completing kindergarten will be welcomed at Discovery Camp.

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| June 6-11       | Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)         |
| June 12-18      | CYF Camp (grades 9-12)            |
| June 24-26      | Discovery Camp (grades K-2)       |
| June 27- July 1 | Junior Camp (grades 3-5)          |
| July 4-8        | Chi Rho Sailing Camp (grades 6-8) |
| July 11-15      | CYF Sailing Camp (grades 9-12)    |



Note: Grades are as completed. For example, to attend Discovery Camp, the camper must have completed kindergarten by the time they attend camp. For more information, visit: <http://www.campkumbaya.org/>



### **Primetimers Plus**

On Monday, February 28, 2022, Primetimers will have a luncheon at Moonlight Barbeque at 11:30 am. Our speaker will be Lt. Chris Burns, OPD. Lt. Burns has been with the Police Department for 17 years. He will speak concerning current city problems. Our offering for the day will go to the Police Department's "Shopping With Kids".

We will use the bus, from the church to Moonlight, leaving at 11 am and returning after the luncheon. \$ 5.00. Please make reservations by Sunday, February 27, 2022. Reservations: [ronwownsbr@aol.com](mailto:ronwownsbr@aol.com), (270) 683-8510 (no text), (812) 454-8555 (text), or personally at church.

*Save the date:*

Church potluck and "An Evening With Diane Earle"- Wednesday, March 9, 2022

### **Youth Mission Trip Interest Meeting**

Join us in the sanctuary at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 6 for information about a youth mission trip this summer....

