

The Sunday Spirit



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First Sunday In Lent

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As We Gather..... We witness from Genesis the dramatic story of Abraham and his tough decision to offer up his only son Isaac as an offering to the LORD. The author of Hebrews tells us that ***“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back” (Hebrews 11:17–19).*** This is a beautiful statement about something that must have been literally gut-wrenching for Abraham. Losing a loved one is hard. Losing a child is incredibly hard. But being asked to sacrifice your one and only son? It seems unfathomable. Yet, this presents a poignant truth for us...even in the midst of God testing our faith, when we are faced with those difficult decisions to follow God’s will or follow our own...God provides by keeping His promises to provide us what we need to live our lives in true faith.

+ Share +

Welcome to St. Peter’s! We welcome our **guests** and ask you to fill out the “Welcome Guest” card in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate and take home a “welcome” bag from our table out front. We invite members and friends to fill in the red attendance pew pads. We are so glad you came!

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following communion today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area.



Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM, 10:45AM & 4:30 PM Services

Since our church feels a Biblically founded stewardship regarding the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you prayerfully consider these truths. **Baptized Christians** who have been instructed in the Lord’s Supper and share the faith in Christ we proclaim are welcome to receive the Lord’s Supper.

- + *I know that I am a sinner in thought, word and deed and from my heart I repent (turn from) all my sins against God and other people, intending to change and correct my sinful life.*
- + *I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin through His death and resurrection for me.*
- + *I believe that the Risen Christ is present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine (fruit of the vine), I receive His true Body and Blood. I believe that these gifts are “given and shed for me for the forgiveness of my sins.”*

-Pastors Eric and the Board of Elders

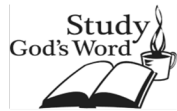
Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clyde Fox and in honor of Lynn & Connie Fox's anniversary (Feb. 16) by Craig & Donna Lackey
(Broadcast is on *WAIZ Radio - 630 AM and 105.9 FM*)

Next Sunday - February 25 Proclaimer: Pastor Eric
Genesis 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38; Psalm 22-23-31

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex and by both side entrance doors.

Lenten Meal and Services Join us this evening for a meal in the Spirit Center at **6 pm** followed by our Lenten Service in the sanctuary at **7 pm**.

+ **Grow** +



Children & Youth Sunday School Classes Today

9:30 – 10:30 AM

- ***Preschool-Kindergarten** - Room #2 Education Bldg - Brenda Fulbright & Emily Schwandt
- ***1st - 3rd Grades** - Room #9 Education Bldg - Terry Sigmon
- ***4th - 6th Grades** - Room #8 Education Bldg - Ashton Sigmon
- ***Middle & High Schoolers** - Room #4 Education Bldg - John Adams

Adult Sunday School Classes Today

- ***Ladies Class - "The Gifts of Christmas"** by Shelia Walsh with Beth Lail, Education Building, Grover Herman Room
- ***Adults of All Ages - "The Book of Romans"** with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt, Education Building, Room #1
- ***Multi-Purpose Room Class - "Angels: Standing Guard"** with Christal Sigmon
- ***Sanctuary Class - "Varieties of Belief"** with Pastor Eric.

Mid Week Small Groups

****HeARTS in the Margin" Monday Evening Bible Study will NOT meet this week. Class will resume on Monday, February 26.**

***Couples Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will meet again on **Wednesday, Feb 21 and Feb 28 at 6:30 pm** at the home of Oz & Brenda Hefner. They are doing the “Chosen” series.

***Thursday Morning Bible Study** will **NOT** meet this week. Class will resume next week, February 29.

***Thursday Night Bible Study** will meet at **6:30 pm at the home of Shirley Dellinger** with Tonya Darden and Christal Sigmon as leaders. They are currently doing a study in Romans with JD Greer from Right Now Media.

***Friday Morning Bible Study** will meet at **10 am in the Spirit Center**. They are doing “The Chosen” Bible Study with Pastor Eric as leader.

***Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study** meets at **7:30 am**. They are studying “Deuteronomy.”

+ Serve +

Church Members in Need of Prayer Terry Bolick, Nancy Bostian, Polly Bowman, Aidan Cox, Betty Eckard, Brenda Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Eckard, Jimmy Goble, Catherine Huffman, Joyce Hollar, Sandra Jenkins, Malla Killian, Doris Lail, Norma Lancaster, Windy Pruitt, Teresa Taylor, Dot Winebarger

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Rosella Bollinger, Polly Bowman, Tina Bowman, Jean Hoke, Annette Holler, Kathleen Houston, Lorene Huffman, Margaret Laws, Bobby Little, Gerald Matthews, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Reva Reinhardt, Jeanette Reese, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Carol Starnes, Georgia Walker, Mary Ann Winebarger

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Rock Barn Living : Alberta Winebarger

The Greens on Tate Blvd: Brenda Eckard

Trinity Village: Dot Winebarger



Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ *Gibson Darden*(brother of Russ Darden)*
- ◇ *John McCordy*(friend of St. Peter’s)*
- ◇ *Fay Spicer*(mother of Susan Gantt)*
- ◇ *Ronnie Bowman**(brother of Alice Freeman & grandfather of Myron Bowman)*

- ◇ *Dana Isenhour****(cousin of Jan Sigmon)*
 - ◇ *Todd Davis**(son of Jean Davis & brother of Carol Alley)*
 - ◇ *Bob Grundy**(cousin of Carolyn Paschal)*
 - ◇ *Pamela Summers*(friend of Carolyn Paschal)*
 - ◇ *Stephanie Otto*(daughter of Ronnie Starnes)*
 - ◇ *Bob Foringer(*friend of Nancy Bruce)*
 - ◇ *Stephen Eckard*(brother of Patricia Pritchard & Richard Eckard)*
- (Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

Christian Sympathy

- ◇ *Family of Eddie Allen (son-in-law of Bobby Little)*

Birthdays This Week of Active Members Emily Schwandt (2/19); Lochlan Sigmon (2/19); Carter Link (2/22); Anthony Pruitt (2/24)



Anniversaries This Week Ernest & Carol Starnes (2/23)

The Golden Agers will meet **Tuesday, February 20 at 10 am** in the Parish Hall. The will be Mary Mitchell from the Western Piedmont Council of Government. Her presentation will be “The Heart of Care Giving.” Following the presentation the group will eat lunch at the Parkway House.

The Mission Team will meet **Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 pm.**

Elders will meet this **Thursday, February 22 at 7 pm.**

The Senior Youth (grades 6-12) will meet next **Sunday, February 25 at 3 pm** to go bowling at Pin Station and grab some ice cream. Please meet at the church at 2:30 pm. Come join the fun and bring a friend!

Sunday Lunch Bunch We will meet for lunch at Captain’s Galley on Sunday, February 25 at 1pm. Please let Betty Goble (828-308-4251) know by **Wednesday, February 21** if you plan to attend so she can make reservations.

Attention College Students of St Peter’s Being connected to your church is still as important as ever and we want you to feel our love and support. I have “care packs” ready for you to encourage you as you study and work towards your degree. What’s a “care pack”...well trust me you will love getting them! Please email Kim your address at your respective collegiate location (or home address if you are a community college student). I will also send you monthly online devotions. Email kimkaylor58@gmail.com or call or text 828-324-5945. - Kim Kaylor.



Child Protection & Abuse Training Saturday March 9

If you are a paid staff member or church volunteer providing your service to St. Peter's and in that capacity you work with the youth and/or children, then please make plans to attend this important training. **The training will be held from 10 am to 1 pm in the Spirit Center.** Lunch will be provided. One of the requirements for our new insurance carrier was to update our protection policy and procedures. Training is required for all individuals (high school age and older) individuals who work in any capacity with our young people. The training will be provided by the Catawba County Department of Social Services. Attendance will be taken per the requirement of our policy. Please make every effort to attend this training. If you cannot attend, an additional training will be scheduled in the near future. To insure that there are enough materials ordered, please sign up on the clipboards in the narthex and Spirit Center or contact Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945) by **Friday, March 1.** Copies of St. Peter's Protection Policy and Procedures are available in the church office if you'd like one.

CPR "Hands on Course" Training - Saturday March 9

A "Hands-on CPR Training" will be held **from 8:30 am to 9:30 am in the Spirit Center.** This CPR training is open to all members of the congregation. Please sign up on the clipboards marked "CPR Training" in the narthex and Spirit Center or contact Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945). Deadline to sign up is **Friday, March 1** so materials can be ordered.

- *Given to the LWML in loving memory of my mother, Flossie Sigmon and in honor of my aunt Myrtle Fox's birthday (Feb. 8) and my church family - by Lorene Huffman*

Last Week

Worship Services Attendance

February 11, 2024

8:15 am Service - 160 10:45 am - 56

Sunday School & Bible Classes

Adults - 54 Youth - 13

Offerings

General Fund - \$9,443.88 ; Radio Sponsors - \$200.00; Senior Youth - \$ 185.00;
Boy Scouts - \$100.00; Domestic Missions - \$2,063.12; Building Fund - \$846.00

General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$10,745.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (18) 8:15 am Contemporary Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
 10:45 am Liturgical Worship Service w/Holy Communion
 3:00 pm Senior Youth (6-12th graders) - Bowling at Pin Station
 4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service
 6:00 pm Lenten Meal - *sponsored by the Quilters - Baked spaghetti, salad & dessert*
 7:00 pm Lenten Service - *“The Beatitudes - The Promise of Heaven”*
- Mon. (19) 8:30 am Quilters
 6:15 pm Girl Scouts
 6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
- Tues. (20) 10:00 am Golder Agers - *meet in Parish Hall*
 2:30 pm Staff Meeting
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm Mission Team
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (21) 6:30 pm Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Basketball League
 6:30 pm Couples Bible Study
 7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (22) 6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study
 7:00 pm Elders
- Fri. (23) 10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
- Sat. (24) 7:30 am Men’s Small Group Bible Study
- Sun. (25) 8:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
 10:45 am Liturgical Worship Service
 3:00 pm 200th Anniversary Team Meeting
 6:00 pm Lenten Meal - *sponsored by the Crocheting & Looming Group - Soup, sandwiches & dessert*
 7:00 pm Lenten Service - *“The Beatitudes - The Promise of Heaven”*

SERMON NOTES
“On His Mountain, The Lord Will Provide”
Genesis 22:1-18

I. God provides a D _____ Trust (vs. 1-8)

II. God provides a S _____ Substitute (vs. 9-14)

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Debbie Adams & Trudy Huffman

Greeter: 8:15 am 10:45 am Donna Sipe

Readers: 8:15 am Erin Sigmon 10:45 am Richard Hallman

Praise Band (8:15 AM): Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner,
Chris Powell, Tom Delgreco, Danny Bolton, Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner,
Brian Morrow, Emma Spencer

Organist (10:45 am service) Carolyn Paschal, Organist