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First Baptist Church Newsletter

February 18, 2026

Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that each of you are doing well this week and that God can be seen showing up in your lives. I mentioned at the beginning of service last Sunday that on Wednesday, February 16th it is the start of the Lenten season. That Wednesday is called Ash Wednesday and marches 40 days till Easter. Before you start counting days on the calendar it is actually 46 days as Sundays are not counted. All that being said, I thought it would be appropriate to speak on the topic this week and some questions some of you may have.

The first question I usually hear is, what is Ash Wednesday? Ash Wednesday is the start of the start of Lent and is a service that is usually a bit humbling. The most common part of the service that you may have seen before is when a pastor/priest makes a cross on the members forehead in ashes. These ashes are made from the previous years palm branches from Palm Sunday. It's supposed to call to mind our own mortality and the need for repentance.

The next question is typically, what is Lent? Lent is that period of 40 days leading to Easter and it is characterized by prayer and fasting. Fasting during this period of time is typically of a certain food or foods and believers should take to prayer in its absence. Fasting holds dual purposes. Firstly, it is an act of self-denial, discipline, and self-control as we should be towards sinful behavior. Secondly, it recalls how we as believers should be serving others with the gifts that God has given us.

As we enter the Lenten season, I challenge each of us to either give something up in commemoration of Christ giving up His life and rising again. Or by taking something on that would be a good habit/behavior that will bring you closer to God.

God Bless,

Pastor Peter N. Fairchild



The Annual Report for 2025 is complete and there are copies on the table in the foyer.

Final Friday Church Movie Night

Our first final Friday will take place next Friday, February 27th at 7:00 pm. Join us for a movie night featuring *The King of Kings*. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun for our church family.



Popcorn and drinks will be provided!

We hope to see you there!



“But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”
Acts 2:21

Stewardship

February 15, 2026

General Budget	\$2,085.00
Building Maintenance	\$34.00
Missions	\$74.00
Total	\$2,193.00





Small Groups - Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study - Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.

Men's Bible Study - Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Deacons Meeting - Thursday at 6:00 pm

Teachers for Sunday

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Kids' Time

Deb Klopfenstein &
Hunter Zoll



LOL

Judy Wanner

Heritage Pointe, Warren

Barbara Charles

Ossian Healthcare

Rose McCormick
Melaine Shady
Sandy Langel

Christian Care

Bob Hiester
Bob & Judy Grove



River Terrace

Karen West
Mary Bishop
Carolyn McBride

At Their Home

Don Reeves
Ted Ellis

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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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