

As a child I loved the days preceding Easter. It meant a shopping trip to the store. It meant a whole new outfit complete with a spring dress, white patent leather Mary Jane shoes that buckled in the middle, lace socks, gloves and hat. Sometimes it even included a little straw purse. At the risk of sounding superficial, I loved new clothes. Slipping into something new made me feel special...it made me feel new too.

In Chapter three, in the book of Colossians we are reminded that through Christ we are given new life and with that follows a whole new life, a new wardrobe to wear each day as we are to clothe ourselves in garments of compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline and with accessories such as a calm attitude and the ability to forgive. But most important of all we must not forget to wear love...it is the most basic, all-purpose garment. We are never fully dressed without the cloak of love.

What's in your closet?

The Lenten Season is a time of reflection. It is a time for renewal. It is time for us to focus on the life of Christ and the great gift of His sacrificial love for us. As the seasons change, let us remember to be more like Him in our daily ways.

May we all feel new, may we all feel loved and may those around us know the reason why. Share the love, share the story.

See You Sunday!

Pastor Amy



### He Is Your Life

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from *his* perspective.

Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ. Colossians 3:1-4 (The Message)

Our Lenten theme this year is "Love Story" based on the Max Lucado book and study "He Chose Nails". This will include a Sunday morning Sermon series and Wednesday evening study.



# BLESSING BOXES

Winter is almost over but some are still enduring the cold temps outside. We continue to serve the needs of the neighborhood and community with our Blessing Bags and Blessing Box which could be refilled daily the need is so great. Thank you for your support of these ministries.

hand/foot warmers, socks, scarves, hats, gloves

Individually wrapped items ie.

breakfast bars, crackers, beef jerky, soups

Small canned items - Vienna sausage,  
beanie wienies

Non perishable food items,

canned goods - meats, veggies, soups  
pasta, cereals and oatmeal, peanut butter

toilet paper and toiletries - wet wipes

small packages of laundry soap

## March Events

### Every Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

### Every Monday

All Scouts - 7 PM

### Every Tuesday

Bible Study - 10 AM

### Every Wednesday

3D Dinner & Discipleship Class - 5:30 PM

Choir - 7 PM

### Special Worship Services

March 25 - Palm Sunday Sunday

March 29 - Holy Thursday 6:30 PM

This will be a Seder meal & worship

April 1 - Easter Sunday

### Other Events & Meetings

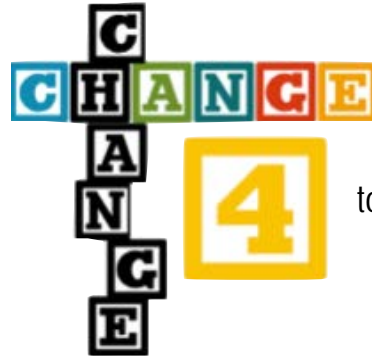
March 7 - Adults Night Out @ 7 PM

March 17 - Pancake Breakfast 8 - 10 AM

"Faith In Action" is the course of study for the adult Sunday School Class. We meet in the conference room at 9:30 AM every Sunday. We have very in-depth, relevant and lively discussions of the weekly lessons.



You are welcome to join us anytime, grab a cup of coffee or juice and a donut in Fellowship Hall and come study with us.



The Change for Change collected in March will go to help the Brookside Food Pantry.

## Neighbor's Corner

Here's a great way to connect with others as suggested by our ministry partners at "The Neighboring Movement, SoCe Life".

Neighboring Tip of the Month - Double your favorite recipe and share extra with a neighbor.

This tip is a super simple way to neighbor. It's also a great way to "break the ice" with a neighbor you've never met before, because who can turn down free, home-cooked food? There's something really beautiful about sharing out of our own abundance. In the simple act of sharing food, we can start a conversation, get to know a neighbor, and make a friend.

Here are some practical tips to remember when you neighbor this week:

- Sharing food is a nice way to meet a new neighbor because it's pretty non-invasive.
- Worried about how your neighbor may react? Just explain to them that you made extra and wanted to share. You can also tell them you won't be offended if they don't like it.
- If your recipe includes foods that are common allergens (like nuts), make sure to mention that. An allergic reaction would not be good for your neighboring endeavor.
- Of course, there are other possible dietary restrictions. If your neighbor can't eat what you brought, just make a mental note of this, and fix something they can eat in the future.

Be prepared for any type of reaction, but don't let the fear of rejection keep you from reaching out with your yummy gift in hand!

Happy neighboring!

For more information about "neighboring" or to be a part of the "Neighboring Experiment" outreach team at Dawson UMC, please contact Pastor Amy, Ted Branson, Neomia Clegg or Dulcie Guinty.



# HOLY WEEK





Easter Sunday, April 1st we will be serving breakfast at 9 AM. If you can help with setting up, serving, cooking or clean up we would welcome your assistance. If you are able to help with our menu we are looking for breakfast casseroles, breakfast juices, sweet rolls or donuts, quick breads and fresh fruit. We appreciate all the help that you share to make Easter morning exciting to our church family and visitors on this special day. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall to help us with planning and preparations and if you have questions please call Marcia at 250-2833. Thank you, Marcia

## Strengthening Families

In partnership with Anderson Elementary, a new program will be introduced for families with children in Grades 3, 4, and 5 called Strengthening Families. This ten-week program, led by trained family coaches, Amy Foster, Dulcie Guinty and Kendra Klaus will begin in March. Through this program parents will learn how to encourage good behavior, set rules and consequences, protect against substance abuse and help their children with peer pressure. Students will learn how to deal with stress, set goals, better follow rules, and how to handle conflict. The classes will be held on Monday evenings and will include a light dinner. Child care will also be provided. There is no cost to participate. For more information or to register to attend, please contact Kendra Klaus at Anderson Elementary, 316-973-1950.

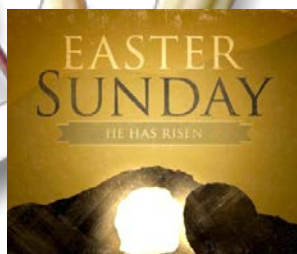


**PALM SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 25TH**  
**10:45 AM**



**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 29TH**  
**6:30 PM**

(SEDER MEAL & WORSHIP)



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 1ST**  
**10:45 AM**



**Easter Sunday @ 9:45 AM**

**Easter Breakfast**

Will be served at 9 Am  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and join us!!

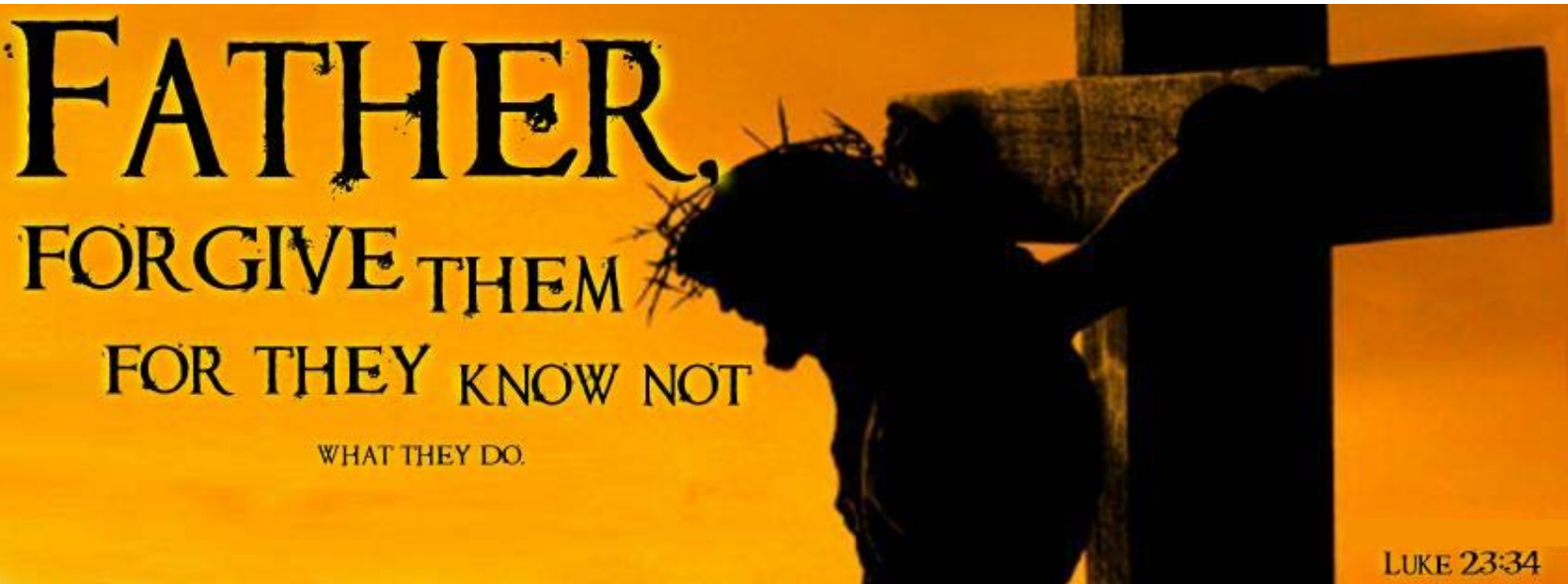
**Pancake Breakfast**



**Saturday**  
**March 17th 8-10 AM**

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