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Shrove Tuesday

This Tuesday, February 9th, is a special one in the church calendar. It is known as Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras (which is just French for “Fat Tuesday”) in some places, but here at Scottsboro CPC, we call it **Shrove Tuesday**. We cook up pancakes at the church, eat them in excess, and have a good time sitting around. If you have questions on where this is from, or what it is—we did too! So we did some research to clear it up.

Shrove Tuesday marks the beginning of Lent. Historically, Christians would often fast from sugar, leavened flour, and eggs (among other foods) during Lent. Which is much harder if they are staring at you from inside your pantry. So the *last* day before Lent, they would cook a meal that could use up as many of those ingredients as possible. That led to the cooking of pancakes. Christians would take all those soon-to-be-uneaten ingredients, and turn them into one gigantic and delicious meal.

This has given Shrove Tuesday—aka Mardi Gras—a celebratory atmosphere to it. But this can miss the point. Shrove Tuesday is, after all, a way of getting ready for Lent. It’s a last hurrah before 40 days of fasting. Which is why it is called, “*Shrove Tuesday*.” “

“Shrove” is the past-tense of the Old-English word, “shrive.” Which is helpful if “shrive” is a word in your working vocabulary. Since it wasn’t in ours, we looked that up too. Shrive means “to go to confession and get absolved of sin.” So Shrove Tuesday is “*Go to Confession and Get Absolved of Sin Tuesday*.” It kicks off a season of repentance and confessing our sins with one last hurrah.

When it comes down to it, it’s really a matter of practicality. It is TOUGH to fast from something when that thing is staring at you from your pantry. Or popping up everyday in whatever capacity. So Shrove Tuesday is a day where we get ready for the big fast by getting rid of the temptations. This popped up on your pastors’ Facebook feeds this week: one of our friends celebrating Shrove Tuesday right.



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Since I'm fasting from dessert during Lent, I'm trying to get all the candy out of my house, but it's gotten hard since I've eaten my body weight in skittles.

It's so hard to be a Christian some days.

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Sylvia Bull, John Lewis, Whitney Fauntleroy and 23 others like this.

So, now is the time. ***What does your Shrove look like.***



Valentine's Day Youth Fundraiser

Sunday February 14th

Valentines Day Lunch

Immediately following worship



Bring a date, your family, or
a friend and let the youth
serve you a delicious lunch

*All Donations will go to the Christian Education Budget,
particularly towards the youth and children's ministries.*

Christian Ed During Lent

A new Sunday School class will be offered during Lent called "Experiencing Prayer." Taught by Pastors Brian and Micaiah, it is actually an extension of the youth Sunday School class, but YOU are invited. Our hope is that our church—across generations—can find ways to pray together. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM, beginning on February 14th. The class will end on March 20th.

Existing Sunday School classes are invited to continue meeting as they have been, but whoever wishes to join Experiencing Prayer is more than welcome. One warning: It is an activity-based class (it's hard to learn how to pray without actually praying). Please let your leader know if you will be joining this Lenten class.

Room In The Inn [RITI]

The next Host date is Friday February 19th.

The sign up sheets for Saturday February 19th. are posted in the hall just outside the Pastor's office. Please sign up if you can help in any way. We really need others to volunteer to lighten the load for all.

This Jackson County Homeless Ministry, Room In The Inn, needs your support. Please consider giving of yourself to help.

No Youth Sunday evening February 21st

Prayers of the People:

Tim Allen, Shelia Amos, Mary Jo Bradford, Stroby Stewart; Erica Scott; David Patrick; Des Noble; Jim Holmes; Judy Hood, Christine Miller, Andy and June Vaughn, Rex Parris, Mike Lee, Viki Harrell, Miriah Penick, Ivy Bridges, Tammy Holcomb, Angie Feldwich, June Stripling, Alison McCracken, Viki Harrell, Kathy Brooks, James Bowman, Barbara Cordes in the passing of her father and her mother, Christy, The Family of Mike Benson, Dwight Byrum and Family, Jane Radon, and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, February 7th.

If you have a name to add to the prayer list please use the Christian pads in the pews and drop it in the offering plate Sunday morning. You may also email them to: scottsbocpc@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars:



Session Meeting

February 16th

5PM

Deacon Meeting

Sunday February 21st

**Immediately Following
Worship Service**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday February 21st

9 AM

Primetimer's

Friday February 26th at 11:30 AM

**Stevenson Cumberland
Presbyterian Church**



Carillons Practice Wednesdays at 6 PM

Choir Practice Wednesdays at 7 PM



A HUGE thank you is in order to all who worked together for Primetimer's January luncheon meeting. Our members and guest were treated to a delightful meeting as was promised.

The cook's joyfully went the extra mile to include not only our Primetimer's guest, but also Friday nights RITI guest. This is an example of how one committee stepping up to the plate can lend needed assistance to another committee. Our cook's are Stella Benson, Eddie and Lynn Sisco, Gina Stewart, Bill Zimmerman, Reid Henshaw, Jane Radon, and myself. I salute you and I am grateful for your generosity of time, effort and spirit.

Following lunch, we had a program that delivered all that was promised..... Excitement, Challenge, Beauty and Courage! Hold Harden and Connie, his most trustworthy assistant, presented the program via photos and the narrative of the journey to climb the highest point in Peru. Holt, his 2 climbing companions plus their guides lead us through all the steps needed to complete such journey. We were shown how they had practice hikes of a 1,000 ft. at a time in order to become acclimated to the higher atmosphere levels. The photos of the incredible landscapes along with the description of the efforts involved were impressive.

All was going well until Holt developed a breathing problem that statically strikes 1 out of 100. Holt had mentioned how highly regarded the American travelers are due to their friendliness. Hold learned that first hand by the care he received at a very small village system. Holt and Connie shared some sweet stories about the staff's kind acts. Susan and her Spanish came into play in a major way. It enabled, most challenging at times, a three way communication system. When Holt needed more advanced care, he was transferred to an exclusive, beautiful hospital. The flight needed for such a trip was indeed tricky. Once again the kindness of the staff helped to make the best of the situation for Holt and Connie. Connie did stress one of the most important facts of the trip was the often overlooked \$24.00 investment! WE all greatly appreciated the presentation and recognized how well it was put together. THANK YOU Holt and Connie.

I cannot close without mentioning the sad fact of Jane's fall. She is sure to be well served by her friends within and outside of our church. I learned yesterday that the Master Gardeners have contacted Cynthia about adding to the "helpers'" list. I'm proud to be part of them. May God keep her in His firm grip as she heals.

Sharon Frey

Rental Policy Per Session

No new changes, just reiteration of current policy

Fellowship Hall Rental Policy for Members of SCPC

\$200 Deposit (refundable)

\$50 Custodian Fee

(We request two checks be written, one for the deposit, and one for the Custodian Fee. Once the event is over, if there is no damage, the deposit will be returned.)

A Contract must be signed for every event

NO Use of Kitchen Dishes, please bring your own.

Rental is for Fellowship Hall/Kitchen/Bathrooms ONLY!

MDO Rooms are off Limits!



What is it? Food for Thought is a program that seeks to meet the nutritional and educational needs in our community. It is a program where volunteers in the church will work with 15 kids, grades K-8 to help them with homework, feed them a snack, play games with them, read books with them, and build relationships with them.

Where? This ministry will take place at Hollywood Elementary School.

When? Wednesday afternoons from 2:45-4. It will start on March 2 and run through April 13.

What's needed? We will need volunteers who are willing to provide a snack each week for the kids. And we will need volunteers who are willing to come work with the kids on Wednesday afternoons.

If you have any further questions about it, please contact the main office.



New in the library:

Book on CD "The Time Keeper" by Mitch Albom

Books: An Illustrated History of the Irish People by Kenneth Neill.

Encyclopedia of Protestantism by J. Gordon Melton

A Life in Letters by Graham Greene

Carrying Albert Home by Homer Hickam

The Member Care Team needs your input. Please provide the name, address and exam schedule for your post high school student in order for us to prepare exam care packages. These Packages are prepared by members of our church as an outreach to the students to let them know we care.

Choctaw Support

Our Cumberland Presbyterian Choctaw Brothers and Sisters in Southeast Oklahoma have been using a ten passenger van purchased ten years ago through the generous support of C.P. Women's Ministry. One decade and over 150,000 miles of two lane roads spanning the presbytery and denomination for meetings, medical appointments, job interviews, plus shuttling persons to CPYC, YEC, General Assembly, and PAS classes has ushered the van into a state of vulnerability instead of dependability. Our Choctaw brothers and sisters need your support to replace their current vehicle with a late model SUV or minivan.

If you would like to support this project, make your donations our to SCPC with Choctaw Project in the subject line.

**The Building Fund has hit the ground running thanks to all
the generous donations!!**

Please prayerfully consider donating to the building fund!



GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP



Pictures of the Hot Lunch Program in Guatemala City.



Guatemala is a country located in Central America, south of Mexico. Its capital is Guatemala City, and that is where our team will be serving.

Guatemala was once the core of the Mayan civilization. As such, a rich tradition of Mayan culture, language, and crafts still exist. Guatemala endured a long civil war between 1960-1996. That civil war left the country in much disarray.

Several years ago, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church decided to focus on Central America as a mission point. The CP Church has a lot of churches, schools, and ministries already in existence in the United States and in Colombia, South America. Central America is located nicely in between the two, and so our mission's boards decided to focus on Central America. Since this focus began, the CP Church has sent 3 Colombian missionaries to begin work in Guatemala: planting churches, administering a medical clinic, and now starting a Hot Lunch Program.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A team from Scottsboro CP Church will be headed to Guatemala to work in this Hot Lunch Program, and to service the kids' medical needs in any ways we can.

In order for this trip to be possible, we are asking **that you prayerfully consider donating to this trip.** We will need to buy plane tickets, lodging, and supplies for this team to go.

Please pray for the team as things begin to come together. And if you feel so led, please donate to the church with "Guatemala Mission Trip" in the subject line.

2016

General Fund

February 7th offering: \$9,229.00

YTD Offering: \$ 34,696.40

Budget Requirements

Budget Requires per Sunday: \$6,747.40

YTD Budget Requires: \$ 350,865.00

*Please Note that January's offering in the spire did not reflect what was received in automatic draft.
February's Offering will reflect Automatic Draft totals as they are received*

Attendance for 2/7/16

Sunday School: 55

Worship: 132

Worship Aids for Sunday

Head Usher: Mark Williams

Pastor: Micaiah Tanck

Worship Leader : Brian Tanck

Greeter: Cynthia and Joe Hollingsworth

If you cannot serve, please find someone who will replace you.

If you need something please call the Church office If no answer please call Micaiah, (205) 478-5985; Brian (630) 730-1577 . Your concerns and needs are important to us.

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