

**NEWS & VIEWS OF WILLIAMS**

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*"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."*

*-Pope Francis*

Pope Francis is right: Lent's arrival is shaking us from our lethargy, and this month is evidence of just that. As we enter the month of March, we are entering fully into the season of Lent, the six Sundays leading up to Easter Sunday, a season of preparation, reflection, and repentance. And for us here at Williams, this season is also a time of worship, action, and giving.

Beginning **March 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will receive our annual Lenten offering for Alabama CBF. Last year, Alabama CBF officially named this offering the "Frances Ford Offering for State Missions" after our good friend Frances Ford, the director of Sowing Seeds of Hope in Perry County. The missions committee has set our goal for this offering this year at \$5,000. We have easily met this goal in the past, and I believe we can easily meet it again this year. Begin praying for how God might lead you to give to this offering that supports so much of the work we do around our state each year. We will receive this offering through Easter Sunday.

On **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, we have two exciting opportunities. First, the children's ministry will hold a *Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser* following the morning service. This will be a great time to show support to our children's ministry and to gather for fellowship. Also, there will be an interest meeting following the service for anyone who may be interested in participating in a mission trip to Slovakia in the fall. Our CBF field personnel Jon and Tanya Parks serve in Slovakia, and we are planning to partner with our sister church, Cross Creek Baptist in Pelham, for this trip.

**The R&R Team** has been meeting, gathering financial information for upcoming renovation proposals, and they have even had a sample pew redone as an example of what we can expect in our refurbished pews (it is in the choir room if you would like to take a look). Be praying for this team as they work to make sound decisions and pray for how you might contribute to the financial needs of this upcoming project.

Finally, with Lent upon us, it means that Easter is coming. Each year we schedule a "workday/clean-up day" prior to Easter Sunday. We're planning on that day being **April 11<sup>th</sup>**, but in the meantime, if there is a project or area of the church that you find needs attention, please make a member of the building and ground committee or the church office aware by **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, so that we can prioritize projects and be sure to have what we need to complete them.

Spring Break is **March 23-27**, so we will not gather for Wednesday evening services on the **25<sup>th</sup>**.

March is a busy month, friends. Let us not forget to spend time in prayer with God and worship with one another.

Grace and Peace,  
Chris

**Ministry & Missions Budget**

	Needs	Receipts
Monthly	\$ 27,928.09	\$ 21,566.00
Year to Date	\$ 51,559.60	\$ 42,865.75

TOTALS ARE THROUGH 02/23/2020

"A special thank you to each and every one of you for your monetary support and hard work that enables First Baptist Church of Williams to touch lives by sharing the love of Jesus". ~Finance Committee

**COUNTING COMMITTEE MARCH**

Staci Ewing & Rex McAlister

**GREETERS & USHERS FOR MARCH**

Sean & Patti Ponder      Nick Howard & Jack Ponder

**JACKSONVILLE CHRISTIAN  
OUTREACH CENTER**

Our church is scheduled to provide the following items to the J.C.O.C. for the month of **MARCH**: Canned Meats, Coffee, Grits and Oatmeal. *Please take your donated items DIRECTLY TO the JCOC located just behind McDonalds.*

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sunday**

Sunday School	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:00 am
Choir Practice	4:00 pm

**Tuesday**

Bible Study      10:00 am

**Wednesday**

Supper	5:30 pm
Devotion	6:00 pm

**ADULT GET-TOGETHER**

The Thursday night Adult Get-together this month will be held on **March 5<sup>th</sup> & March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. Bring your favorite finger foods and join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

**FOOD PANTRY**

Our food pantry distribution will be held on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm.**



Food Pantry Funds on hand: \$3689.37



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**NURSERY HELPERS**

Mar 1	Sharon Williams
Mar 8	Jamie Davis
Mar 15	Bonnie Johnson
Mar 22	Lori McFall
Mar 29	Beverly Almaroad

Nursery helpers will assist one of our regular nursery workers each Sunday morning for Sunday School and Worship. Our regular nursery workers are: Terri Harris and Sharon Williams. Nursery Helpers if you need to reschedule your day to work, please contact Nikki Haynes.

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**3 & 4-YEAR OLD HELPERS**

Mar 1	Hattie & Callie Ewing
Mar 8	Abi Brock & Samantha Preston
Mar 15	Ashley Barker
Mar 22	Candace Burns & Haley Stephens
Mar 29	Katrina & Wryne Lipscomb

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**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Mar 1	Nikki Haynes & Sydney Beason
Mar 8	Kate Hamby & Tyler Teal
Mar 15	Sharhonda Duncan & Bethany Johnson
Mar 22	Nikki Haynes
Mar 29	IN CHURCH

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**CHILDREN'S STORY**

Mar 1	Chris Thomas
Mar 8	Nikki Haynes
Mar 15	Lynnelle Barker
Mar 22	Jason Teal
Mar 29	Kate Hamby

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER**

Mar 4	Chili, Hotdogs, Chips & Dessert
Mar 11	Pizza & Dessert
Mar 18	Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls & Dessert
Mar 25	NO SUPPER - SPRING BREAK



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**