

The Southwest Spirit

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A Journey Through Lent

At Southwest Baptist we recognize that Advent can be a wonderful time of preparation in our lives as we anticipate the celebration of the coming of the Christ child. However, many Christians often fail to allow Lent to be a similar season of preparation as we look toward our most important of days, Good Friday and Easter. "Lent" is simply the Old English word for Spring.

In addition to our regular weekly worship services during Lent, we will also have a couple of special opportunities to observe Lent together as a congregation. First, all of our church family should mark March 30th on their calendars. That evening we will have a special guest leading a dramatic presentation of the Gospel of John. Look for more information about this special event, to be shared in the next few weeks.

Second, I will be leading a special Lenten study on Wednesday evenings, beginning on February 14th. This study will meet at 6:15pm and will be titled "Eyeing Easter, Walking Through Lent." I look forward to sharing this journey together with our church family.

Grace and peace,
Pastor James



Super Sunday!

February 4th is Super Bowl Sunday, not only in Miami, but also around the world. The Super Bowl is one of the most watched events in the world. However, Southwest Baptist Church has a tradition of making the day of the Super Bowl more than simply watching football, eating pizza, and laughing at commercials. We are looking forward to a day filled with fellowship opportunities for our church family.

Make plans to join us for CE and worship in the morning. Immediately following our morning worship service we will share a soup and sandwich lunch in Fellowship Hall. After lunch, our children will be going to a gymnastics event and our preschoolers will have a movie time together (read Ramona's article to the right for more information). The youth will be challenging our young adults in a coed flag-football game on our lower field (an alternate, inclement weather opportunities will also be available). There will be special fellowship activities for our middle adult and Keenagers groups as well. Activities will wrap up around 3pm – and many are already planning to gather in small groups in homes to take in the big game.

Watch for more details in this Sunday's bulletin and on the website this week, or call, email, or come in to the church office.

From the Children's Director

We are certainly off and running with an exciting year of activities in our children's ministry!

We are looking forward to Super Sunday coming up on February 4th. This is going to be a fun event for the entire family at Southwest. Many activities are being planned for all ages and it will be a great day of fellowship for our church body. There will be nursery care for infants, a special movie presentation for Toddlers and Preschoolers and an outing for our Kindergarten – 6th graders. They will be going to Concordia/Turners gymnasium for a great time of gymnastics fun! We will have trainers there who will guide our kids through obstacle courses and play games with them. Parents please watch for flyers to be coming home with more information about this trip, along with permission slips that must be completed and returned to us.

Worship and fellowship with the Family of God is truly a blessing and something worth making a priority in our busy schedule. Offering children the opportunity to experience the church family is something they will remember throughout their lives. I know I can still remember days like this in my home church as a child. Invite your friends and family to morning worship, have some lunch and stay for some fun activities for everyone. God may use the things they see and experience here to influence their heart in a mighty way. Let's make it a "Super" Sunday!!

For HIS Kids,
Ramona Davis
Director of Children's Ministries

Great Opportunities on Sunday Evenings!

Everest Class – 5:15pm
Children's Choir – 5:30pm
Daniel by Beth Moore – 5:30pm
Christian Spiritual Practices – 5:30pm
Real Life (for youth) – 5:30pm
CIA's (children's missions) – 6pm
Contact the church office for info!



The Leong family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to their Southwest Baptist Church family for the many expressions of kindness, care, and prayers during this difficult time for their entire family.

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Dates to Note

- Women's Retreat**
1/26, 1/27
- Annual Business Meeting**
Sunday, 1/28, 4:30pm
- Youth Winter Jam Concert**
Sunday, 1/28
- Wed Evening Lenten Study**
6:15pm, starting 2/14
- Ash Wednesday**
2/21

Don't Forget...

To find information on cancellations regarding worship services, CDC hours, and other activities during bad weather, go to our website:

www.southwestbaptistchurch.org