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## MINISTER'S MOMENT

Beginning March 16, I will deliver a four-part SERMON SERIES in which we will delve into Jesus' parable of THE PRODIGAL SON. The story is found in the Gospel of Luke and has had an enormous influence on the Christian understanding of both human waywardness and the power of a forgiving heart. It is a story filled with family drama, scandalous behavior, sibling jealousy, and ultimately forgiveness and redemption. The main characters are the patient father, a disrespectful and impetuous son, and another son who is plagued with resentments. Mixed into the story are several important lessons to help us as we make our own way forward in faith. This sermon series will take us up to Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

There is so much to the parable of THE PRODIGAL SON that I am also planning a PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY for Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM. We will spend an hour each week diving even more deeply into the details and lessons of the story. This will begin MARCH 11, and will take place in the Fellowship Hall at FCC. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend. Also, feel free to bring a snack or refreshment to share. I will be sure to put on some coffee. See you there! ~Russell



Peggy Kelley	3/5	Ron Green	3/12
Ethan Oppelt	3/6	Jim Everitt	3/18
Chet Fritz	3/8	Bill Harding	3/18
Debbie Stanley	3/10	Kaden Propps	3/20
Gene Delano	3/12	Russell Willoughby	3/27

*Please contact the church office and give us your birthday and anniversary dates. We don't want to miss anyone!*



### In other news...

Congratulations to our member, Denise Dugan for being **Volunteer of the Year** at the Tri-State Kennel Club and receiving the **Tail Wagging Award**.

**Serving in March**

Elders

Dave Mason  
Dick Kice

Deacons

\*Sheri Fuller  
David Fuller  
Kathy Nangle  
Lynne Maguire

Communion

Stewards

Kathy Nangle  
Lynne Maguire

**Serving in April**

Elders

Denise Winans  
Allen Trimble

Deacons

\*Sharon Hacker  
Charles Venable  
Norma Venable  
Stephanie Everitt

Communion

Stewards

Shawn Hull  
Suzanne Hull

**BOARD MEETING**

NO meeting in March

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*Women's Section Meetings*

Section V- Wed., March 12th at 1:00 p.m.

Section IV- Tues., March 18th at 6:00 p.m.

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**Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, March 15th at 9:00 a.m.  
in Fellowship Hall

All the men of FCC are invited  
Bring a guest!

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We will be celebrating EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY on Sunday, March 23rd, along with family dinner.

There will be **three sign-up sheets in the Narthex**: one for your birthday month if you can attend; the others are to sign up if you are able to decorate your table or bring cake for your table.

We encourage all of our members to sign up and participate in celebrating everybody's birthday!

**\*Note:** No need to bring dessert for family dinner since there will be cakes brought for the birthday celebration.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	3	4	5 + ASH WEDNESDAY Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	6	7	8
9  Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	10 <b>JOINING SUNDAY</b> ←	11 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  No Board Meeting	12 Women's Section V 1pm Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15  9:00 a.m.
16 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Fiber Folks 2 -4 p.m.	17 	18 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Women's Section IV 6:00 p.m.	19 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	20 	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	24 <b>Everybody's Birthday &amp; Family Dinner</b> 11:00 a.m. ←	25 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	26 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	27	28	29
30	31					

**JOINING SUNDAY**

March 9th during Service

Contact Pastor Russell at 818-533-6089 if you are interested in joining FCC.

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**PASTOR'S Bible STUDY**  
Join us!



Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.  
March 11th - April 8th  
in Fellowship Hall

It will center around the parable of THE PRODIGAL SON.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

\*Please bring a snack to share, if you are able.