

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Those Hospitalized

Dalton: Nancy Ratcliffe

Tallahassee: Nancy Thompson

### Members with Health Concerns

Catherine & Joe Aaron, Ann Bennett, Susan Bradshaw,  
Nancy Eubanks, Harry Foss, Edith Gray, Jimmy & Jane Lawson,  
Earl Tillman, Sandra & Charles White, Shirley Willis

### Family and Friends Who Are Ill

James Carnes (*cousin of Bill Davies*)

Ann & Kenneth Dix (*relatives of Dana Hester*)

Marie Edwards

Dianne Gregg (*friend of Matt & Caroline DuVall*)

Linda Hine (*daughter-in-law of Barbara Briley*)

Dick Landry (*husband of Lisa Landry*)

Lynne Maxwell (*sister of Randy Bratton*)

Gerry Mitchell (*stepmother of Claire Adams*)

Mary Garner-Mitchell (*daughter of Anne Trimble*)

David & Carol Morris (*relatives of Betty Zane Morris*)

Jan Musick (*mother of Tara Inman*)

Doug Newsome (*brother-in-law of Lynda Newsome*)

Harold Parker (*father of Cindy Childs*)

Glenda Potts

Emily Saltino (*friend of Martha & John Heneisen*)

Jewell Sweat (*friend of Jenna Lawson*)

Guyla Vasser (*sister of Claire Adams*)

Beth Wright (*daughter of Claborn & Ann Bradfield*)

### Missionaries with Birthdays

- Greg Smith, Fredericksburg, VA
- Leonora Newell, Emeritus

### Sympathy

Martha Heneisen and family in the death of Martha's sister-in-law, Mrs. Judy Cobb, who lived in Barbourville, KY.

Austin Freeman and family in the death of Austin's aunt, Mrs. Rona Freeman Crawford, who passed away on Friday, February 21.

## Ash Wednesday

*is the first day of Lent, the 40 days that precedes Holy Week and Easter. In the Bible the number 40 relates to the period spent in the ark by Noah, the period spent by Israel seeking the Promised Land after the exodus, and the amount of time Jesus was in the wilderness after His baptism and prior to beginning His ministry. The word Lent is derived from the Old English "lencten," which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours that occurs in the northern hemisphere as spring approaches. It is in this period of transition from late winter to early spring that the season of Lent falls. For us, the season of Lent is an invitation to 40 days of renewal, 40 days to prepare ourselves to take in the Good News of Easter through deeper disciplines of prayer, fasting, and giving. Ashes are the traditional sign of sorrow and repentance and are also a sign of "mortality". Receiving them tonight reminds us that God's love is triumphant over sin and death, and that God remains with us, that in Christ, our mortality is overcome.*

# ASH WEDNESDAY

First Baptist Church  
Rome, Georgia

February 26, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

**Prelude** ..... Joan Hill, organ

**Prayer Concerns** ..... Matt DuVall

**Hymn** ... “Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord” (Stanza 1)



1. Be still, for the Spir-it of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.  
2. Be still, for the pow-er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place,



Come, bow be - fore Him now, with rev-erence and with fear. In Him no  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter His grace. No work too



sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground. Be still, for the  
hard for Him, in faith re - ceive from Him. Be still, for the



Spir - it of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.  
pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

## A Time for Silent Reflection

Consider one of these prompts as you reflect:

- Talk to the Lord about the kind of day you have had. Ask the Lord to speak to you this evening.
- Ask the Lord to reveal more of Himself to you.

**Hymn** ... “Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord” (Stanza 2)

Reading of Holy Scripture. .... James 4:1-10 (*The Message*)

**Tamara Tillman Smathers, reader**

## A Time for Silent Reflection: Get Serious!

Talk to God and ask Him to help you see clearly your own sins. Consider one of these prompts as you reflect:

- Which sins in your life make you sad, uncomfortable, or upset?
- Which sins in your life are you comfortable with? Which sins are you dabbling in?
- What is God saying to you?

**Meditation** ..... Rev. DuVall

**Hymn of Invitation No. 471** (Stanzas 1 and 4). .... RESTORATION  
“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

## A Time of Silent Reflection: Place Your Life Before God

Ask God to help you see how He is calling you to love God and others during Lent.

- Is there something God wants you to give up during Lent?
- What should you add to your life to bring you closer to Jesus?
- Is there some way He wants you to serve Him, or maybe to serve someone else?
- How will you do this?

## Imposition of Ashes

When you are ready, go to the minister who is at the front of your section. Ashes may be placed upon the forehead or top of the hand. As is the tradition, the ashes take on added significance as they were made from branches carried in last year’s Palm Sunday worship service.

*Please depart in silence.*

## Lent 2020

### Community Holy Week Services

**April 5-6 at Noon**

Metropolitan United Methodist Church

### Maunder Thursday

**April 9 at 7:00 p.m.— Sanctuary**

Communion and Service of Tenebrae  
Special Music by the Sanctuary Choir

### Good Friday

**April 10 from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.—Chapel**

A time of self-directed prayer and meditation focusing on the seven last words Jesus spoke from the cross. Worshippers are welcomed to come and go at any time during the hour.