

Lent

Lent is not about being weighed down by guilt but stepping into the freedom that comes with repentance and action. When we come to terms with Christ's sacrifice it can be life-changing.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Instructor: Deb Perez

Next. Class: Thursday, April 10

7:00 p.m.

EASTER

ONLY

14

DAYS
AWAY!



MARCH FOR JESUS

*"JESUS OUR
ONLY HOPE"*

MAY 31, 2025 @ 10 AM

Missions Projects



Amazon Jungle: **March 25 - March 30**

Rod Fitzgerald & Steve Skiba

Tour of some churches **April 1 - April 4**

Bob & Phylis Huerta

Breakthrough: pastors from Colombia and Peru plan to attend the pastor's retreat in Quito!

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Apr 6 » Cross-Shaped Priorities
 Apr 13 » Palm Sunday
 Apr 20 » Easter Sunday: The Name Above All Names
 Apr 27 » Cross-Shaped Purposes

Prayer REQUESTS

► SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
 Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandy W. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith K. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merle » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Hector S. » Healing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Vanessa » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angie & Family » Life Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacob M. » Emotional Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg | <input type="checkbox"/> Noelle G. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lucille S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Augustin A. » Sobriety | <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie » Lung Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yalda Samano » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Silvia J. » Health/Faith Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Miner III. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Becky H. » Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zach D. » Sobriety | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl » Hip Surgery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paitn » Return to God | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Sharp » Physical Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meztli » Return to God | <input type="checkbox"/> Dale G. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ivy » Healing | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda W. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike K. » Bone Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Betty L. » Life Transitions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sophie T. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry A. » Bladder Issues |



METRICS THAT MATTER (03/30/25)

ATTENDANCE ► 33 GIVING ► \$1,020 GUESTS ► 0
 VOLUNTEERS ► 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

MARK 8: 27-38 How would you describe the Christian life? What words come to mind?

Christian = death: die to self

Christ's mission is vertical – not just to deliver people from tyranny but to save all people from sin and separation from God.

Discipleship is a call to live the cross shaped life.

1. WHAT IT INVOLVED...

- The means to bring about Jesus' death. - **John 19: 17-18**
- The death of a curse. - **Galatians 3: 13**
- Planned by God - **Luke 24: 26-27**
- Carried out by humans. - **Acts 2:23**
- Showed Jesus' obedience. - **Philippians 2:8**

2. WHAT THE CROSS ACCOMPLISHED

- Redeemed us from the curse of God. – **Galatians 3: 10, 13**
- Took away our sins. – **Colossians 2: 13-14, 1 Peter 2:24**
- Reconciled us with God. – **Ephesians 2:16, Colossians 1:20**
- Gave us eternal life. – **John 3:14-16**
- Brought about victory over Christ's Enemies. – **Colossians 2:15**

3. BELIEVERS AND THE CROSS

- They are crucified with Christ. - **Galatians 2:20**
- Their sinful nature is put to death. – **Romans 6:6, Galatians 5: 24**
- They are crucified to the world. – **Galatians 6: 14**
- They must carry their cross. – **Matthew 10:38**

There is a cost to follow Christ = Die to self and live a life for him that models His Character and love.

Cross-Shaped priorities and the desire to live for Christ is to understand who He is and what He has done for you.

You cannot model Christ unless you truly know him, so...

WHO IS JESUS?

1. Son of God –

Mark 14: 61-62

2. God and Man – John 1:1,

Hebrews 4: 15

3. Action – Mark 1: 41

4. Divine Nature; Old and
New Testament – Isaiah 9: 6-7,
Revelation 1: 4-8

NAMES OF JESUS – THERE ARE MANY!!

a. Immanuel – Matthew 1:23

b. Savior – Matthew 1: 21

c. Messiah – Matthew 16:16,
Acts 17:3

d. Lamb of God – John 1: 36

e. Redemption of the Church –
John 3:29

f. The Resurrection and the Life
– John 11:25

g. Alpha and Omega –
Revelation 1:8

h. Lord of Lords –
Revelation 17:14

i. Son of God – Mark 1:1,
John 20: 31

j. The Great High Priest –
Hebrews 4:14

Qualities of Jesus = Living with Cross-Shaped Priorities

1. Live a life that points people to Jesus – Holy Spirit Life – 2
Corinthians 6:4-10

2. Live as Christ's ambassador – demonstrate the character of
God – 2 Corinthians 5:20

3. You're not perfect, but you are Gospel-centered and
intentional – Hebrews = Confidence, Hebrews

3:14, Intimacy, Hebrews 7:25, Transformation, 2 Corinthians 3:18,
Community, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

4. Be joy-filled – Psalm 16:11

5. Throw away worldly logic, and be anchored to Truth –
Galatians 2:20