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"THE THORNS SPEAK!"

A Lenten Study with a Brown Bag Lunch
Fridays 11:30 – 12:30



March 8 The Thorn of an Unforgiving Spirit
"Father, Forgive Them"
Luke 23:26-34

March 15 The Thorn of a Forgiving Spirit
"Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise"
Luke 23:32-43

March 22 The Thorn of a Loving Spirit
"Behold Your Son, Behold Your Mother"
John 19:25-27

March 29 The Thorn of a Forsaken Spirit
"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"
Mark 15:29-36

April 5 The Thorn of an Empty Spirit
"I Thirst"
John 19:28-29

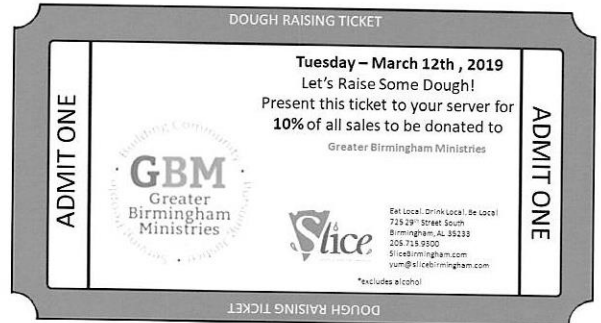
April 12 The Thorn of Unfinished Business
"It Is Finished, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"
Luke 23:43-47

April 19 **A Cross of Thorns**
Good Friday Service
(12 Noon)

**Bring a Friend and Let Us Prepare for
Easter!**

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GBM AND SLICE PIZZA



Greater Birmingham Ministries (GBM) and SLICE Pizza will partner together to raise "dough" for GBM. Just bring your "Dough Raising " Ticket to SLICE Pizza at 725 29th Street South, Birmingham, AL. 35233 on TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019 between 11 AM to 10 PM and GBM will receive a percentage of your purchase. The percentage GBM receives depends on how many tickets are turned in (if over 30 people from the community present tickets, GBM will receive 10%, if fewer tickets, then 5%). *DINE IN OR CARRY-OUT! Location listed above ONLY*. When picking up your order or dining in, just show your ticket. GBM is a 50-year-old organization sponsored by 20 faith communities and is dedicated to serving those in need and bringing us together to pursue justice for the vulnerable. Join us at SLICE for good food, good company, and a good cause.

John Neville



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

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Our next activity will be a trip to the Birmingham Museum of Art on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The van will leave the church at 9:15 a.m. for transportation to the museum. We have scheduled a tour of the exhibit entitled *Embodying Faith: Imagining Jesus Through the Ages*. The tour, led by a museum docent, consists of paintings, drawings etc. of Jesus as He was imagined by artists over the ages. There is no admission charge.

After the tour we will enjoy lunch about 11:30 a.m. at Oscar's, the museum restaurant. Please make reservations by Friday, March 15, 2019 by signing the reservation list on the table near the elevator. Everyone is welcome to join us for this event!

BUNNY AID



Each year Hands on Birmingham is asked for Easter baskets by various children's agencies in Jefferson, Shelby and St. Clair counties, including GBM, DHR, and Head Start programs. The need is for over 2,000 baskets. During March Disciples Women are asking for donations of money and candy to help fill baskets. We already have 770 baskets, 480 stuffed animals and lots of grass and plastic eggs. Our expert shopper knows where to find filler items at the best prices.

There will be an assemble day on Saturday, April 13th, in the auditorium of the Salvation Army down town. Many volunteers will be needed. Also, there will be a need for help the day before to move the items to the Salvation Army, sort it and set it up. There will be more details on assembly later. Thanks for your contributions.

Sara Simon and Ginny Guindon

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat., Mar. 9, Workday, 9:00 am-12:00 noon
 Sun., Mar. 10, Board Meeting, 12:00 noon
 Tue., Mar. 12, Men's Luncheon, Johnny Ray's,
 at 11:30am
 Wed., Mar. 13, Disciples Women's Meeting, 5:30 pm
 Fri., Mar. 15-16, Men's Retreat, Rolling Hills
 Retreat Center
 Sun., Mar. 17, Elders' Meeting, 12:00 noon
 Mon., Mar. 18, Voice Deadline

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Michael Beeson, Dana Stuckenschneider's brother

Kyle Byrd, William Byrd's brother

William Byrd, Sr., William Byrd's father

Nancy Chism, Stephanie Edge's mom, 14120 Bone Camp Road, Coker, AL 35452 (home)

Matt, Akira, Cerys and Tia Cutcliffe, son and grandchildren of Marilyn Cutcliffe

Mary Dodson, River Highlands, Memory Care, Room 17, 1851 Data Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244 (mother of Gary Dodson, our recent visitor)

Lorene Edge, home, Gary Edge's mother

Roy Evans, Jean Thrasher's brother, home

Russell Fountain

Thomasine Glenn, Macedonia Christian Church

Midge Hoke, % James Hoke, 1104 West Joy Lane, Ft. Pierce, FL 34945

Hattie Belle Lester, Bay Ridge at Westminster Village, Skilled Nursing, 500 Spanish Fort Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Brandon Ligon and family, Jamie Ligon's nephew

Ellen Phillips, Diversicare, Room 305, 820 Golf Course Road, Bessemer, AL 35023

Bobinell Ricci, home

Flora Richardson, Fairhaven, L2, Room 7215, 1424 Montclair Road, Birmingham 35210

Shirley Shaw, Jan Clark's sister, at River Highlands Nursing Home

Sherry Sims, Gary Edge's cousin

Guy Stewart, special person in life of Debbie Stewart, daughter of Pat & Billy McDaniel

Dana Stuckenschneider, home

Robert & Ruby Wilkes, Macedonia Christian Church

Current prayer concerns are listed on the back of the weekly Sunday bulletin for approximately one month. Long-term prayer concerns are published once a month in *The Valley Voice*. Please keep the church office informed