



ST MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CALLED TO BE CHRIST CENTERED

Touching Lives + Transforming Hearts + Teaching God's Word

On July 13, 1877, the first service of record for what was later to become St. Mark's Parish was conducted by the Rev. William Roberts Wetmore, who had pedaled a bicycle from Lincoln for the occasion.

During the formative years of the parish, services were held in the old Academy on the north side of town, as well as the City Hall and the old YMCA building on the corner of Main Avenue and South Street.

A church building was erected on West Long Avenue and was consecrated November 20, 1903, by the Rt. Rev. Junius M. Horner. St. Mark's officially became a parish in 1915 with an enrollment of 74 communicants.

The present location of St. Mark's was acquired and converted in 1948. The Parish Hall was added in 1955 and upgraded with additional meeting space in 2005.

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Less and less people are attending church each day. You may remember from the annual meeting that the Episcopal Church has fallen from 3.4 million to 1.9 million over the last 50 years. All the mainline denominations are moving in that same direction. Yet surveys are telling us that people are more interested in spirituality now than ever before. So what is the problem?

This weekend I will be attending a seminar on the Emergent Church. The Emergent Church movement came to us out of England and is drawing people who are seeking a deeper understanding of the Holy and yet have been turned off by institutional religious organizations. The Emergent Church is a part of what is being called "the emerging church movement".

Eddie Gibbs and Ryan Bolger, in their book *Emerging Churches: Creating Christian Community in Postmodern Cultures* (Baker Academic, 2005) define "emerging" in this way:

Emerging churches are communities that practice the way of Jesus within postmodern cultures. This definition encompasses nine practices. Emerging churches (1) identify with the life of Jesus, (2) transform the secular realm, and (3) live highly communal lives. Because of these three activities, they (4) welcome the stranger, (5) serve with generosity, (6) participate as producers, (7) create as created beings, (8) lead as a body, and (9) take part in spiritual activities.

Many of these small communities meet in cafés or other public places rather than a formal church setting. There is little to no liturgy, but in its place one finds a group of people on a spiritual journey asking questions and sharing their own personal stories.

One of the authors I have recently studied suggests that most churches in the next 50 years will be Emergent in their style and structure. This caused me to think, "Where will the institutional churches be at that time?"

Like it or not we are the institution. Being a baby boomer, there was a time when joining any institution would go against my nature. However, being a part of a community that has tradition and a history together is important to me now, and I wonder, will we (the church) just grow old and fade away like the dinosaurs?

If we take a closer look at the definition above of these emerging churches, what I notice is that none of the nine practices are different from what we are about here at St. Mark's.

We want people to identify with the life of Jesus and to take their faith into the secular world. We value deeply our communal lives and do a good job of welcoming the stranger. *(Continued on page 3)*

Worship Services

Sundays

8:00 am Eucharist

Rite I Service with sermon and music, including Penitential Order; Morning Prayer on 5th Sundays

10:30 am Eucharist

Rite I Service with choir; Children's Chapel during Liturgy of the Word portion, including Penitential Order

Weekday Eucharists

3:30 pm 1st Wednesday of the month, Covenant Village

6:00 pm Wednesdays, following 4:30 Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursdays (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th) with healing, Order of St. Luke Ministry

Holy Baptism

Baptism is the accepted method for becoming a member of the Episcopal Church for all ages. Baptisms are generally held as part of the regular Sunday worship and traditionally are done on All Saints Sunday in November, Epiphany I in January, the Easter Vigil the Saturday before Easter Day, and Pentecost Sunday. **The Easter Vigil on April 7th is the next time Baptism will be offered here.** Contact the clergy or the church office to make arrangements.

LENT 2012

LENTEN SUPPER AND PROGRAM ON SUNDAY EVENINGS THROUGH MARCH 25 5:00 - 6:45 PM

A simple supper will be served on the 5 Sundays in Lent beginning at 5:00 pm, followed at 5:45 by program offerings for adults, youth and children. Adults will talk about how we implement the 5 practices of "fruitful" parishes here at St. Mark's. The young people of Club 45 & EYC will have activities designed by their leaders and the children will look at prayer: how we pray and tools that can help with our prayers. Nursery can be made available, if requested, and we ask that you let the church office know if you will need nursery care. Volunteers are needed to help cover the nursery on Sunday nights. Please call Polly if you can help in the nursery for a Sunday evening.

Supper will be cooked by the Vestry on March 4 and by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on March 25. We will have Potluck on March 11 and 18. We are asking that we not have dessert as part of this year's meals. If you have any questions, contact Polly Redd for more information.

DEVOTIONAL TIME WITH THE LABYRINTH & THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays in Lent Between the hours of 7:30 am & 1:00 pm

Come and spend some time with either or both of these ancient practices for spiritual renewal and refreshment. Staff or clergy will be available for guidance and security.



Lenten Materials - A booklet of meditations from Episcopal Relief & Development and 2 different Daily Calendars - are available in the Parish Hall for anyone looking for devotional materials for this penitential season.



Easter Memorials and Honorariums

Your donations provide the beauty of Easter lilies to decorate God's house as we prepare to celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Place this form along with your donation in the alms basins on Sundays or mail to the church office.

Deadline: Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012

Please provide the following printed information:

Given in loving memory of:

Given in honor of:

Your name:

Phone number:



**3 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE NURSERY
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
from 10:00 thru the Church Service
Contact Polly Redd to Volunteer for this one-time opportunity**

(Continued from page 1) As a community we are looking for ways of growing in our generosity and participation and are creating new ministries. We have more spiritual activities than ever before in the history of St. Mark's, all of which I believe will lead us into being a visible presence of Christ in this world.

There are always going to be people who will never attend a church either because they have been hurt by such a community, or they view those of us who are here as hypocrites, or for some other reason known only to God. But for those of us who find God alive and present in our lives, St. Mark's is a wonderful place to be. I firmly believe that God is building something here that will last.

Ten thousand years from now these bricks may no longer be standing on this corner, but the souls of our children and their children's children will be strong, the lives of the broken hearted will be comforted, and the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ will continue to be proclaimed.

Peace, Shawn +



T'ai Chi Classes

Every Wednesday

Noon to 1:00 pm

Cost - \$3.00 per class

T'ai Chi is an ancient form of meditative exercise, practiced in China and easily recognized by its slow, captivating movements. It can be done anywhere, anytime, by anyone. The benefits include improved health, reduced stress, increased energy, relaxation, better quality sleep, flexibility, strength and balance, and more focus and quiet for your mind. Carol Feezell, who has practiced t'ai chi for over 10 years and taught it for 5, will be the instructor and guide. Dress in comfortable clothes and shoes and come. Contact Carol at 704-691-4937 or visit her website www.greatenergy4you.com if you have questions.

Comings & Goings

Office Hours The church office is closed on Fridays but messages are checked during the day. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Fr. Shawn at 704-718-7034 or Fr. Greg at 828-230-7617. Be sure to keep these numbers handy.



During Playground Construction the Franklin side (with the doorbell) will be harder to access. If you use the side or front hall doors, please knock loudly for us to hear you and get to the door or call the office on your cell phone to be let in.

St. Mark's Nursing Home Birthday Ministry on the 1st Friday of the month at 3:30 pm brings flowers and



a card to **Abingdon Place** residents with birthdays during the month. The group shares a simple Bible story, along with cake and ice cream. If you would like to donate flowers, give your extra bud vases, or be part of the group that visits, contact Troy Merritt (704-604-3636) or Mike Janik (704-825-9942).



Cursillo is a very special retreat weekend held twice a year at the Christmont Center in Black Mountain. Cursillo provides a place for a person to look at what Christ has done for you and what you can do for Christ. Cursillo #73 is May 10-13. Registrations need to be turned in soon if you want to attend. David Burns is the weekend leader and several other members of St. Mark's will be there. Speak to anyone with a "rainbow" cross for more information.



Bible Study Groups:

The Wednesday Afternoon Group meets at 4:30 pm each week in the Balthis Room to study the Acts of the Apostles. Everyone is welcome. The Wednesday Bible Study is followed by a mid-week Eucharist for those who wish to stay.

Belmont Evening Group meets about every 3 weeks on a weeknight at 6:30 pm at the home of Blaine and Cookie Rudisill in Belmont. They are studying Genesis. The next meeting is March 21. For directions or information, call Rudisills at 825-3045.

Gaston County Faith Network reported 404 children in 22 schools received the coats they needed to be warm this winter. Special thanks goes to the Greater Gaston Baptist Assoc who stored coats in their warehouse until needed. Next year's coat drive begins in October so be saving your gently used coats for then.



The Christmas Eve Offering sent to Thompson Child & Family Focus was \$672.00.

Thanks to the Choirs for the wonderful performance at Holy Trinity Lutheran for the Gospel Sing last month. \$611.05 was raised for CAM that afternoon.



"Discover A Prom" is collecting gently used prom dresses or fancy shoes for teens who might not otherwise be able to afford them. To donate or for more information, call Tammy Legette at 704-854-9351.



A group focusing on **Centering Prayer** as a spiritual practice is forming. If you are interested in this form of prayer, contact Fr. Greg or Patt McRoberts 704-866-8045.



**SPRING
FORWARD**

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME**

BEGINS

@ 2:00 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Don't be late to Sunday School!



St. Mark's Merchandise

**Polo shirts, sweat shirts,
hats, visors, tote bags, and aprons
available with the St. Mark's logo**

Reasonably priced

Available in all sizes

Samples in the display case by the door

Order on the web

www.stmarksgastonia.org

All profits go to Outreach Ministry!

A Lenten Reflection: We had a great pancake supper at St. Mark's on Shrove Tuesday, complete with all kinds of Mardi Gras decorations and fun. Then Ash Wednesday began with a 7 am service and Lent was officially under way. After the service, Shawn and I found ourselves in the kitchen looking for some sort of way to wake up. It was at this point, only a few hours into Lent, that I realized not giving up coffee was a good call. Then we realized that the next service of the day was at noon ...and there was Mardi Gras glitter everywhere. ...and some of that glitter was stuck to the floor with pancake syrup. ...and the cleaning guy Chris wasn't due to come until the next day. So I grabbed a broom and Shawn filled the bucket and we set to work.

For some reason, I love cleaning up after parties. There are a few exceptions, of course, that I won't mention here. For the most part, though, cleanup is my chance to remember and bless the good times of the party and to reconcile and forgive the other parts. Sometimes a good party cleanup will even afford a poetic after-the-fact glimpse into the joys and struggles that inevitably happen when people bond.

This was a party of good times and after we were done cleaning, while Shawn was trying to lift the bucket up the steps to the sexton's closet, it spilled. He cleaned it up in a good-natured way but the floor was still a little wet. A few minutes later I was walking down the same hall, coffee in hand, half awake, and I hit the slick spot on the floor and did that little instant-quick slide where your heart moves to your throat. So I went and got the yellow "Caution, Wet Floor" sign (It's in the sexton's closet if you ever need it, by the way) which got me thinking about all of the different ways that the yellow sign and the act of walking on wet floors fit with the season of Lent. It's like the wet spot was a little "Welcome to Lent" present from God.

We go through much of our lives half asleep, or at least on autopilot, walking at a normal fast pace; I do anyway. It's not until I hit a wet spot or see a yellow sign that I slow down and focus my attention on what I'm doing. In Lent we are called to examine the way we walk—to slow down and think about what our walk is and how we are going about it. Possibly we even change our walk of faith slightly, just like we do when we are walking on a wet floor or driving on a slippery road. If the season of Lent is about (Continued on page 7)



Episcopal Church Women's News

Women have been active and important members of congregations for centuries. From the beginning of the church, women worked with men to spread the Gospel and minister to those in need. This is especially true here at St. Mark's. A January meeting of women resulted in a few changes to the Episcopal Church Women and their activities.

- The General ECW group will meet 4 times a year - January, May, September, & November. Church Periodical Club will be the focus of our May meeting on Sunday, May 6 following church. We will have lunch and a program on some aspect of CPC. We also hope to have our used book sale to raise CPC funds. Be watching for details. Nancy Brewbaker coordinates our CPC work.
- 2 Circle groups meet monthly for study and fellowship among women. Any woman in the parish is welcome and encouraged to attend either or both Circles as best fits your schedule.
 - The Daytime Circle meets the 1st Monday of each month at 10:30 am in the living room of Covenant Village. Betsy Steketee coordinates the group and Polly is leading a survey-type study of the Old Testament. The next meeting is March 5 and the program is on King Solomon and the time during and after his reign.
 - The Evening Circle meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Balthis Room for dessert and Bible study. The next meeting will be March 6. This group is just beginning and is currently looking at individual women in the Bible.
- ECW continues to support many ministries of the church, especially the work of the Church Periodical Club (CPC) and their collections for printed materials. One way is to collect change for the Miles of Pennies campaign for children's materials around the world. A mile is \$844.80 and we have sent in over 1 mile already. Bring your change to the large jug in the Narthex to support the Miles of Pennies.
- Women may continue to support ECW by sending in regular donations marked for ECW as they wish.

Ministry at St. Mark's
What can I do and
who do I call to get involved?



Choir Handbells Acolytes Altar
A. Williamson Guild
 Lay Children's Sewing Bread
 Readers Chapel *R. Griffith J. Cauthen*
E. Hoerning P. Redd
 Chalicists Decorating the Church
WORSHIP
 Staff/Vestry Liaisons: Shawn Griffith, Greg
 McIntyre, Julia Bozarth, Brenda Gilbert,
 Chad Barker

Newsletter E-Blast Phone Calls Web Site
 Facebook Newspaper Digital Bulletins
 Directory Bulletin Board
COMMUNICATION
 Staff/Vestry Liaisons : Polly Redd, Russ Tiller, Chad
 Barker

Newcomers Ushers Sponsors
 Greeters
T. Grooms
 St. Mark's 101 Retention
J. Maloney
HOSPITALITY
 Vestry: Richard Martinez, Deb-
 bie Brake

Salvation CAM Habitat IHN
 Army *H. Domenico Jordans*
B. Crawford G. Montgomery
 Retirement Angel With GCFN
 Home Tree Friends
T. Merritt C. Jolley B. Seabrook
 Weekend Back Pack
OUTREACH
 Liaisons: Mike Janik, Shawn Griffith

Maintenance Security
 & Repair *D Gilbert*
 Beautification Playground
 Columbarium
BUILDING & GROUNDS
 Staff/Vestry Liaisons: Greg
 Dills, Trish Anderson

Finance Annual Pledge Ministry &
 Gifts
 Environmental Endowments
STEWARDSHIP
 Vestry/Liaisons: Russ Tiller, Donna Tay-
 lor, Greg Dills, Fred Hadfield (treasurer)

Christmas Spring Fall Homecoming
 Dinner Picnic Picnic
 Cider & Sports Bishop's Pictures/
 Cookies Reception Video
 Special Historian Breakfast
 Events *J. Redd*
PARISH LIFE
 Vestry Liaisons: Greg Dills, Russ Tiller, Debbie
 Brake, Debbie Scarborough

Sunday Youth Young Bible
 School Adults Study
 VBS DOK Brotherhood ECW
B. Gilbert J. Anderson
 Nursery Cursillo EFM
D. Burns P. Brake
 Advent/Lent Easter/Christmas
 Programs Specials
CHRISTIAN FORMATION
 Staff Liaisons - Polly Redd, Greg McIn-
 tyre, Shawn Griffith

LEM Home Prayer Bereavement Hospital
D. Ward Meals Shawls *B. Gilbert* Visits
N. Brewbaker
 Family Healthcare Missing in
 Hardship & Wellness Worship
M. Jarbeau/J. Maloney D. Brake
PASTORAL CARE
 Vestry Liaison - Jay Barnes

YOUTH NEWS

March and April are full of great activities for the youth as the school year winds down and we head toward Youth Sunday on June 3.

- March 4: Come help make Anglican Rosaries with the younger children during the Lenten Supper program.
- March 10: Everyone is working as a team at the Angel Bowl Fundraiser for Holy Angels. Senior Spring Conference is also that weekend in Valle Crucis (speak to Greg immediately if you want to attend to this event.)
- March 18: Following lunch after church, the Brotherhood invites the youth to a Charlotte Checkers Hockey Game. Ticket reservations **must** be in by March 11 to Travis Feezell (travis.feezell@gmail.com). Adults who want to come may purchase \$10 tickets from him also.
- March 25 has plans for a trip to Sky High.

An April Cookout and Spring Service Project are planned after Easter. For more information, contact Fr. Greg, Rebecca Adams, or Tom Gray.

(Continued from page 5) lengthening our days (that's what the word "lent" literally means), then paying attention to what we are doing is a good way to go about it. I think, in part, that is what giving up things or taking on different disciplines for Lent comes down to. Lenten disciplines are the yellow caution signs that help us remember to pay closer attention to our walk with Christ—our journey of the spirit.

About a year ago, Bishop Taylor preached an Ash Wednesday sermon at All Souls Cathedral in which he asked a series of questions that drew his listeners into examining their lives as he beseeched them to heed the prophet Joel and return to God with all their hearts. The questions below are his but are not direct quotes. I present them in hopes they may be for you those yellow "wet floor" signs to help you pay attention to, or meditate on, the way you walk, the way you live, and your current state. May they draw you into this Holy season of Lent.

God's Peace, Greg McIntyre +

How have we wandered from our path in life? How have we forgotten whose we are and where we belong? In what ways have we become frozen over the past year? Toward whom can we not feel charity, and what does that say about us? What are those places in our lives we are cut off from—those places that we don't want to acknowledge? We say we want an experience of the presence of God but do we? Do we read our stories? Do we read, mark, and inwardly digest the scriptures and relate our stories to them, so that our lives begin to make sense? Do we have a rhythm to our lives at all? "Why do you run like the pagans?" Jesus asks. Why do we run from the best parts of ourselves and push ourselves away from the best part of life? Have we forgotten what it feels like to be at home in our own skins, where we feel like we belong in the universe—where the world says "yes" to me and I'm willing to say "yes" back? When is the last time we have felt the joy of being alive? When, like the prodigal son, will we return home?



Camp Henry Dates for 2012

June 17-23: Senior High

June 24-30: Grades 3-5

July 1-7: Grades 6-8

July 8-10: Parents w/1st Timers (K-3) & Camp Henry Service Camp (10th-12th)

July 11-14: Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)

July 15-21: Grades 4-6

July 22-28: Grades 7-9

Summer will be here soon and Camp Henry can be a big part of that. Ian Williams will be with us Palm Sunday, April 1st, to answer all your questions about camp. Information folders are in the office. Make plans and register soon.

Parish Transitions

Married - Erin Brewbaker & David Tidwell, Feb 2 Transferred Out: Susan & Don Harrison, to 1st Presbyterian, Gastonia

**Deaths - Boyd Jasper "B.J." Sawyer, Rodney Sawyer's father
Alice Hough, long time member
Judith Fowler, sister of Millie Cocker**

March 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday: ↓</p> <p>8-HE I 9-Breakfast 9:30-SS Classes 10:30-HE II 5-7 - Lenten Supper & Program w/ EYC</p>	<p>Every Monday: AA8pm ↓</p>	<p>Every Tuesday: ↓</p> <p>St. Mark's Aikido 7 pm</p>	<p>Every Wednesday: ↓</p> <p>12-1 Tai Chi Class 4:30-Bible Study w/ HE 6:30 & 7- Choirs</p>	<p>17 pm - OSL, Healing Service</p>	<p>2 Office Closed ↓ 7:30am-1pm Labyrinth and Stations 3:30 Abingdon Place Birthday Celebration</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 10:30 am ECW Circle @ Covenant Village</p>	<p>6 7 pm ECW Evening Circle @ Church</p>	<p>7 3:30 Eucharist @ Covenant Village</p>	<p>8 7 pm - OSL, Healing Service</p>	<p>9 7:30am-1pm Lenten Labyrinth & Stations</p>	<p>10 Holy Angels Bowling Fundraiser</p>
<p>11 Daughters of the King following service</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7 pm - OSL, Healing Service</p>	<p>16 7:30 am-1pm: Lenten Labyrinth & Stations</p>	<p>17 St Patrick's Day</p> 
<p>18 Vestry following service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 6:30 pm Belmont Bible Study</p>	<p>22 (OSL at All Saints)</p>	<p>23 7:30am-1pm: Lenten Labyrinth & Stations</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Choirs to sing at Abingdon @ 2pm; Covenant @ 3:30 pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7 pm - OSL, Healing Service</p>	<p>30 7:30am-1pm: Lenten Labyrinth & Stations</p>	<p>31 10 am - Palm Cross Making & Children's Easter Activities</p>  

March Schedule of Sunday Lay Servers

Vestry Person Responsible for March Lock-Up - Debbie Scarborough

March 4, 2012

Lent II

Layreaders: 8:00 Elizabeth Willett, Vicki Caudill; 10:30
Alex Williamson, Liz Domenico, Chris Christy

Ushers: Steve & Trish Campbell, Dan Gilbert

Acolytes: Alex Campbell, Duncan & Valerie Queen

Greeters: Celia Billings, Patt McRoberts

Children's Chapel: Christi & Sophi Jolley, Debbie Brake

Nursery: Jeremy & Morgan McCarey

Breakfast: Russell Tiller

Coffee Hour: Judy Hobbs

March 11, 2012

Lent III

Layreaders: 8:00 Ed Hoerning, Pat Townsend; 10:30
Chad Barker, Ann Jordan, Joe Saunders (C)

Ushers: Duane Pendleton, Don Miller

Acolytes: Austin Biles, Ally Adams, Sophia Varriale

Greeters: Edna & Chuck Forbes

Children's Chapel: Kristen Major, Marcia & Ethan
Thrower

Nursery: Ryan & Page King

Breakfast: Jim Redd

Coffee Hour: Julie Christy

March 18, 2012

Lent IV

Layreaders: 8:00 Jeff Bozarth, Judy Maloney; 10:30
Fred Hadfield, Brenda Gilbert, Wendela Correia

Ushers: Brock & Emelyne Wellons, Alan Jolley

Acolytes: Coralie Watts, Christiana & Jackson
Vaughan

Greeters: Alex & Terri Williamson

Children's Chapel: Polly & Jim Redd, Anthony Varriale

Nursery: Anna Carsner & Leilani Rabourn

Breakfast: The Greg Dills Family

Coffee Hour: Pat Smith

March 25, 2012

Lent V

Layreader: 8:00 Ed Hoerning, Judy Malina; 10:30
Claude Hueitt, Jay Barnes, Russ Tiller (C)

Ushers: Rebecca & Greg Adams, Don Miller

Acolytes: Stewart Butt, David John Major, Jackson
Cloninger

Greeters: Candy & tim Grooms

Children's Chapel: Julie Christy, Terri Williamson,
Zachary Major

Nursery: Brenda & Breanna Gilbert

Breakfast: Don & Pat Miller

Coffee Hour: Jean Eaddy



ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Altar is decorated with flowers on Sundays, except during the season of Lent. Up to 3 families may help provide the flowers for any given Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one or an occasion by signing up in the book by the elevator. Cost is \$43.00 per donation and special requests for type or color of flower used are accepted. Altar flowers are generally sent to the hospital or shut-ins. If you would like more information about how to give altar flowers, call the church office and speak to either Jean or Trish.



3rd Annual East Carolina Diocesan Acolyte Festival

April 27-28, 2012

**St. Andrew's by the Sea
Nags Head, North Carolina
Cost - \$35.00 (inclusive)**

This is the festival several of our acolytes attended last year (when the National Festival was cancelled because of the earthquake). It was a fun two days at the beach with other Episcopalians and included several informative workshops. We hope to send a group again this year, so if you want to attend, speak to Alex Williamson or Fr. Shawn.



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The Gastonia Downtown Ecumenical Lenten Series
Wednesdays - Lunch @ noon for \$5, Service @ 12:30
Offering Recipient: As One Ministry

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>	<u>THEME</u>
Feb 29	First Presbyterian	Shawn Griffith St. Mark's	Reading Scripture
Mar 7	First ARP	Ray Ammons	Giving
Mar 14	Holy Trinity Lutheran	Matt Kuiken	Obedience
Mar 21	St. Michael's Catholic	Brack East	Relationships
Mar 28	First Baptist	Lauren Vanacore	Worship
April 4	First Methodist	Jack Weisenhorn	Serving