

Bloomfield United Presbyterian Church
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HIMSELF

Once it was the blessing, now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling, now it is His Word;
Once His gifts I wanted, now the Giver own;
Once I sought for healing, now Himself alone.
Once 'twas painful trying, now 'tis perfect trust;
Once a half salvation, now the uttermost;
Once 'twas ceaseless holding, now He holds me fast;
Once 'twas constant drifting, now my anchor's rest.
Once 'twas busy planning, now 'tis trustful prayer;
Once 'twas anxious caring, now He has the care;
Once 'twas what I wanted, now what Jesus says;
Once 'twas constant asking, now 'tis ceaseless praise.
Once it was my working, His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him, now He uses me;
Once the power I wanted, now the Mighty One;
Once for self I labored, now for Him alone.
-A.B.Simpson

What's Happening In March?

THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS MARCH 5



Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins on 5 March 2003 and ends on 19 April 2003. Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and

prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. The purpose of the liturgical calendar is to relive the major events in Jesus' life in real time, which is why Lent is forty days long. If Jesus were born on 25 December, then His conception would have been nine months earlier, on about 25 March. That is when the angel Gabriel would have announced Jesus' birth to Mary. Thus 25 March is known in the historic church as *The Annunciation*.



-By Ken Collins, www.kencollins.com

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH:

- 4- Kenneweg Circle, 10:30 A.M.;
- 10- Trustees, 7:30 P.M.;
- 12- Deacons, 6:00 P.M.;
- 13- Choir Practice, 8:00 P.M.;
- 17- St. Patrick's Day!;
- 17- Session, 7:30 P.M.;
- 25- Prayer Line, 7:00 P.M.;
- 27- Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation Center worship service, 7:00 P.M..

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<i>Lord's Day</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
2 Sabbath School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	3	4 Kenneweg Circle 10:30 am	5 	6	7 B-Trish Barnett B-Ruth Dickson B-Ellen Klies	1 B-Raymond Bar II 8	
9 Sabbath School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	10 Trustees 7:30 pm B-Susan Ballantine B-Esther Henning	11 B-Jessica Morgareidge	12 Deacons 6:00 pm	13 Choir Practice 8:00 pm B-John Morrow	14 B-Paul Dickson B-Ryan Marshall	15	
16 Sabbath School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am B-Lee Atchison	17 Session 7:30 pm 	18	19	20	21	22	
23 Sabbath School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	24	25 Prayer Line 7 pm B-Lois Morrow B-Peter Snyder B-Helen Taylor	26 B-Clark Pattison	27 CHCC Service 7:00 pm	28 B-Josh Thomas	29	
30 Sabbath School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	31 B-Bill Morrow	<p><i>He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in the place of highest honor beside God's throne in heaven.</i></p> <p><i>Hebrews 12:2. NLT</i></p>				