

March

Get Connected at Mount Pisgah

Pastor's Peace

The practice of Lent brings transformation

Step Two: Release

Step two in transformation is letting go.

Let us not skip the hard work of lent and go straight to the resurrection. We do that too much. We don't think about sin, we just assume the forgiveness. We need to go through the practice of lent to grow forward in our relationship with the Holy.

Lent is about letting go. Letting go of the past, our sin, our dependence on things that seek to destroy us without malice. We have to let go of the things that hold us back from moving forward. Everyone immediately will probably think, "I have to let go of my sin." What is it with sin that we always blame it. Yes, that is meant to be funny. The reality is we let go of our sin really quick. We easily forget about it, more readily we don't even recognize it. We don't know what our sins or sins in general are, except what we proclaim to be sin in someone else's life.

It is not always sin. There are many things we need to release. We need to release the influence of some people in our lives. I saw a funny story about people that clean their homes before they go on a trip as if someone is going to break in a check it out while they are gone. My house is pretty clean when we go on a trip. There are traditions that have power over us. Those things that we will not change because we have not done it any other way before.

We are enslaved by such things, and many more. We are bound to them like a captain to their ship. Those things are indifferent to the fact that we are being destroyed.

During lent, I invite you to take another step in your transformation. Look at what enslaves you and let it go. You may find yourself at peace and more satisfied as those chains that bind you are removed.

Blessing and Peace, *Jed*



Easter Basket Project
 100 baskets to fill Items due March 19th
 Collection bin in Sanctuary



Thanks for your continued
Backpack BUDDIES
 SERVING
 ALDERMAN ROAD
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

<u>MARCH SERMONS</u>		
March 5	Genesis 12:1-5	Releasing what holds you back
March 12	Exodus 17:1-7	An intentional use of force
March 19	1 Samuel 16:1-13	It is not always the biggest things we are chosen for
March 26	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Guilty or Not?



MPBC LUNCH BUNCH
 Sunday, March 26
 Sammio's



CHURCH CALENDAR

TUESDAY, March 7th - 6:30pm
Deacon's Meeting - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, March 8th - 6:00pm
 Dinner & Business Meeting
 Dinner: 6pm (\$5), Meeting: 6:30pm

TUESDAY, March 14th - 10:00am
 Super Seniors

SUNDAY, March 19th - 9:00am
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
 Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, March 26th —after Worship
Lunch Bunch—Sammio's



Super Seniors
 Tuesday, March 14th
 10:00am - Game Day!!



MEN'S MINISTRY
BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY
 Sunday, March 19th
 9:00am



Bible Study
WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
6:30pm
 March 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th



Church Supper

Cost: \$5

Wednesday, March 8th
 Dinner: 6:00pm
 Meeting 6:30pm