

# WELCOME HOME

**Our vision:** Experience and share the love of Jesus.

*"You know that He appeared in order to take away sins;  
and in Him there is no sin."*

1 John 3:5 (NASB)

## LENTE BOXES

Available in the Narthex. Donation suggestion: drop 25 cents in per meal each day and **see how the gift grows!**

## CHURCH WIDE STUDY

This week's theme **"Get Off the Fence"** is being studied in small groups. There's still time to join a group. Grab a flyer in the Narthex.

## CARE GIVERS

If you are **gifted in hospitality** (preparing a meal, baking, etc.) please **call the church office** for more information on joining our Congregational Care team.

## COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER

The give-away pantry is running low on food items. **Please donate breakfast items** for the **month of March** into the bin in the Narthex.

## ENCOUNTER

This is an incredibly special night, Come and experience the relaxed environment and **intentional ministry**. **Sundays at 6:00 PM** in the Upper Room.

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### Giving online is easy!

**Text to Give:** Send a text message to 407-680-1872 with the \$\$ amount in the text box. Select the link in the reply. Fill in your info and click "Process."

**Our Website:** Click on the GIVE button. Choose to create a login profile *or* fill in your info and submit a one-time payment.



March 10, 2019

Hymns: 630 & 602

### services

Sun 8:00 am Traditional  
Sun 9:30 am Contemporary  
Sun 11:11 am Blended  
Sun 6:00 pm Encounter  
Thurs 7:30 pm Contemporary

Childcare provided on  
Sunday mornings

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## A LENTEN CHALLENGE FROM Rev Dr William A Lewis

College basketball's season is approaching March Madness, when everyone's team is hoping to make it to the tournament and Final 4. My team, UCLA, won 10 championships in 11 years. Coach Wooden was a Christian man whose temperament and style would seem utterly out of step with today's flamboyant coaches and players. He never lost his cool on the sidelines. He wouldn't allow his players to dunk, dribble between their legs or show disrespect to the opponents.

The first half hour of the first practice every year was teaching the players how to put on a sock the right way. New recruits would roll their eyes, "I'm at the biggest college program and they are teaching me how to put on socks?" Mastering the basics led to a championship pedigree. One year, when freshmen were not allowed to play with the varsity, the freshmen team, including Lew Alcindor, often beat the two-time champion varsity team!

Coach Wooden emphasized discipline so that the team was always in control, which in the heat of a tight game could make the difference between winning and losing. During national championship games his team was merely running practice drills! I am big on mastering the basics, like reading the **Bible** and having a **prayer life**. These two practices are like working out and dieting; if you do one without the others your results are so-so. When both are employed results come immediately.

When we stay close to Jesus in His scriptures, He can guide us not merely in the principles of right and wrong, but in enjoying His Spirit in every situation. The same is with prayer: as we lay out thoughts before Him, we will acquire clarity and see God arranging our circumstances. But there is another element to prayer: when we refrain from doing all the talking, ask His direction and listen for His voice, we will experience a unique, deep heart-to-heart relationship with the Lord. This is the fruit of cultivating time in His presence.

We also have one other basic to follow: Love God and love His people. On our busy to-do lists, if the overriding principle is to love God by loving His people (everyone who crosses our path) we will be mastering the basics and winning the biggest championship—souls.

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