

First Presbyterian Church 2017 Lenten Devotional
“Building the Church, Building the Faith”

Week 4

Day 17: Monday, March 20--Colossians 2:6-7

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

Who were the people who taught you about Jesus? This day, give thanks for this wonderful gift they have given you.

Day 18: Tuesday, March 21--I Corinthians 10:23

“All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful, but not all things build up.”

So many things that we do or say are not “wrong,” in a legal sense, but they may not be good for us. What things do you do that are not constructive to your spiritual health, and how might you stop doing them?

Day 19: Wednesday, March 22--I Corinthians 8:1

“Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.”

Who do you know who needs a measure of Christ’s love in their life, and how can you be an avenue of that love?

Day 20: Thursday, March 23--Jude 1:20-21

“But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”

Faith is something we build. It takes work to build up our faith—study, prayer, worship, conversation, service—these are all the tools we build up our faith. Use this Lenten season to improve your use of one of these tools to build up your faith.

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Day 21: Friday, March 24--I Thessalonians 5:11

“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”

As the church goes through the building project, some members will become frustrated and discouraged by the disruptions and the challenges caused by the project. Reflect upon the ways that you can encourage these people and help them through these trying times.

Day 22: Saturday, March 25--Jeremiah 24:4-7

“Then the word of the LORD came to me: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I have sent away from this place to the land of the Chaldeans. I will set my eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up, and not tear them down.’”

Many have been pushed away from the faith, and others drift away. Who do you know who is “in exile” from Christ, and how you might help them return?

Fourth Sunday in Lent: March 26— Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.”

How might this building project be a “light” to this community? Consider how you can help our church’s light to shine.

