### From Ash Wednesday by T.S. Eliot

And pray to God to have mercy upon us And pray that I may forget These matters that with myself I too much discuss Too much explain Because I do not hope to turn again Let these words answer For what is done, not to be done again May the judgement not be too heavy upon us

Because these wings are no longer wings to fly **But merely vans** to beat the air The air which is now thoroughly small and dry Smaller and dryer than the will Teach us to care and not to care Teach us to sit still.

Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death

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## **February Birthdays**

A Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your children as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Marcus—Ist

Calvin—3rd

Jennifer—4th

Gino—13th

Mike—20th

Michael P.—23rd

David—27th

John R.—29th

### **FEBRUARY** 2020

#### **SCHEDULE:**

**Sundays:** Ipm Worship at Woodruff Park

Mondays: 10:30 am **Morning Prayer at Central Outreach** 

Tuesdays: 10:30 Foot **Clinic at Gateway** Center

Wednesdays: 10:30 am **Morning Prayer at Central Outreach** 

Thursdays: 9:30-1 pm **Pastoral Care** 



**New Aprons at foot clinic from Compassionate Atlanta** 



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#### **Pastoral Letter**

Dear CCG Family,

On Valentine's Day, love is all that consumes us. We think of the many ways that we can show our love for the special people in our lives. We may plan the perfect gift and perfect day for months, weeks or days in advance. We put so much thought and effort into Valentine's Day activities that it almost feels down-right wrong if we give our significant other anything less. February 14<sup>th</sup> is a big deal for love but the other 364 days...eh not so much. At least, that is what we act like.

Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with celebrating love or



showing love on Valentine's Day but, we should be celebrating love and showing love to each other every day.

And when I say showing love. I don't mean the romantic love that can go away just as quickly as it comes. Instead, I mean the deep abiding love that Christ shows us every day. The love spoken of in 1

Corinthians 13. The love that is imperfect but remains through good and bad times, through life's many ups and downs. The love that keeps us when we stumble and guides us when we excel.

To quote 1 John 3:18 "let us love, not in word or speech but in truth and action."

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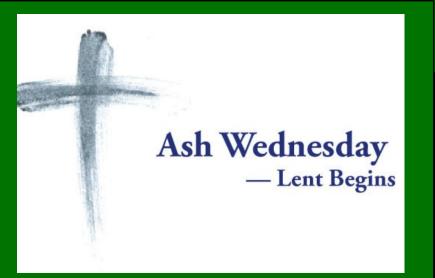
At the end of January we and many others in Atlanta celebrated with Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop Rob Wright at the ReviveATL event. The Spirit was present and working. Great music and inspiring words from Bishop Curry led us into that holy inspiring place.





#### **NOTABLE DATES:**

February 26th
<a href="#">Ash Wednesday Service</a> at 1:00. pm.
<a href="#">Woodruff Park</a>



A cold February Morning Prayer



Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

It takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

All are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday service.

