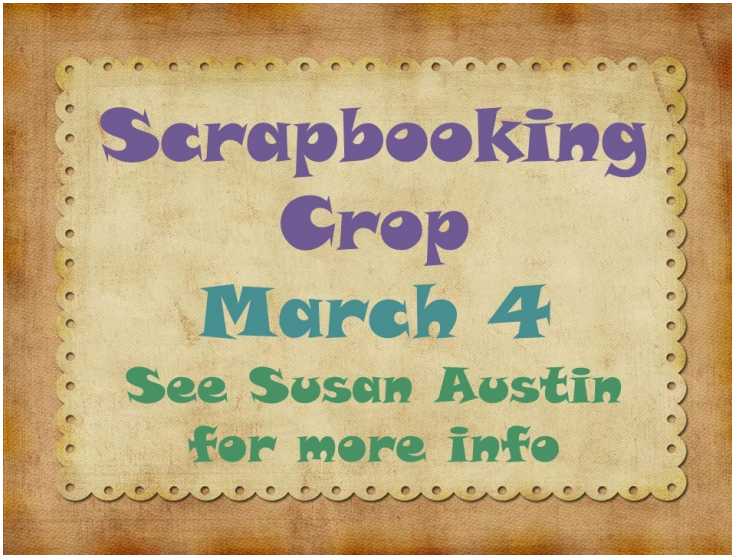




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Lent

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February 26 — First Sunday of Lent
 "Temptation Is..." Matthew 4:1-11

Well, Lent has started. We celebrated Ash Wednesday this past Wednesday night and are moving on toward the First Sunday of Lent this coming Sunday. One of the frequent questions about Lent is "Do I have to give up something for Lent?" If you have that question at the front of your mind wondering that, let me put your mind at ease. No, you don't have to give up something for Lent. But let me ask you this question, "Should you give up something for Lent?"

My answer to that question is "Maybe." Depending on how your life is going spiritually, maybe you should consider giving up something for Lent. Here's some questions for you to ask yourself to see if you need to give something up?

Is your life hectic? How is your relationship with God? Is it hard for you to pray? Do you have time to read your Bible? With your spouse and kids? With the rest of your family? With your friends?

If you answered no or even maybe to any of those questions, you may need to find some quiet time seeking God's Spirit to see what you may need to address first and start from there. Once you have addressed the first item, let the Holy Spirit help you from there. You may be surprised at what God is revealing to you about your life.



Bascomb Kids is doing a fundraiser to help pay for the family retreat we're going on in March. Epicure helps you prepare fast, wholesome, homemade meals. You can get more information and purchase in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday.



Do you want to learn more about the Bible and the roots of our Christian faith in a friendly, discussion-based group? If so, please see Lauren Melde. The

first book will be *Mysteries of the Messiah* by Rabbi Jason Sobel. It can be purchased online from christianbook.com, amazon.com (including an audible version), or we can provide one if requested.

