



# The Good News



*Our Mission in making disciples for Jesus Christ is...  
to instruct Heads to know God's Word  
to nurture Hearts to grow in God's Love  
to offer Hands to show God's Grace  
in our community and church family.*

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## CHRISTIANS ARE – PEOPLE OF LENT

On Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, you may be able to pick fellow Christians out of a crowd by the cross of ashes still on their foreheads after attending church services. But once the ashes are washed away, how can you recognize the People of Lent? And is there something you have in common with other Christian people observing Lent in our town or around the world?

The Church has a long tradition of Lent as a season of *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*. Each of these exercises is a spiritual discipline/preparation for Easter within the Bible's familiar time frame of 40 days; echoing a familiar pattern in Scripture. Remember the Israelites spent 40 years as nomads, a nation-in-training in the desert, before they were allowed to settle in the Promised Land. Generations later, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert in training before taking up His public ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing.

For Christians the world over, the weeks of this season have always been a time for **retraining**, for coming into a right relationship with God; as the wondrous events of Holy Week approached. But how do people of Lent do this training?

Giving up... During past centuries Christians have tried to fast, giving up meat, candy, smoking, or liquor during Lent, for example. This sort of self-denial led some to a deeper experience of God's presence in their lives.

... or Just giving ... Instead of *giving up* something during Lent, more and more Christians today

are emphasizing *giving* through special acts of love and charity. Such activity can be another form of self-denial and may include donating time or food or clothing to people in need. *Giving*, too, can lead to a renewed sense of God's purpose in our lives.

Those 40 days Jesus spent "in training" brought Him to a sense of His Father's will for His life. He knew from that moment His mission was to give His life for you and me on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. He would be the sacrificial lamb "**take away the sins of the world.**"

Our preparation this Lent – whether *giving up* or *giving*, whether taking part in special worship or extra prayer or Bible studies – can free us to find our mission in life, too. Whether it be on a large or small scale whether it is a surprise or quite familiar, our mission is a gift, paid for by our Savior and delivered to us through our baptism into the Christian community, the People of Lent.

## LENTEN WORDS

**LENT** – The season observed since 200 A.D. running from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week, named for the season when the days begin to lengthen.

**Paschal** – A word taken from "pascha" for the Jewish festival of Passover: (1) in a larger sense refers to Jesus as the paschal Lamb sacrificed for the sins of the world; (2) refers to the period of the Church Year from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost. The paschal season reminds us of our own pass-over and exodus from death to life through baptism.

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**40 Days** – The length of Jesus’ “desert period” when He determined to live His life His Father’s way, in spite of Satan’s tempting offers. As early Christian converts spent weeks preparing for their life-changing baptism on Easter Eve, so Christians today observe Lent for 40 days.

**Ash Wednesday** – This day, traced back to 600 A.D. marked the start of the Christian Lenten season. Many worshipers receive a cross of ashes on the forehead as a sign of humility and repentance on this day.

**Holy Week** – The days immediately concluding the season of Lent, leading to Easter Day. The focus is upon Jesus’ last week on earth from Palm Sunday to the day of His crucifixion and burial.

**“IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY...”** Pastor Lamar Albritton



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*Qifx "The Youth have had quite a busy couple of weeks. We've planned and carried out a Youth Sunday, made Super Subs, and served a full course meal aboard the FLC Love Boat. We would like to thank you all for your support of our fundraisers and hope you have enjoyed the chance to gather and fellowship with the church family.*

*Here's an update on our fundraising outcomes. Each of our youth who have earned money through one of our fundraisers (odd jobs, spuds, subs, Love Boat, etc.) has an account with their earnings in it. We have just added 9 new youth to those accounts who worked the sub sale and Love Boat. To date 72 youth have, or have had a youth account thanks to your support! We have also built up a Camp Account to almost \$600. Thank you again for your generous support, we can because you care! !*

**H.O.N.O.R.**

HELPING OUR NEEDY ONES RESPECTFULLY, INC.

“Why spend your money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Isaiah 55:1-2

Helping Our Needy Ones Respectfully, Inc., a faith based ministry dedicated to providing free minor home maintenance and repairs for elders age 60 and above, is staffed by volunteers and funded by donations.

Bookmarkers with 6 different designs may be found in the Narthex. Won't you please choose one or more of these markers and make a donation to HONOR? Your dollar will be spent on “bread” so that we can labor to assist an elder.

If you need assistance from HONOR or would like to sign up as a team member, go to our website [www.honorinc.org](http://www.honorinc.org) or call 816-2779



# March music

**WANTED:**

Singers for our  
Easter Cantata:

*THE DAY HE WORE  
MY CROWN*

We have approxi-  
mately 10 rehears-  
als before Easter  
Sunday on

April 24.

**Come to practices  
on Wednesdays @  
7 pm!**

**Ash  
Wednesday**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**

Adult Choir will sing in  
service at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Sanctuary.



**JOIN OUR MUSICIANS!!**

Can you sing...dance...

play an instrument?

Prayerfully consider during  
this Lenten Season how God  
might want to use your gifts  
and abilities in LGUMC

Music Department

Practice Times:

Liturgical Dance Mon 6:30pm

Adult Praise Team Tues 6  
pm

Youth Band Wed 4:45 pm

Junior Choir Wed 5:30 pm

Adult Choir Wed. 7 pm

Cherubs (3&4) Thur 3 pm

**WANT- AD NOTICE:** We have two juniors who are learning to play piano but need a small portable keyboard for practicing.

Any used donations will be a pass-on blessing to these budding musicians!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> Liturgical Dance	7	8	<b>9</b> Ash Wed. 7 p.m.	10	11	<b>12</b> CALENDAR DINNER 6
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>20</b> Oboe So- lo by Vanesa VanZile	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 8:00 am Chapel Worship 8:45 am Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Youth Leadership weeks 1 and 3 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study week 2 and 4	<u>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u> 4:45 pm Youth Band Practice 5:30 pm Jr. Choir 6:00 pm Pot Luck 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Youth Group	<b>1</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	<b>2</b> 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>3</b> 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 5:00 pm Pre School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 7:00 pm Volleyball	<b>4</b> 9:30 am UMW Board meeting	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <u>COMMUNION SUNDAY</u> 4:30 pm Confirmation Class	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am Heart to Heart 7:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	<b>9</b> 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>10</b> 3:00 pm Cherub Choir Meeting 6:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 8:00 am Confirmation Class Mini Retreat 6:00 pm Calendar Dinner
<b>13</b> <u>FOUNDATION SUNDAY</u>	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	<b>16</b> 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>17</b> 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 6:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 7:00 pm Volleyball	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Staff Parish 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	<b>22</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	<b>23</b> 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>24</b> 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 6:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 7:00 pm Volleyball	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30 am Church Clean Up Day 11:00 am UMM Bar-B-Que
<b>27</b> <u>MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY</u> 4:30 pm Confirmation Class	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	<b>29</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	<b>30</b> 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>31</b> 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 6:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 7:00 pm Volleyball		

## Children's Home - Day on Campus

This year the day on campus at the Children's Home is on **Saturday, March 19, 2010**. This is your opportunity to learn the history of the Children's Home, see the campus first hand, go through the various buildings, meet the staff and kids, see the cottages where they live. You will be able to talk with the kids and staff and ask them any questions you would like. The kids will also put on a musical program. After the program everyone will go and eat lunch together where you can meet and talk with other churches who come. If you would like to go this year, please let us know or call and let the church office know you are interested. We will need a head count for the Children's Home. You can call us at 858-0400.

Thank you , Karen & Jeff Acor

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The unit meeting for the UMW will be held in the Family Life Center March 14, 2011 at 11:00 AM.

Joan Frederick will be speaking on genealogy. All women and men are invited, also guests.

Remember our Annual Spring Rummage Sale will be April 15 & 16, 2011.

Call 255-8391 if you have any questions

God Bless you,

Jo Ann Mickle,

UMW President

BY THIS TIME MOST OF YOU HAVE NOTICED THE NEW OIL PAINTING HANGING IN THE SANCTUARY

ENTITLED, "THE FOUR PERSONIFICATIONS OF CHRIST",

DONE BY CHUCK RIENKS IN THE LATE 1980'S. THIS IS ON LOAN TO THE CHURCH. CHUCK CAME TO US BY WAY OF NEBRASKA, AFTER HE MARRIED HIS HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART, ANN HARP, (BOTH OF WHOM ARE ORIGINALLY FROM MICHIGAN) IN OUR CHURCH ON MARCH 14, 2009. THEIRS IS A UNIQUE STORY OF A FRIENDSHIP OVER A 58 YEAR PERIOD OF TIME. ANY ONE WHO IS INTERESTED, MAY ASK THEM ABOUT IT AND I'M CERTAIN ANN WILL BE GLAD TO TELL YOU THE STORY.

CHUCK DID NOT START PAINTING UNTIL HE WAS 50 YEARS OLD AND TO DATE HAS DONE ABOUT 400 OILS AND ACRYLICS. HE STILL HAS IN HIS POSSESSION ABOUT 40 OF THESE. MOST OF THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN SOLD, GIVEN A WAY, OR ARE HANGING IN THE HOMES OF HIS RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

THE PAINTING IN THE SANCTUARY WAS A WINNER OF SEVERAL JURIED ART SHOWS SHORTLY AFTER ITS COMPLETION. HE HAS HAD OTHER WINNING PAINTINGS OVER THE YEARS, AS WELL. CHUCK WAS AN ELECTRICIAN BY TRADE FOR OVER 35 YEARS AND IS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, WHERE HE SERVED ON A SUBMARINE, LONG BEFORE THERE WAS ANYTHING LIKE A NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE. ONE OF HIS DEPLOYMENTS LASTED UNDER WATER VERY NEAR THE SHORE OF RUSSIA FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS. THIS WAS DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT.

OTHER HOBBIES HE ENJOYS ARE ASTRONOMY, PINOCHELE, SADUKO PUZZLES, JIGSAW PUZZLES, DEFINITELY FOOTBALL AND THE COMPANY OF HIS GRANDCHILDREN, WHENEVER POSSIBLE. HE HAS THREE CHILDREN, THREE STEP CHILDREN, SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE STEP GRANDDAUGHTER. IN VIEW OF THE PAST COUPLE OF WINTERS IN NEBRASKA AND MICHIGAN, HE IS GLAD NOW TO BE A FULL TIME RESIDENT OF FLORIDA.

3/1 Justin and Mollie Oliva  
 3/11 Eric and Beverly Hines  
 3/14 Chuck and Ann Rienks  
 3/15 Don and Rosanne Stafford



3/18 Ed and Susan Chambers  
 3/18 Ken and Sue Hawthorne  
 3/22 Brad and Ann Fox  
 3/31 Bill and Jackie Webb



## Birthdays

3/3 Nick Lanier  
 3/3 Sue Bodemer  
 3/4 Anne Bernat  
 3/7 Rowena Orso

3/9 Balee Marsh  
 3/13 Frankie Hooks  
 3/15 Tom Trawartha  
 3/17 Sierra Fountain  
 3/18 Abhyona Grant  
 3/19 Wanda Stowe  
 3/19 Audrey Jenks

3/19 James Vividor  
 3/20 Wendy Jones  
 3/21 Ann Phinney  
 3/22 Cyndee Arnett  
 3/24 Edie Custer  
 3/25 Tony Acosta  
 3/30 Ann Rienks

GET YOUR DEPARTMENT or MINISTRY INFORMATION OUT THROUGH THIS  
 NEWS LETTER EACH MONTH TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION !

E-mail to: [dheishman@verizon.net](mailto:dheishman@verizon.net) by the 20th each month.



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