

dreary Spring day, the cats are all gathered around observing their human engrossed in the creative process, and I have to reflect that we're pretty much warm, dry and happy.

Things have been worse . . .

Now and then I see a guy on the corner with the sign proclaiming "Homeless." In fact, it's usually the same guy; I've seen him on various corners around the city for years, but still I think, *There but for the Grace of God . . .*

And it's true, isn't it? There but for the Grace of God could be any of us, so I'm glad we do some things as a congregation to support the less fortunate in our midst, and (fortunately or unfortunately) we don't have to go to far-away places to find them.

Got a thought for the day you'd like to share? Drop us a line!

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Carl

Grace Presbyterian Sunday School

Nursery – Room 103	Kathe Walker	Judy Thigpen
2 Year – Pre-K – Room 112	Wendi Glenn	Frances Kitterman
<i>We Believe</i>	Debbie	
K – 5 – Room 117	Susan Lawson	Michelle Miles
<i>We Believe</i>	Cathy Bendall	
6th Grade – Up – Room 109	Carl Jones	
Contemporary Issues	Discussion – Sometimes from the Bible, sometimes from current events, exploring the question “ <i>Just what does this mean to us?</i> ”	
Adults		
In-Betweeners – Library	Discussion – This is a new adult class for young adults, college aged through 30’s. Clyde Getman will help coordinate class	
Bible Discovery – Session Rm.	John Dotson	Bill Bendall
	Study – I	
Friendship Class – Room 101	John Price	
	Discussion – Book of Acts, Titus	

Call Sara Lawson, S.S. Superintendent, 867-3431, or Suzanne Getman, Asst. Superintendent, 382-7777 with questions or if you are interested in joining one of

of the time when the Apostle Paul visited the city of Athens. The story is found in Acts 17 if you want to read it. He could have gone in there and blasted them for their idolatry and polytheism but he didn't. He sought to build bridges rather than walls. He sought common ground in which he could tell them about the amazing love of God for them in Jesus Christ.

If we want to reach our culture for Christ we need to learn to build bridges.

Let's let Paul be our guide. Here's how he did it. First, he was confident in his message. He knew that Jesus was the only way to God. That salvation was found in no one else but Jesus. Paul wasn't ambivalent on that point and neither should we. A second thing Paul did was to be attentive for ways to find common ground. He commended them for their religiosity rather than condemning them for it. Third, Paul was positive. He explained the Unknown God to them in a way that they could hear. And fourth, he was assertive. Paul wasn't afraid to talk religion with them. He knew Christ and he was confident that he had something to tell them that would transform their lives.

Let's be like Paul, building bridges to our culture so that we can, without embarrassment, share the transforming love of Christ with them.

Grace and Peace,

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate: Each evening at 9:00 PM Eastern Time (8:00 PM Central, 7:00 PM Mountain, 6:00 PM Pacific), stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens and for peace in the world.

If you know anyone who would like to participate, please pass this along. Someone said if people really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have.

Jean Starnes

Dear SLOG:

Greetings from Orphanos! Those of you who sent Christmas cards to the Orphanos children will be especially pleased to see four Easter cards designed by the children at Lar Batista in Southern Brazil and sent to us. Lar Batista has been in operation for the past thirty-seven years and has raised close to 650 children under the management of Pai and Mae Fragoso. Many of you will remember their daughter Grace who has visited our church several times and works in the Orphanos office in Cordova. A few years ago our church provided outside lighting for the orphanage. See these cards on the bulletin board.

Jean Markham

Circle # 1 - Tuesday April 8, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the church

Circle # 2 - Tuesday April 8, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the home of
Diane Graves

Circle # 3 - Tuesday April 15, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the church and
go to lunch after the Bible Study

Circle # 4 and # 5 – Together, Monday April 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM at
the church

Board meeting - April 28, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jan Evans

The PW Annual Gathering will be held Saturday April 5, 2008 at
Parkway Gardens United Church from 9:00 AM to after the 12:15
PM lunch.

- ❖ Nursery School. Teachers are Kathe Walker and Judith Thigpun
- ❖ 2 Years-Pre-K. Teachers are Wendi Glenn, Frances Kitterman and Debbie Metoyer.
- ❖ Kindergarten-5th Grade. Teachers are Susan Lawson, Michelle Miles and Cathy Bendall

Youth Groups

- ❖ Jr. & Sr. High Students. Teacher is Carl Jones

Adult Groups

- ❖ In-Betweeners. Class for young adults, college age though 30's
- ❖ Bible Discovery. Leaders are John Dotson and Bill Bendall
- ❖ Friendship Class. Leader is John Price

Sara Lawson is our Sunday School Superintendent and Suzanne Getman is our Asst. Superintendent.

The Sunday School hour is from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

A big THANK YOU to these volunteers who are our teachers and leaders.

26. The pavilion has been reserved from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Just bring a potluck dish; the committee will provide burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Lunch will be available at about 11:00 am.

The park is a nice shady area with plenty of picnic tables. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair. There are paved walking trails suitable for baby buggies, children's tricycles and bikes.

There will be games for children and adults: Horseshoes, Bean Bag Toss, Badminton, Croquet and others. Swings and slides are available for the smaller children. You may also want to bring Frisbees, baseballs and gloves.

Registration will be required to help the Committee determine how much food to prepare. Watch for the registration forms in the Sunday bulletins in the coming weeks. Completed forms will need to be received in the office by April 22. A map to Ellendale Park will also be included in the bulletins.

Did You Know . . . ?

We have two volunteers who stay after the 11:15 AM church service to count the offering and register all the information for our financial administrator, Betsy Lewis? They are Joan Tinnen and Larry Toussaint. We appreciate their devotion to this project each week. By using your offering envelopes or stating on your check what the

of azaleas that we enjoy in this city. Children like to pick bouquets from their yards giving them to their mothers to say “I love you.” We give roses on Valentine’s Day to express our love. Flowers are an important part of weddings with much thought given to the kind of flower used and the color. We like to bring flowers from the yard to add a touch of color inside.

In the same manner, the beautiful poinsettias grace our sanctuary at Christmas and the Easter lilies and tulips make our celebration of Easter even more joyous. Don’t fail to enjoy the spectacular display of Easter lilies this spring just outside the kitchen area on the south side of the building. They will be blooming much later after Easter. Many thanks to Ken Hathaway who planted those lilies left over from Easter in years past for our continued enjoyment.

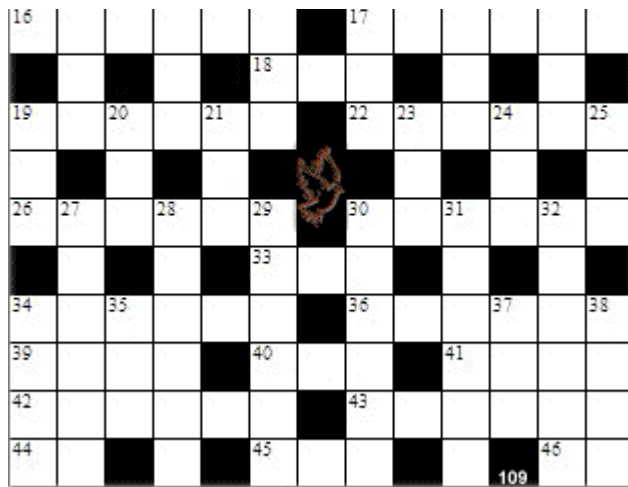
For over twenty years Katherine Fitzgerald has provided countless bouquets, many of the flowers from her own yard, as she has used her God-given talent for growing and arranging flowers to the Glory of God. Katherine could always be counted on to provide and arrange table decorations for church events such as church potluck suppers, Presbyterian Women gatherings and most recently the receptions for our ministers, Judith Reese and Larry Turner. Katherine is making plans to move to be with her daughter and will be leaving our midst. We will sorely miss her talent and her flowers.

You are invited to place flowers in the sanctuary in memory of

Jean Markham, Chair

Did You Know . . . ?

We have a church-wide program each spring? We have met at Pinecrest for a family camp for several years. This year we will be meeting at Ellendale Park for a family picnic. The picnic is Saturday April 26, 2008. Watch for up to date information in this month's newsletter plus the Sunday bulletins. Mark your calendars for this church-wide event.



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ACROSS

- 1 Then Jesus declared, "I ___ the bread of life (John 6:35)
- 4 he went away and sold everything he ___ and bought it (Matt 13:46)
- 7 "___ ! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? (Luke 4:34)
- 9 When he lies, he speaks his ___ language, for he is a liar (John 8:44-45)
- 11 he taketh from him all his ___ wherein he trusted (Luke 11:22) KJV
- 13 You hypocrites, why are you trying to ___ me? (Matt 22:18)
- 14 If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will ___ out (Matt 9:17)
- 15 That ___ after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor (Amos 2:7) KJV
- 16 They are full of envy, murder, ___, deceit and malice (Rom 1:29)
- 17 Every day I sat in the temple ___ teaching, and you did not arrest me (Matt 26:55)
- 18 The breath of God produces ___, and the broad waters become frozen (Job 37:10)

- 44 Be perfect, therefore, ___ your heavenly Father is perfect (Matt 5:48)
45 Son, be of good cheer; ___ sins be forgiven thee (Matt 9:2) KJV
46 "follow ___," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men"(Matt 4:19)

DOWN

- 1 ___ are creatures of little strength (Prov 30:25)
2 sister of Lazarus (John 11:5)
3 as one wipes a dish, ___ it and turning it upside down (2 Kings 21:13)
4 And ___ is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth (John 4:37) KJV
5 Isn't he the one they sing about in their ___ (1 Sam 21:11)
6 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not ___ sin (Rom 4:8) KJV
7 Those who were my enemies without cause ___ me like a bird (Lam 3:52)
8 the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret ___ (Ex 8:18)
9 she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with ___ and pitch (Ex 2:3)
10 all that handle the ___, the mariners, and all the pilots (Ezek 27:29) KJV
11 Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the ___ of the world! (John 1:29)
12 one ___ and one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering (Num 7:15)
13 A voice of ___ calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord (Matt 3:3)
14 For where ___ or three come together in my name, there am I (Matt 18:20)
15 Ask him. He is of ___; he will speak for himself (John 9:21)
16 king of the Jews? "___, it is as you say," Jesus replied (Matt 27:11)
17 no one can see the kingdom of God ___ he is born again (John 3:3)
18 the Israelites were to live in ___ during the feast of the seventh month (Neh 8:14)
19 he did not ___ to sorcery as at other times (Num 24:1)
20 so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by ___ counsel (Prov 27:9) KJV
21 "No misfortune is seen in Jacob, no ___ observed in Israel (Num 23:21)
22 the ___ for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough (Ps 49:8)
23 Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog? A ___? (1 Sam 24:14)
24 How ___ is the candle of the wicked put out! (Job 21:17) KJV
25 and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ___ (Mark 14:47)
26 Jesus withdrew to the region of ___ and Sidon (Matt 15:21)

			6:30 Youth Bible Study 6:30 Prop. Comm. 7:30 Choir	Praise band - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm 6:30 Christian Education	Lockout - Bring \$30.00	
6 5:00 Bell Choir Practice 6:00 Youth Study	7	8 7:00 Cong. Life	9 6:30 Awana 6:30 Youth Bible Study 7:30 Choir	10 Praise band - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	11	12 9:00 am Youth Car Wash (Bring \$5.00 for lunch)
13 3:30 Worship Committee No Youth Meeting 5:00 Bell Choir Practice	14 7:00 Commitment Committee	15	16 6:30 Awana 6:30 Youth Bible Study 7:30 Choir	17 Praise band - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	18	19 10:30 am GraceFest 2008
20 TBA Youth Laser Quest 5:00 Bell Choir Practice	21 7:00 Session	22	23 6:30 Awana 6:30 Youth Bible Study 7:30 Choir	24 Praise band - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	25	26 11 am Family Picnic – Ellendale Park
27 5:00 Bell Choir Practice	28 7:00 PW Board Meeting	29	30 6:30 Awana 6:30 Youth Bible Study			