



Contemporary Service	8:45
Children's Service	8:45
Sunday School	10:00
Traditional Service	11:15
Children's Service	11:15

Sunday School

SCHEDULE

Children

Nursery – Room 103

Kathe Walker Judy Thigpun

Toddlers – Room 102A

2 Year – Kindergarten

Debbie Metoyer Frances Kitterman

Room 112

Wendi Glenn

1st – 5th Room 117

Michelle Miles, Sara Lawson

Youth

Jr. & Sr. High – Room 109

Adults

In-Betweeners – Rm. 100

Bible Discovery – Rm. 101B John Dotson

Friendship Class – Room 102B John Price

Adult Bible Study, Wednesday Pastor Turner

Room 101B

Call Suzanne Getman, Asst. Superintendent, 382-7777 with questions or if you are interested in joining one of these classes.



Every month I attend a leadership luncheon with a number of pastors and church workers and civic leaders. This past Tuesday we had our monthly meeting and the topic of racial reconciliation came up. There were many opinions as to how this could occur. But one African-American man spoke up and said this, “We don’t have a racial problem, we have a love problem.” As I thought about what he said I realized that he was on to something. If we say there is a racial problem in Memphis and that there needs to be reconciliation, you make the problem impersonal. Racial reconciliation is a big, global term that seems impossible to overcome.

But, if on the other hand, you say we have a love problem that makes the situation personal. That means that I have something I could do about it. If blacks and whites can’t get along it is because we choose not to love one another. In the church, particularly, we must not have a lack of love for anyone. Jesus said that the true mark of the true church is their love for one another. If we can’t get along with blacks then we have to look at our own hearts. Do we have the love of Christ in us if we are unable to love someone because of the color of their skin? Let the bible inform you.

Think about who you love and why. Think about those you don’t love and why. Make sure you aren’t rejecting someone because of the color of their skin.

Remember this also, you have been given something you didn’t deserve or earn, it’s called grace. Since we are the recipients of grace let’s be generous in our dispensing of grace. Grace should cause us to love all people because, especially those in the household of faith, black, white, red, yellow or brown.

Grace,

Larry

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent begins on Feb 17th with Ash Wednesday. The imposition of ashes, as sign of humility before God and a symbol of mourning, marks then beginning of our journey through the darkness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the celebration of Easter. The ashes are made by burning palms used to celebrate Palm Sunday of the previous year.

The word Lent means lengthen. Lent is observed as the days begin to get longer. The darkness of winter is ending and spring approaches. The color of Lent is purple. Purple is the color of mourning and thus anticipates the suffering and death of Christ. It is also the color of royalty and celebrates the resurrection and sovereignty of Christ. In liturgical services the Hymn of Praise” is omitted along with the word “Alleluia” during this time. These acts of celebration return on Easter Sunday.

The season last for forty days. The six Sundays are not counted because every Sunday is set aside to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. The number forty has many references in scripture. Moses spent forty days on Mount Sinai with God; Elijah spent forty days walking to Mount Horeb; God caused it to rain for forty days during the flood; The Hebrew people spent forty years in the wilderness; Jonah declared that the people of Nineveh had forty days to repent; and Jesus retreated into the wilderness for forty days before he started his ministry. There he fasted and overcame the Satan’s temptations.

In the first three centuries of Christianity, preparation for Easter usually only lasted a few days. The first official reference to Lent as forty days appears in the teaching of the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. In the early centuries the season was associated with preparation for baptism on Easter Sunday. Eventually it also took on the meaning of recommitment for believers. The traditional practice of preparation was that of prayer, fasting and alms giving. After the Reformation, fasting lost popularity and self denial (giving up something) became a common practice.

As we approach this season it is fitting that we meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus and meaning of our own baptism. Let us humbly place ourselves before God and ask him to show us where we need to grow in our relationship with Him.

The Worship Committee

Presbyterian Women:

All the circles met in January and were pleased to be back together again.

Several of our circle members have been ill or had to have surgery so their circle members have been busy preparing meals for them and their families, sending cards plus keeping up with their recovery via the telephone. We all are saddened with the death of Earle and Mildred Culverhouse's son David who passed away Sunday January 17th.

We have now received the names of our Secret Pals. We are praying for her each day, sending cards with notes of encouragements plus presenting our Secret Pal with a birthday gift and/or anniversary gift. Trying to keep your Secret Pal from knowing who you are is a fun challenge all year long.

If you are not a member of a circle please contact Jan Evans at 386-4672 and she will be able to give you information about a circle that you may want to attend. If you are a member of a circle but have not been attending your circle meetings you are missed. Please mark your calendar and attend the February meeting.

The Presbyterian women are the go to people in the church. We have many worthwhile projects that keep us as a church family going. We have circles with a wonderful bible lesson. We help all of our members when needed. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this organization. We need to have a new moderator, vice moderator, and secretary for the coming year 2011. This is a 2 year term. You will have a great support team and it is a very satisfying position. We need your help. Please consider and pray about this opportunity. God Bless Sandy Kehrl

Valentines for Vets

Please remember our veterans. Presbyterian Women will again be collecting Valentines to be delivered to them at the Veterans Hospital. Please drop your unsealed Valentines in the box in the **Narthex by February 7th**.

The February Circle meetings are:

Circle # 1, Tuesday February 9, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the church.

Circle # 2, Tuesday February 9, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the home of Rosalie Fox.

Circle # 3, Tuesday February 16, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the church with lunch afterwards

Circle # 4, Monday February 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the church

The February PW Board Meeting is:

Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jan Evans.

Valentines 10K/5K Run

The annual Valentines 10K/5K Run will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church on February 13, 2010. Please go to valentinesdayrun.racesonline.com for additional information regarding the run.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE WAY TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE, BY WAY OF SERVICE, PERHAPS?

If so, there is a perfect solution for someone in the Congregation at Grace Presbyterian. There is a dire need for someone to take on the responsibility of recording the History of our church each year. Everyone is aware of the wonderful job that Dot Hathaway has done for a number of years in this respect, but as of December 2009 Dot has decided to resign this responsibility.

If you are computer savvy, have access to a digital camera, enjoy talking to people, etc., this job may be for YOU!!! Dot will be happy to provide assistance and advice. Please speak with pastor Larry Turner ASAP (since one month of the New Year has passed) if this act of service is of interest to you (anyone).

Thanks for prayerful consideration and a positive response from any interested individual!!

HAT'S OFF TO DOT HATHAWAY!!!

A THANK YOU, no matter how large the letters, or how profound the wording, is not adequate to express our Gratitude to Dot Hathaway for the years that she has worked so diligently to produce the History Booklets of our Church each year.

The picture taking, Minute reviewing, interviewing, purchasing of acid-free paper, etc. has not gone unnoticed although words of appreciation have not often been forthcoming.

It is indeed a Blessing to have copies of the History in our Church Library for future reference since our History is of utmost importance to all who presently worship at Grace and will be of immense interest for future worshippers at this church.

Thank you Dot from the bottom of our hearts, from all of your Church family!!!!

Disaster Relief Assistance - Haiti Response

Grace Presbyterian has been asked to bring hand towels (*approx. 16 x 28*). We are hoping to collect 100 towels. We would appreciate it if each person would please bring 1 hand towel by February 6th. Please leave the towels in the Narthex or bring by the church office. Thank you!!!

Food For Thought

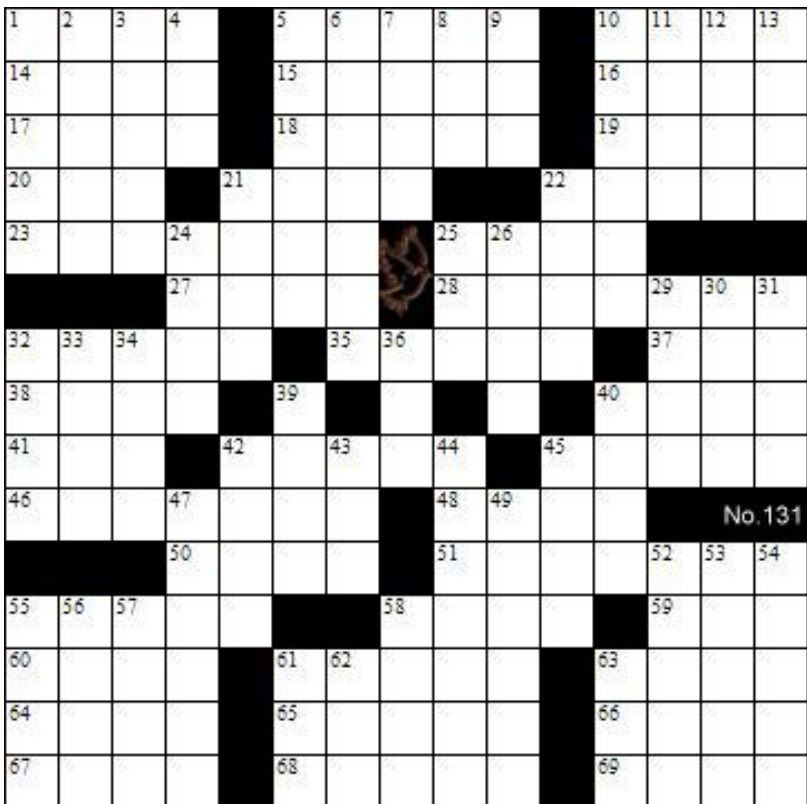
If I look backwards too much and forward too much, I miss the passing moment.

An oyster makes a pearl out of its irritation. What do I make out of my irritations?

Be not deceived. God is not mocked. For what a man sows, that he will also reap. *Galatians 6:7*

The really great person is the person who makes every person feel great.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Phillipians 4:13*



ACROSS

- 1 But he took ___ of their distress when he heard their cry (Ps 106:44)
5 the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for ___ (Acts 27:6)
10 one of the minor Old Testament prophets
14 You will rule them with an ___ scepter (Ps 2:9)
15 may be established by the testimony of two or ___ witnesses (Matt 18:16)
16 merchants and sellers of all kind of ___ lodged (Neh 13:20) KJV
17 The Lord needs it and will ___ it back here shortly (Mark 11:3)
18 his enemy came and sowed ___ among the wheat (Matt 13:25)
19 Fall on us and ___ us from the face of him who sits (Rev 6:16)
20 worship God acceptably with reverence and ___ (Heb 12:28)
21 so that it will be like a ___ swaying in the water (1 Kings 14:15)
22 But the day Lot left ___, fire and sulfur rained down (Luke 17:29)
23 Like ___ babies, crave pure spiritual milk (1 Peter 2:2)
25 they consult a wooden ___ and are answered by a stick (Hos 4:12)
27 grandfather of David (1 Chron 2:12)
28 because he was of the house and ___ of David (Luke 2:4) KJV
32 His face ___ like the sun, and his clothes became as white (Matt 17:2)
35 to the ___ afar off, that have not heard my fame (Isa 66:19) KJV
37 If any one of you is without ___, let him be the first to throw (John 8:7)
38 and authority to drive out all demons and to ___ diseases (Luke 9:1-2)
40 the wicked ___ their bows; they set their arrows (Ps 11:2)
41 Ask him. He is of ___; he will speak for himself (John 9:21)
42 Summon your ___, O God; show us your strength (Ps 68:28)
45 street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent ___ (Rev 21:21)
46 anything in heaven above or on the earth ___ (Ex 20:4)
48 brother of Jacob (Gen 25:25-26)
50 "You ___ were with Jesus of Galilee," she said (Matt 26:69)
51 Saul spent ___ days with the disciples in Damascus (Acts 9:19)
55 letting your cattle and donkeys ___ free (Isa 32:20)
58 go to the lake and throw out your ___. Take the first fish (Matt 17:27)
59 The sons of Benjamin: Gera, Naaman, ___, Rosh (Gen 46:21)
60 Now ___ kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil (Gen 4:2)
61 the fine linen, and the ___, and the veils. (Isa 3:23) KJV
63 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come ___ you (Luke 1:35)
64 So Moses brought their ___ before the LORD (Num 27:5)
65 and do good; let him seek peace, and ___ it (1 Peter 3:11) KJV
66 sold your people for a pittance, gaining nothing from their ___ (Ps 44:12)
67 Those who practice magic ___, the idolaters and all liars (Rev 21:8)
68 the hollow of his hand, and ___ out heaven with the span (Isa 40:12) KJV
69 The ___ of the LORD are on the righteous (Ps 34:15)

DOWN

- 1 In the month of ___ in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes (Neh 2:1)
2 whether it be cow ___ ___, ye shall not kill it and (2,3) (Lev 22:28) KJV
3 their wives to other men and their fields ___ ___ owners (2,3) (Jer 8:10)
4 but he who stands firm to the ___ will be saved (Matt 24:13)
5 no power over me if ___ ___ not given to you (2,4) (John 19:11)
6 and does my will to ___, ___ will give authority (3,3,1) (Rev 2:26)
7 there before me was a man riding ___ ___ horse (1,3)(Zech 1:8)
8 You will go out in joy and be ___ forth in peace (Isa 55:12)

- 9 "___ , Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ (John 11:27)
 10 may redeem it within ___ year after it is sold (1,5) (Lev 25:29) KJV
 11 as the eyes of a ___ look to the hand of her mistress (Ps 123:2)
 12 did I do it lightly? ___ I make my plans in a (2,2) (2 Cor 1:17)
 13 Your beginnings will ___ humble, so prosperous will your (Job 8:7)
 21 a large crown of gold and a purple ___ of fine linen (Est 8:15)
 22 On that very day Noah and his ___ , Shem, Ham and Japheth (Gen 7:13)
 24 This is now ___ of my bones and flesh of my flesh (Gen 2:23)
 25 Indeed he was ___ , and almost died (Phil 2:27)
 26 While we were still sinners, Christ ___ for us (Rom 5:8)
 29 was what looked like ___ of glass, clear as crystal (1,3) (Rev 4:6)
 30 a net by the wayside; they have set ___ for me (Ps 140:5) KJV
 31 God will bless us, and all the ___ of the earth will fear him (Ps 67:7)
 32 in the skin of his flesh a rising, a ___ , or a bright spot (Lev 13:2) KJV
 33 From the sky ___ hailstones of about a hundred pounds each (Rev 16:21)
 34 son of Jerahmeel (1 Chron 2:25)
 36 Come and ___ what God has done (Ps 66:5)
 39 There we sat around ___ of meat and ate all the food (Ex 16:3)
 40 Make a curtain of ___ , purple and scarlet yarn (Ex 26:31)
 42 there before me was a ___ horse! Its rider was named Death (Rev 6:8)
 43 Blessed are those ___ hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matt 5:6)
 44 That the ___ of men might seek after the Lord (Acts 15:17) KJV
 45 Then he took the cup, ___ thanks and offered it to them (Matt 26:27)
 47 They will soar on wings like ___ (Isa 40:31)
 49 about midnight the sailors ___ they were approaching land (Acts 27:27)
 52 How can I ___ the LORD for all his goodness to me? (Ps 116:12)
 53 dug ___ in the ground and hid his master's money (1,4)(Matt 25:18)
 54 even with two ___ measured he to put to death (2 Sam 8:2) KJV
 55 anyone who says to his brother, ___ , ' is answerable to the (Matt 5:22)
 56 badgers' skins, and shall put them on ___ (1,3) (Num 4:12) KJV
 57 The owl will ___ there and lay eggs, she will hatch them (Isa 34:15)
 58 My people have been ___ sheep; their shepherds have (Jer 50:6)
 61 pomegranates are to alternate around the ___ of the robe (Ex 28:34)
 62 No ___ knows about that day or hour (Matt 24:36)
 63 Do not ___ dishonest standards when measuring length (Lev 19:35)

**JANUARY
 CROSSWORD
 ANSWER
 (Puzzle #130)**

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February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Boy Scouts Pack Meeting – 7:00 pm	2 Boy Scouts – 7:00 pm	3 Adult Study – 6:30 pm Youth Study – 6:30 pm Choir – 7:30 pm	4 Girl Scouts – 5:00 & 6:30 pm Praise Band – 6:00 pm	5	6
7 Bell Choir – 12:30 Youth – 6:00 pm	8 Circle #4 – 7:00 pm Boy Scouts – 7:00 pm	9 Circle #1 & #2 – 10:00 am Committee Mtg. 6:30 Boy Scouts – 7:00 pm	10 Adult Study – 6:30 pm Youth Study – 6:30 pm Choir – 7:30 pm	11 Girl Scouts – 5:00 & 6:30 pm Praise Band – 6:00 pm	12	13 5K – 10K Run 7:00 am to 2:30 pm
14 Valentine's Day 	15 Boy Scouts – 7:00 pm  Presidents' Day	16 Circle #3 – 10:00 am Boy Scouts – 7:00 pm Session Mtg – 7:00 pm	17 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm 	18 O'Charley's 11:30 am Girl Scouts – 5:00 & 6:30 pm Praise Band – 6:00 pm	19	20
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28 MIHN Arrive					Happy Birthday to everyone with a birthday this month!	