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Beginning with Ash Wednesday, on March 9th, we enter the season of Lent. According to Common Prayer; a Liturgy for Ordinary

Radicals, "Lent is the forty-day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of repentance, of considering Christ's suffering and rethinking how we are called to take up our own crosses. Some of us have given up things like chocolate or television during this season as a sort of fasting, and others try to integrate something new into their lives, like visiting folks in prison, sewing clothes, exercising, or praying. It is a good season to rethink how we live and to let some things go, or maybe even to develop some new holy habits".

Over the last year, nearing two years, we have all heard stories, known people, or been the ones impacted by the recession. We have been challenged to really examine what is important and necessary for our own lives. Unfortunately, these crises also cause many to "circle the wagons" to take care of their own and forget about those on the outside. We learned the concept of circling wagons from old westerns. It looked good for movies and TV, but in reality it wasn't as successful, mainly because those attacking refused to ride around in a circle and face the fire from those inside. We circle the wagons and create a siege mentality, the only way to survive is to outlast the threat. We cannot open the circle to let anymore in because we might become more exposed.

Jesus taught the disciples to be aware of the most ignored areas of the community. He taught, healed and ate with people that were not the cream of society. They were thought of more as the dregs of society. During Lent, we, like Jesus, need to be more aware of those in

our community who were never in a circle of wagons, because their wagons were taken away. We need to help lift those still suffering because they didn't have the luck, the connections, the depth of resources, the family, the friends, the whatever to see them through to the other side (assuming we are coming out on the other side). We need to be aware that as we deal with budget challenges around the city, county, state and nation, that many human beings, many of God's children will be part of what is cut, not just numbers.

Lent is a season of preparation that we may better appreciate and receive the justification with God. It is also a season when we must be aware that we are called to be justified with our neighbors as well. Justified means to be lined up with God; to be brought into balance again with our Creator. We also need to be brought back into balance with our brothers and sisters as well because justification is not a solo experience; it is to be communal. Jesus went to the cross not to justify only you or me, but to justify everyone. Use the 40 days of Lent to start reclaiming balance for yourself and for your neighbors.

Shalom, *Darrell*

On Sunday, March 20, the Chi Rho and CYF will conduct the worship service. Mitch Thompson will deliver the message and the youth will conduct the service. Please share the news and bring friend and family to support the young people of the church as they share their faith and their gifts.

CAMP CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

www.gadisciples.org/camp

**Summer Camp Registration
Sunday, April 10th**

Boating, outdoor games, small groups, worship and all kinds of fun this summer! Make sure that you have picked up the registration forms and the *Summer Camp 2011 Information and Schedule* brochure prior to *Camp Registration Sunday*. Pick up the forms at the church or online at www.gadisciples.org/camp.

Bring your check written to the church and your completed forms on *Camp Sunday*. Please remember to attach a copy of your health insurance information to your completed forms. Remember that parents, campers and the pastor must sign all forms.

MARCH ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in March are: Elders: Scott Nolde and Tony Hicks and Deacons: Mike Hurlbert, Nicole Hicks, Barbara Hicks, and Ted Cook.



LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on Feb. 9th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Carl Shaw, Winona Smith, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Juanita Gunnin and Corey Gunnin. We really missed those who could not join us and hope you can be with us the next time we get together. We will meet again on March 9th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet.



CWF GRACE

The CWF Grace Group met on Feb. 17th with ten ladies present. Our program "What's After That?" was given by Lois Crawford and was about faith stories. Our hostess was Judy Cooper.

Our Valentine's Luncheon was well attended with 44 people having lunch. Barbara Hicks won the door prize which was a cute stuffed "Valentine Dog". We made \$231.08 after expenses. We did run out of turkey so that was the only down side. Thanks to everyone who came to lunch and those unable to come but

who still donated money. We greatly appreciate your support

Spring Conference is at several locations this year. The Griffin church has offered to have us car pool with them to Atlanta First on March 26th. If you are interested in going, please let Jo Smith know.



CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Breakfast was held on Feb. 5th. Seven people attended and enjoyed David and Ann's delicious breakfast. The next breakfast will be held on March 5th at 8:00.

NURSERY ATTENDENTS

March 6	Juliet Nolde
March 13	Gidget Hurlbert
March 20	Jessica & Angie
March 27	Juliet Nolde

HEARTS TO HEROES

If you bring items for Hearts to Heroes, please put them in the Narthex. If the items are for the Safe House, Feed My Sheep or the church pantry, PLEASE label the items and leave them in the Fellowship Hall.

Please help us by labeling the bag or items you would like to donate!

Example:

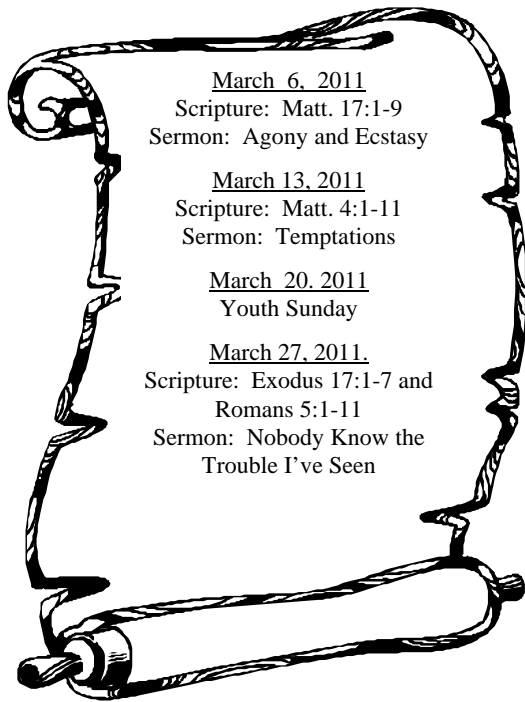
- Church Pantry
- Local Food Pantry
- Safe House
- Hearts to Hero

Church Pantry Needs

- Large divided foam plates
- Furniture polish
- Paper Towels
- All purpose spray cleaner

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Paper Towels
- Foil for Cooking
- Trash Bags
- Bathroom Tissue
- Laundry soap and softener



CLEANING HOUSE

Last week I threw out worrying; it was getting old and in the way.

It kept me from being me: I couldn't do things God's way.

I threw out a book on MY PAST. I didn't have time to read it anyway.

I replaced it with NEW GOALS and started reading it today.

I threw out hate and bad memories, (remember how I treasured them so)?

Got me a NEW PHILOSOPHY too. I threw out the one from long ago.

I brought in some new books too, called, I CAN, I WILL and I MUST.

I threw out I might, I think and I ought. Wow, you should've seen the dust.

I ran across an OLD FRIEND, I hadn't talked to in a while.

His name is GOD the Father, and I really like His style.

He helped me do some cleaning and added some things Himself.

Like PRAYER, HOPE, FAITH and LOVE,

Yes...I placed them right on the shelf.

I picked up this special thing and placed it at the front door.

I FOUND IT - it's called PEACE. Nothing gets me down anymore.

Yes, I've got my house looking nice. Looks good around the place.

For things Worry and Trouble, there just isn't any space.

It's good to do a little house cleaning, and get rid of the things on the shelf.'

It sure makes things brighter; maybe you should try it yourself.

BE BLESSED AND BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE ELSE!!!

May the Lord open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that you will not have room enough to receive it all.

May the Lord bless you exceedingly, abundantly, above all you could ever hope for.

Keep the Faith!

PLANT HAPPINESS

It's almost Spring---time to think about planting our gardens.

First plant five rows of peas!

Perseverance
 Presence
 Preparation
 Promptness
 Purity

Next plant three rows of squash!

Squash Gossip
 Squash Criticism
 Squash Indifference

Then plant five rows of lettuce!

Let us get to work on time.
 Let us be friendly to everyone.
 Let us pay attention.
 Let us be unselfish and loyal.

No garden is complete without turnips!

Turn up with a smile.
 Turn up for important meetings.
 Turn up for new ideas.
 Turn up for Sunday School.
 Turn up for Worship.

Then turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

Plant Happiness (It Grows)

March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	2	3 <i>Jeannetta Stokes</i>	4 <i>Mitchell Thompson</i>	5 8:00 Men's Breakfast
6 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Phil Bosarge</i>	7 Board Mtg. 7:30 <i>Savanna Gowin</i>	8 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>James Layfield</i>	9 Ash Wednesday 2:00 Lunch Bunch	10 <i>Doreen Campbell</i>	11 <i>Charlie Smith</i>	12
13 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Del Von Almen</i>	14	15 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	16	17 CWF Grace 6:00 (covered dish) <i>Evelyn Carroll</i>	18 <i>Virginia Hebenstreit</i>	19
20 Youth Sunday Fellowship Dinner 6:00	21	22 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	23 <i>Marsha Vandervoort</i> <i>Charles & Jo Smith</i>	24	25	26
27 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	28 <i>Mike Rogers</i>	29 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Melissa Hebenstreit</i> <i>Sharon-Kay Duncan</i>	30	31		

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An Important Lesson – *The obstacle in Our Path*

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

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