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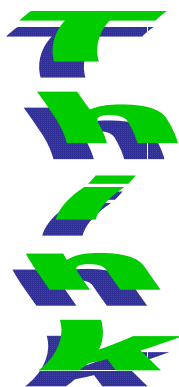
Dear Church Family,

Are you ready for spring about now??? Whew what a snowy February we lived through!! But as I write this, the snow is melting away, we are planning weekly worship services and actually able to attend them and our spirits are feeling lifted with each bare piece of ground that is being exposed.

In the midst of this is a Lenten message. When we feel “snowed under” from the burdens and pressures and to-do lists and expectations of others; when we feel “snowed under” by those things in our lives we don’t want to do, those things we know are sin to us but we just cannot seem to overcome; when we feel “snowed under” by our sin nature, guess what happens? The Son shines down upon our lives and the next thing we know, there are the signs of life in the ashes upon our brows and the remembrance that we are dust but God is God. There are the signs of life in the release from sins that God’s forgiveness brings. There are the signs of life in repentance and renewal. Just when we feel “snowed under” the Son shows up and reminds us, “but the LORD has forgiven you.” (2 Samuel 12:13b).

Lent allows us to remember who we are and whose we are. We are dust and to dust we shall return. But we are dust created by God to be in love relationship with God. We are God’s. Just remembering that lifts our spirits and gives us as much hope as the bare patches of earth in the oceans of snow. So we hold fast – spring, resurrection and reconciliation with God are just around the bend!

With transforming Lenten hope,
Claudia



Lenten Series:

During Lent this year we are viewing a three-part DVD series that examines crucial questions about Christianity and faith. Based on the writings of Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune, these films offer us an opportunity to deepen our faith and delve into why we believe what we believe.

Don’t miss the films to be shown in the sanctuary at Beaverdam UMC as follows:

Thursday, March 11 th	7pm	“The Case for Faith”
Thursday, March 25 th	7pm	“The Case for Christ”

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March 2010 Lay Schedule

Date	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28 Palm Sunday	April 4 EASTER
<i>Scriptures</i>	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	II Corinthians 5: 16-21	Philippians 3: 4b-14	Philippians 2: 5 -11	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
<i>Greeters</i>	Rose Edwards & Barbara Gabriel	Billie Raines & Edie Beheler	The Pangburns	Paytience Shaffer & Emily Stallings	The Umbels
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Scott Stallings	Colleen McGrath	DeAnn Pangburn	Martha Slayton	Carole Umbel
<i>Children's message</i>	Dutch Dorschel	NA	NA	NA	Dutch Dorschel
<i>Ushers</i>	Peggy Morris & Nancy Jett	Billie Raines & Edie Beheler	The Pangburns	Jazmyn McLaren	The Umbels
<i>Financial assistant</i>	Nancy Jett	Billie Raines	David Pangburn	Scott Stallings	Carole Umbel
<i>Nursery</i>	Alex & Jocelyn	Hannah Stallings	Jazmyn McLaren	Edie Beheler	

Message from Sean

David Crowder I believe coins it the best when he sings, *"But a certain sign of grace is this, from a broken earth flowers come up, pushing through the dirt."* This comes from his song *Wholly Yours* in which he remarks on how it feels to be stained with depravity, but the divinity of God making him clean through mercy and grace. It is much like what we see, and feel during this season of Lent. We remark for dust we were made and to dust we will return, and recognize that it's our sin that held Christ to the Cross.

During Lent we should be taking time to reflect on the basics of redemption as we again remember that without the work of Jesus we would never have access to God, and that we would be a lost people. We must remember what the prophet Isaiah said of Jesus, *³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:3-5).*

Redemption is this, we acknowledge that Jesus laid down his life for all of creation, and realize we cannot achieve anything on our own. Then we let Jesus pick up our life, and lead us, than He will let his divinity makes us wholly His because again to draw from David Crowder, *"From wounded hands redemption fell down, Liberating man."* Now that we have access to liberation, to freedom we can say as Paul did that the Word is near us, it is on our hearts and in our mouths, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Rom 10:8,13). It is the word of God covering us with majesty, making us holy, and wholly human for the first time in our lives.

So this Lent, as we reflect on redemption we should be more than excited to share this amazing story with friends, co-workers, and classmates so that they may realize that though they are full of dirt, they can be full of Christ. Though at night weeping comes, with dawn comes rejoicing. Redemption is here.

MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Choir	4 Gary Troxell B'day	5	6 Mayor Ball
7 Peggy Morris B'day	8	9	10 Choir	11 Lenten Service	12 Steven Dinger & Kate Cook B'day	13 Youth Retreat thru Sunday
14 Tim Buyer and Better Pineros Anniversary	15 Mallory Gravatt & Martha Jones B'day	16 Admin Council	17 Choir	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Choir	25 Lenten Service	26 Youth Movie Night	27 Bill Perry B'day Clean up Day
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 Madison Slayton B'day	31 Choir Gary Austin Troxell B'day			



Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, April 1 st	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service at Rouzie's Chapel
Sunday, April 4 th	7am	Community Easter Sunrise Service at Ruritan Park
April 4 th	9:45am	Easter Worship at Rouzie's Chapel UMC
April 4 th	11am	Easter Worship at Beaverdam UMC

Other upcoming events:

March 6—Beaverdam Mayor Ball

March 27—Clean UP day at BUMC/sign up sheet will be available to "pick your project"

March Events for Youth

-Spring Retreat - March 12-14th

10 spots left !!!!!!!

Watermarks Camp, Scottsville, VA

-Worship

-Intense Bible study on Salvation and Redemption

-Ropes course

-Skate Park

- Capture the flag

Make plans to attend; any questions please see Sean or Sarah

-\$85 covers, food, cabins, games everything, scholarships available.



St. Patrick's Day—March 17th

Rouzie's Chapel

MISSIONS

Candy drive for children in Iraq. Please limit your contributions to individually wrapped hard candies (such as lollipops, tootsie rolls, twizzlers, etc.) and because of the heat, chocolates should be avoided. Barbara Bauserman will collect these goodies and see that they are delivered.

W.H.E.A.T.

needs our help both with financial donations and with the following food pantry items; Breakfast foods, Soup, Brunswick Stew, Ravioli and similar "meals", Dried beans and Rice, Bread and Jelly.

Compassion International:

Don't forget to support Jennifer and Axel, our Sunday School's adopted children by depositing your spare change in the blue Compassion International Can in the church's entrance.

Blessing Box:

Rouzie's has a Blessing Box to collect used men's clothing in good condition and assorted toiletries that can be given to the men at New Life for Youth Ranch. Please onl

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Steve Leech	6	
Charlie Leech	7	
Frankie Nofsinger	8	
Betty Carter	10	
Walter Jones	11	
Dennis Luck	15	
<i>Dick & Nancy Lear</i>		16
Kathy Goodman	17	



West Hanover Wood Ministry (WHWM)

During the last two weeks of February we have delivered 26 loads of wood to our families using five 4WD vehicles. We need the 4WDs because of the snow and now mud that we have to contend with to get into and out of the wood yard and to get down icy and muddy drive-ways. Digging the wood out of the snow is no fun, but our families have been very appreciative of our efforts. We blew through the 100 delivery mark and have already passed last season total of 124. We are now up to 129 deliveries for the 09-10 wood season with still another month of winter to go. We also added five new families to our list for a total of 42 that we deliver wood to.

We are not out of wood but we are running low on wood that is ready to deliver. We took down a dead standing white oak that was in the Rouzie's Chapel wood yard. That will give us wood to work with until the snow goes away and we can get access to approximately 35 red and white oak trees the Bauserman families are so graciously donating to the wood ministry.

We have a lot of cold weather remaining this winter and will need a lot of participation to cut and split wood. The WHWM will be working Wednesdays (9AM to Noon followed by "bring your own lunch" fellowship) and Saturdays to cut and split and make deliveries. If you would like to be a part of the WHWM but are not signed up yet, or if you would like to donate wood, please contact Fredy Calderon, 804-357-5504, or Dick Lear 540 894-9919.



Hi Girls and Boys,

We are just beginning my favorite spiritual time of the year.



The memory verses come from Mark 1: 12 & 13 "At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him."

Ash Wednesday was the beginning of Lent, and I think the best way to express my message is by using my two friends, Lisa and Larry.

Lisa and Larry were friends that met at the school bus stop, and they just had a great time talking about anything and every thing. Last Tuesday, February 16, Lisa asked Larry, "What are you going to give up for Lent?" Larry does not really attend church all that much, so he responded, "What are you talking about?" Lisa responded, "Well, Jesus was in the desert 40 days without food or drink and to remind us of that spiritual event, many of us give up something for 40 days."

Larry thought about this for a little while and came back with, "Rather than giving up something, would it not be better to start a new practice that would bring you closer to God?" "Like what?", Lisa said.

"Well, my mom just started something called centered prayer. This is like sitting in a chair and meditating or praying for 15 minutes a day", Larry replied. Lisa responded, "My dad does that, but then he begins to snore and then says he is praying".

"Oh, Lisa, be serious. It would seem to me you could give up something like eating M&Ms and at the same time make this time of year more meaningful and spiritual by doing something like reading the Bible or praying more."

Then after thinking a minute Lisa said, "Oh, you mean like you could go to church with me for at least 4 weeks?" Larry replied, "Yeah, I guess I could".

As a result of this discussion, Lisa began a new study and Jesus got a new Lamb.

Have a great month, guys. God loves you and so do I.

JuG

JUST FOR TODAY

Just for Today: I will live through this day only and not set far reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for Today: I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be". He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for Today: I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for Today: I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for Today: I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise – even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for Today: I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously, and not interrupt when someone else is talking.

Just for Today: I'll not try to improve anybody except myself. WE know so much more about nutrition and how much exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable so,

Just for Today: I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy new years.

Just for Today: I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly but I will have it thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today: I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions!

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- * Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.
- * Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.
- * If I am through learning, I am through.
- * If you don't have time to do it right, when will you find time to do it over?
- * What is right is more important than who is right
- * Don't mistake activity for achievement
- * Tell the truth. That way you don't have to remember a story.



Palm Sunday
March 28th

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