



March 2, 2011

The Springs

Rev. Dennis Adlof

From Dennis the Minis-ter:

February was quite a month: blizzards and record frigid temperatures and, then, warm days with record heat, a crazy month. Now that days are turning more spring-like it is time to look forward to **Lent and Easter**. In fact, the word Lent comes from the word *lencten*, which means spring. Last week, our worship committee was able to meet and come up with plans for our remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of the Lord.

Our theme for the six weeks of Lent will be **"Who is This Man Going to the Cross."** Each week the sermon will explore the Gospel passages given for the season. We begin with the testing of Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11) and then move on to his encounters with Nicodemus (John 3:1-17), the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42), the man born blind (John 9:1-41), and with Lazarus (John 11:1-45). In light of each encounter we will seek to answer the question: Who is this man going to the cross?

Lent begins March 9th with an **Ash Wednesday service** at 6:30 p.m. The churches of the Sand Springs Ministerial Fellowship will again offer a Tuesday noon worship and fellowship meal series throughout Lent. The first one is scheduled for our church on March 15th.

Palm Sunday (April 17) will be Music Sunday for two morning services. The Praise Team will lead us in a contemporary musical at 8:45 am and at 11 am the Chancel Choir presents a traditional cantata. Sunday school classes for Palm Sunday meet at 9:45 am. Holy week features our **Maundy Thursday** Love Feast and drama (April 21) at our Family Life Center. This year the meal begins at 7:30 pm. **Good Friday (April 22)** will be commemorated with a special Tenebrae (Darkness) service in our sanctuary at 8 pm.

Easter morning (April 24) begins with a Sunrise Service and breakfast at the Family Life Center. The potluck breakfast starts at 6 am with a short devotional time following at sunrise (6:35 am). Please bring a breakfast dish to share. We return to church for **two morning services (8:45 and 11 am)** celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sunday school classes for Easter meet at 9:45 am.

I hope you and your family will join us as we begin this journey of faith, worship and witness in the weeks ahead.

Attention! Books! Books! and More Books!

Books will be available for you to browse and select to own in the narthex on Sunday, March 20th for a donation. Donations for the books from Pastor Dennis's personal library will go for our church apportionments. Donations for the books from UMW Reading Program will go for purchasing more books. Thanks in advance for your participation.

JoAnn Nelson,

UMW Program Resource Secretary



UMW News

Spring is on its way!! It always helps to have positive thoughts. To help realize this fact, the UMW, Sand Springs United Methodist Church is having a Membership Brunch, Saturday, March 5th at the Family Life Center at 9:30 a.m. Every lady, any age, is invited to come share delicious food, good fellowship and learn about the Life of a United Methodist Woman. We hope to see you Saturday. You don't have to be a member to attend, just come get acquainted.

Another event to strengthen our Spiritual Growth will be an evening together at Methodist Manor. We are honored to have Dr. Molly Davis Scott as our speaker. She has retired from a 25 year career of seminary teaching. Her message is, "Feed My Sheep." You do not want to miss this.

Spiritual Evening Together ~ March 8, 2011

Fleming Center—Methodist Manor

4135 E. 31st St. in Tulsa

6:30 p.m.—Refreshments; 7:00 p.m.—Program

Questions? Call Jo Nan Allen at 241-2037 or Louise Read at 906-6227.

Searcher Sunday school Class Starts Lenten Video Series

This Sunday the Searcher Class begins "**24 Hours That Changed the World.**" Each week the class will follow with Adam Hamilton as he guides viewers, step by step, through the last day of Jesus' life. Participants travel by video to the Holy Land with Hamilton to visit the sites where those events took place. In this journey, the class will use a daily Lenten devotional guide designed for this course as an additional resource.

Adam Hamilton is the senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country.

Come and join us for this powerful series. The Searchers meet every Sunday at the west end of fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour.

SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD...

There are seven people who have committed to coming to the Prayer Room on Wednesdays to pray for our church. I would like to challenge others to join these to come and pray during the seven Wednesdays of Lent, beginning March 9. There is a wonderful list of things to pray for in the Prayer Room for you to use as a guide.

The weeks after Easter will be filled with anticipation as we open our hearts to what God has in store for the future of our church. Let us be willing to receive His plans for us. Let us also be diligent in our prayers for Linda and Dennis as they reach a new milestone in their life. There is much to be in prayer about. We invite you to use the Prayer Room for your quiet time. A Blessing, You Will Receive!

7:00 a.m. - Dick Ford

11:00 a.m. - Virginia Baldrige

9:00 a.m. - Jody Seaman

1:00 p.m. - Mona Warren

9:30 a.m. - JoAnn Nelson

6:00 p.m. - Cynthia Alex

10:00 a.m. - Pauline Hanigar

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Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

Get excited!!!!!! The youth will be hosting its first Movie Night at the Family Life Center on March 12th @ 6:30pm! This is going to be an awesome time to get your family out of the house and entertain them for an evening. We will be hosting a J-Rated (Jesus Rated J Film) movie. Due to showing rights we are unable to promote the movie on a poster or in a mailer so be sure to swing by my office or open your ear to the youth to know what movie we will be showing on the 12th. **The movie has 3 letters in its title and the #3 in it!** This is going to be a fun fundraiser for our youth who are going on the mission trip. The price of the movie tickets will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children (12 and under). We will also be popping fresh movie popcorn, as well as having a full variety of drinks and candies. Please put this event on your calendar and come and support our youth and enjoy a movie night with the family!

Praise Jesus! Our youth were able to raise a total of \$319 from the Sub-Mission-Sale on February 20th! Thank you church family for supporting our youth for their mission to Birmingham, AL.



Weekly Youth Lessons:

This past Wednesday we completed our "Slave" series, with being a "Slave to religion." It was a very good lesson that focused on keeping our youth focused on a relationship with God and not a religion. Something that is good for us all to evaluate at times. The upcoming series that we are going to be teaching the kids to lead up to Easter is called "Miracles." This is going to be an awesome opportunity for our youth to be challenged and encouraged about their faith and what God is capable of doing through them and around them!

Weekly Lesson:

"You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God..." Exodus 20: 5

I was doing my daily reading and I read this passage and it always hits me in the face every time I read it. Can you believe that the creator of the Universe is "Crazy" about you? So crazy about you that He gets jealous when we turn our hearts away from Him and fix them on other things. In this passage God is giving Moses commands and Moses is sharing them with the Israelites.

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God was jealous for our hearts then and He is jealous for our hearts today. How often do we make God jealous? How often do we take the first and greatest command to “Love the Lord our God with all our hearts, minds, and strength” and put it second to things in our lives? But yet we get so upset or argue with God when they break, disappear or something happens to them. When in fact we have no right to when God tells us that He is jealous for us. That means our Heavenly Father is going to do whatever it takes to get our hearts and eyes to be re-focused on Him and His greatness! So what are some things that we bow down to, and how can we place them behind our love for God and not in front of our love for Him?

Upcoming Events:

• **March 2nd Metro Worship 5:30pm (Bring money for Cici’s Pizza \$6)**

• **March 9th No youth @ FLC Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30pm**

March 12th Family Movie Night! @ FLC @ 6:30pm

(If you are interested in being apart of any of these upcoming events please do not hesitate to call me at 918-245-5955, or email me at gcollett@sandspringsumc.org)

Parent and Volunteer Thank You:

Just wanted to give a shout out to my awesome volunteers each week, as well as those parents who were able to come and help with both the concession and the Sub Sale for missions! Thank you for your servant hearts!!!!

Thank you to Caleb Massey for his recycled wood coaster sale that supports youth missions! You are such a blessing to our youth! SSUMC Youth is going Green! (Caleb can make more sets for anyone interested...

call Tracey at 245-5955)

Fun Fact: “Albert Einstein’s favorite pastime was sailing.”



Wedding Reception Thank You:

Jetonne and I would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the reception this past Saturday. We appreciate the love and support that this whole church has given us. We would also like to say a special thank you to the UMW for hosting the celebration and for creating such a beautiful atmosphere. Jetonne and I are humbled by the giving hearts of this congregation and are so grateful for the gifts. Thanks again for supporting us as we continue this new journey together.

Love,

Graeme and Jetonne Collett

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers March 6

Welcome Center
 Crossroads
Head Ushers
 Shelia Alex
Lay Reader
 Don Baldrige
Children's Moment
 Linda Adlof
Children's Church
 No Children's Church
Counters
 Betty Or Howard Smith & Gary Dobbs
Visitors Center
 Mel & Norma Jones
Youth Dinner for Wednesday, March 9
 You attending Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday Volunteers March 13

Welcome Center
 Crossroads
Head Usher
 Roger Nelson
Lay Reader
 Cynthia Alex
Children's Moment
 TBA
Children's Church
 Katherine & Julie and Julia Henry
Counters
 Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford
Visitors Center
 Mel & Norma Jones
Youth Dinner for Wednesday, March 16
 Faith Circle

Please Keep In Prayer

Bill & Mary Lea Forsythe, Thelma Bradshaw, Gene Watson, Susan Stafford, Lovell Sharp, Virginia Vice, Vera Nell Boatman, Walter Speed, Angela Krause, Leonard Whisenhunt, Linda McCormick, Harold Hilgendorf, Unspoken Requests

Recognitions...

Congratulations...

William (Billy) and Elizabeth Schulz are the proud parents of Alexander William Schulz born February 21 and weighing 7 lbs and 7 oz. Congratulations all of you!

Thank You...

Dear Friends In Mission:

Thank you for your gift in support of the following missionaries and ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and Rio Grande Conference Pastoral Support.

Roland Fernandes-General Treasurer of the General Board of Global Ministries

Shawn Bakker-Associate General Secretary of The Advance

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, March 2

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Junior High Youth
7:00 p.m.-Senior High Youth
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

Thursday, March 3

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers
5:30 p.m.-UMW Executive Meeting-CP
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Troop 601-Caleb House

Friday, March 4

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers
5:30 p.m.-Grief Support-Parlor

Saturday, March 5

9:30 a.m.-UMW Membership Brunch-FLC
8a-1p-Boy Scout Troop 101 Pancake Breakfast-F. Hall

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School-CP
10:15 a.m.-Worship-CP
11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice
1:00 p.m.-Trustee Meeting

Monday, March 7

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:30 p.m.-Disciple 1-3
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, March 8

1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m.-UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat-Methodist Manor
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-Upstairs
7:00 p.m.-Al Anon

Wednesday, March 9

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Ash Wednesday Service
6:00 p.m.-JH Youth
7:00 p.m.-SH Youth
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

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Dinners for 3, 8, 15?

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex to find any members interested in starting a regular "dining together" program. There are 3 choices for where you'd like to meet: (1) Restaurants; (2) Fast food/casual cafes; or (3) Each other's homes. We are asking everyone to sign up by individual names (not by couples, although both can sign up as an individual). Please put your phone number and/or e-mail address by your name. The 'number of young children' column is for kids under 4 years of age who will be attending the dinners/lunches. Age 5 and up need to be signed up by individual name... if they will be dining with the group.

The sheets will be reviewed, and the names on each sheet will be invited to a meeting to decide how often, day of the week, time of day (lunch/dinner) to meet and to agree on a listing (of restaurants/cafés/homes) where the group wants to go. Each group will make their own plans.

This is a great way for new members to become better known by others, and to learn about our church family. Hopefully, everyone can find a choice they like.

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