

MARCH 12, 2006

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Morning Worship
On the Radio Each Sunday on WDXL 1490 AM at 11:00am
Taped from a previous Sunday.

USHERS

David Lewis, Jack Hinson, Steve Hinson, Jeff Cagle

GREETERS

Nancy Hinson and Charlotte Hollis

ACOLYTES

Anna Dyer and Katie Mobley

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lacey Williams on her 2nd birthday and Jenny Williams on the anniversary of her Baptism by Rod & Janey Williams.

SOUND/LIGHTING TECHNICIAN

John Mobley

WEE WORSHIP

Jami White and Adam Lewis

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR MARCH

Jana Beth Shaul & Daphne Renfroe

INFANT NURSERY

SS hour: Pattie White and Mary Lou Martin

Worship: Elaine Townsend, Betty Dill, and Alba Crockett

TODDLER NURSERY

Kim Odle, Myles Odle, and Eli Alexander

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM

Nita Hart

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Betty Walker

OFFERING COUNTERS

Kay Henderson and Barbara Clement

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

Our Loyalty Report

Sunday, March 5, 2006

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: 140 Morning Worship: 232

UMYF: 20

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the budget: \$ 11,255.10

Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,370.40

Needed for budget to date: \$ 73,704.00

Received for budget to date: \$ 70,646.96

Difference: \$ - 3,057.04

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The Interpreter

What We're Doing During Lent

The Christian season of Lent is the 40 days before Easter. Actually there are 46 days, but the Sundays don't count since they are considered "little Easters." Lent is the time in which Christians are called to a self-examination of their spiritual conditions. Traditionally, during the season of Lent, the church focuses on Christ's journey to Jerusalem and the cross. This journey reaches its climax on Black Friday of Holy Week (the week before Easter.)

What we are doing here at Lexington 1st is to include acts of worship that will set Lent apart from other Christian seasons. But you may need some explanation as to what is happening in worship during Lent.

The 6 purple candles and 1 white candle is our reverse version of the Advent wreath. During Advent, the church lights Advent candles in progressive Sundays. The light begins as 1 flame and continues to grow as we get closer to Christ's birth. On Christmas, the entire wreath is lit and the light is at its brightest because Christ has come into the world.

However, the reverse is true during Lent. As Lent progresses and Jesus moves closer to his destiny and death on the cross, his light diminishes until Black Friday, crucifixion day when Christ's light is extinguished for an entire day. So, during Lent, we will extinguish a candle each Sunday so the light grows dim. Lent is not a happy time, but a sobering situation in which we think about Christ's sacrifice and our discipleship.

Also, during Lent, different folks will read the Bible Scripture while our drama team acts out the scripture. If you were in church last Sunday, you saw Satan actually in church, or at least, portrayed in church.

Hopefully, what we are doing in church will help us all reflect on our spiritual condition with an honest eye. Then we can be doing what we should be doing during Lent- seek to strengthen our relationship with the Lord.

Stan

Thursday, March 9

7:00 pm Upper Room Prayer Line, office

Saturday, March 11

9:00 am UMW Mission Study, Wrather Hall

Sunday, March 12

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Morning Worship

4:00 pm Confirmation Mentors Meeting, Pastor's Study

5:00 pm UMYF

5:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 13

9:00 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study, Youth Area

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 14

4:45 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Home Mission Team Meeting, Wanderers Room

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting, Spirit Seekers Room

Wednesday, March 15

5:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:00 pm Puppet Prayer Seekers, Spirit Seekers Room

6:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study, Orio Room

6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Bell Room

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

March 25 – Team Leader's Meeting

April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt

April 9 – Easter Cantata

April 10 – 14 – Holy Week Noontime Services

April 13 – Maundy Thursday Service

April 14 – Black Friday Service

April 16 – Easter Sunrise Service

“END OF THE SPEAR”

The Princess Theater will be showing the movie “End of the Spear” starting March 10th. The movie tells of missionaries that were killed in the rainforest of Ecuador and how one of their sons returns to the area to discover what really happened during the last few minutes of his father’s life.

Our congregation can attend as a group on Saturday, March 11th, if we have enough interest. Please call Lisa today if you would like to attend this movie.

Cost as a group would be \$4 per person.

CHILDREN’S FELLOWSHIP NEWS



WOW! What a great time we had when we got the children of our church together. 30 kids showed up for the children’s fellowship of movies and popcorn. Our mission project for the day’s activity was to bring in one box of cereal and it was a HUGE success. A great BIG THANKS goes to all who participated by donating cereal for our church food pantry. Please watch for information on next month’s event and start getting your hooks and lines ready.

The Children’s Fellowship Ministry Team

UMW MISSION STUDY

The **UMW Mission Study** on “Children of the Biblical Lands” is this Saturday, March 11th, from 9 am to 12 noon, in Wrath Hall. All women are welcome to attend

BILTMORE BOUND

Attention: Spots are starting to fill up for our road trip. We are going to the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina on April 25 through April 27, 2006. We will stay at Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly in the Lambuth Inn. Cost for the trip is \$120 per person based on double occupancy. This amount will include: transportation, 2 nights lodging, 1 dinner buffet, 2 breakfast buffets, and 1 admission ticket to the **Biltmore**

Estate. The Biltmore tulips should be in full bloom. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due by March 13. We still have 12 space, so see Lisa in the ministries office to reserve your spot.

WHITEWATER RAFTING

The youth are going rafting on June 27, 28, & 29, 2006. Non-refundable registration of \$65 per person is due no later than March 19th. Total trip cost is \$125 per person. This will include 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfast buffets, 1 box lunch, 2 dinner buffets, and rafting on the Nantahala River. Get your money to Ms. Lisa today to get your spot. Remember: first come first serve and priority will go to our regular group members over visitors and guests.



VPCOMING DEADLINES:

March 13 – Biltmore/Junaluska Trip deposits due
 March 19 – UMYF Whitewater Rafting deposits due



IN OUR PRAYERS



Nita Hart	Carolyn Stripling
Ruth Hurt	Thomas Blankenship
Chloe Sills	Gerald Wooley
Nancy McClure	Lois Yates
Jimmy Oldner	Rhonda Powell
Randy Puckett	Judd Crownover
Alan Ross	Keith Kilpatrick
Kyle Hale	Jimmy Horn
Diane Daniels	Valerie Rhodes
Kevin Rowland	Julie Watson
David Dunham	Kaye D. Wyatt
Lou Kidd	Jean Clampitt
Ginger Wallace	Vanessa Jones
Linda Sue Fesmire	Gordon Lindsey
Family & Friends of Eltha Teague	
Family & Friends of Cindy Loeswick	
Family & Friends of Jettie Lane Richardson	
Family & Friends of Sarah Gephart	
Family & Friends of Mae Hatchett	
Family & Friends of Duck Townsend	
Family & Friends Melba Edminston	



Ryann Elise Gordon was born on February 24, 2006 to Amanda Kach and Brad Gordon of Martin, TN. Ryann is welcomed by her grandparents Matt and Debra Butters and great-grandparents Henry and Mary Jean Butters.

Memorials

Jettie Lane Richardson

by *Elwood & Carole Small* for the Choir
 by *Warren & Edith Ramer* for the Budget
 by *Wayne & Nancy Hinson* for the Bell Tower

Lorraine Hinson

by *Jimmy & Sue Patton* for the Budget

Sharnell Woods

by *Jimmy & Sue Patton* for the Budget

Marene Walker

by *Otto & Kathy Britt* for the Bell Tower

St. Theresa's Prayer

May today there be peace within.
 May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
 May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
 May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.
 May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
 Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS



I will be on vacation March 13-17. Because of this, I will not publish THE INTERPRETER next week. If you have any news that needs to be announced, you may contact me, 968-2116, and I can make flyers to hand out during Sunday School and church. I hope this doesn't cause too much inconvenience.

Lisa Thomas, Ministry Coordinator