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Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

Journey to the Cross

The season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 5th, when we begin the hard spiritual work of the journey to the cross. The sanctuary will be stripped of all decorations and a large black cross will be placed in the sanctuary. Our worship service will turn more introspective and reflective as we prepare this year to remember the crucifixion of our Lord.

Lent is a good time to wrestle with God on issues of our faith. Lent is a good time to think not only about the death of Jesus, but our own death as well. When I was a student minister, I was given the assignment by my ministry supervisor to put together my own funeral service. It ended up being a wonderful growth exercise for me. And so, now I give you that same assignment. Whether you are 90 years old or 15 years old, how do you want your life to be remembered and celebrated? What Scripture passages and poems, hymns and songs are important to you? What kind of casket or urn do you want? Who do you want to speak or sing? What message do you want people to receive about the life you lived?

I invite anyone who puts down some notes for their funeral to give a copy to the church to be filed away until the time when it is needed. Any work you do now will be a treasured gift to your family and friends when you are gone. This weekend I have the honor of presiding at the funeral of Milly Browning from whom I have learned a great deal through how she chose to live her life and how she chose to face her death. Milly not only welcomed, but anticipated her eternal life with excitement and joy. May we all come to contemplate our own death with excitement and joy as we journey to the cross of Christ this Lenten season.

I am honored and blessed to be your pastor,

Carol

LENTEN SERIES

Beginning Sunday, March 9th, and continuing until Palm Sunday, I will be preaching out of the book of Job and we will be studying Job in Sunday School.

Job is an amazing but very difficult book. To get the most out of this series, I am requesting two things from you: that you read the book of Job for Lent and that you bring your Bible (and a pen or pencil) to church. I want us to read and study and struggle with this text together. Join us at 9:30 AM each Sunday and make Sunday School part of your Lenten practices.

Use the reading schedule below to prepare for the sermon. Do not hesitate to underline passages that speak to you or concern you, take notes in the margins or in a notebook. Lent is the perfect period of time to try out and form new faith habits.

- Lent 1 – Job 1 - 8
- Lent 2 - Job 9-18
- Lent 3 - Job 19 - 27
- Lent 4 - Job 28-38
- Lent 5 - Job 39-42

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2014 Lenten Services

March 5 – 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service held here at Providence jointly with South Elkhorn Christian Church and Lafayette Christian Church pastors and youth. The Providence Chimes Choir and Lafayette Christian Church Choir will participate.

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Worship Service at Providence

Holy Week – April 14 thru April 18, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Holy Week services each day at Jessamine Christian Church, and lunch provided.

Holy Week – April 14 thru April 18, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Providence Sanctuary open to all for prayer and meditation.

April 17 – 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday service at Providence Christian Church. Rev. Carol will preach and we will celebrate the last supper.

April 20 – Easter Sunday

Easter Worship Service at Providence

MARCH CALENDAR

- 3/2/14 – 6:00 PM – Youth Parents and Grandparents Prayer Group
- 3/5/14 – 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service at Providence
- 3/8/14 – 8:00 AM – Providence Men’s Breakfast
- 3/9/14 – *Daylight Saving Time begins*
- 3/9/14 – 12:15 PM Potluck and Board Meeting
- 3/23/14 – 4th Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ
- 3/26/14 – 9:30 AM – Disciples Women’s Service Group
- 3/26/14 – 5:45 PM – Providence Prayer Group

Each Sunday

- 12:15 PM Pilates with Sarah Downs
- 1:30 PM *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Program

Each Monday

- 10:00 AM – “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class
- 7:00 PM *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*

Each Wednesday

- 10:00 AM – “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class
- 6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*

Each Thursday

- 7:00 PM – *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*

Each Friday

- 10:00 AM – “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Randy Cox	3
Patsy Samples	17
Anna Tackett	21
Betty Lou Thornton	23
Jennifer Robbins	24
Matthew Anderson	24
Mallory McDonald	31

Purchase Easter Lilies and Support The Youth Group Mission Trip

Look for forms in Sunday bulletins for ordering in memory or in honor of loved ones.



Prayer Group Changes

The Spirit is always calling us to listen, reflect and change. Oftentimes God has to be quite obvious for me to stop long enough to listen.

When we started meeting on Wednesday nights for prayer group we had a consistent group and several others who came as they could. But slowly for many different and good reasons the group dwindled to three. When I finally stopped to listen, God told me to “go where the people are.”

And so, beginning March 2nd, I will gather with the parents and grandparents of our youth and children on the first Sunday of each month from 6:00 – 7:00 PM to pray. We will pray for our children and youth.

On the last Wednesday of each month, anyone who is able, will gather from 5:45 – 6:30 PM to pray for the people and ministries of Providence.

In addition, beginning Ash Wednesday, an email will go out to the Elders each Wednesday with a suggested prayer and an updated church prayer list.

I invite each of you to set aside time each day and each week to stop to listen, reflect and change according to God’s will for your life.

Carol

Elders and Deacons Workshop

March 7-8, 2014

Christmount Christian Assembly

222 Fern Way

Black Mountain, NC 28711

828-669-8977

info@christmount.org

A Lenten Meditation:

The Pastoral Concerns of Each Gospel as Revealed in the Passion Narratives

Dr. Margaret Ralph

KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN’S SPRING CONFERENCES

Believers, Teachers and Seekers of Justice

Our Past, Our Present, Our Future

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Crestwood Christian Church

Dr. Charisse Gillett, Preaching

Saturday April 26, 2014

First Christian Church, Henderson

Rev. Lisa Caldwell-Reiss, Preaching

For more information, contact Terry Royster at the Regional Office 859-233-1391

The church building is the Lord’s House and property of the community. It belongs to all of us. Please help us keep the building tidy. Pick up after yourself, as well as the rest of the church family. Put trash in the trash can, recycling in the recycle receptacles and hymnals and Bibles under the chairs. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER CONCERNS

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders and for our military: Donnie Thornton, Jacob Durbin, Allen Fielder, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Craig Tackett, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jayne Mattingly, Margaret Waits, Joan Jones and Lil Bruegge (Rose Hall’s sisters), Harold Coots (Frank’s brother), Steve Carr (Nicole Hagy’s uncle), Mary Ramsey, (Jenifer Payne), Barry Brown, Dewey Thornton, Erica Thornton & Isabella Thornton (Thornton family), Suzie Branham (Ertel Whitt’s niece), Linda Davis, Chuck and Charlene Carter (Beth Waits), Jack Coomer (Draper), Mary Betts Hodson (Norman Flynn’s niece), Treva Adams (Brenda Coots’ sister), Tammy Vanover (Frank Coots’ Daughter), Lloyd Crockett and Todd Bradley (Sarah Walker), Paula Cull, Denise Turner (Sidebothams), Jack Musgrave (Ann Rea Anderson), Sarah Fitzhugh (John Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother), James Ruckman (Allene Fielder’s brother), Reece King (Linda Schweitzer), Laura Crawford (Flynn).

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