



### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



As the calendar turns to April, our journey toward the cross continues. **Lent** has emphasized self-examination and discipline in light of Christ's suffering for our sin. The sermon series on the "seven deadly sins" will continue through April 13, looking at anger, discouragement, greed and envy. These topics are not pretty, but they are part of removing the "hindrances to holiness," and holiness is beautiful!

**Holy Week** begins **April 13**, with **Palm Sunday**. The children will join us in the service, as we wave the palms and remember Jesus' joyous entrance to Jerusalem, but remember also the greed and envy (then and now) that sent him to the cross for us. **Wednesday, April 16**, we will celebrate the story from the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John, with a **Foot-Washing Service at 7:00 PM**. This service focuses on Jesus, who came to Earth in the form of a servant (Philippians 2), died as the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53), and reminds us that we need to be servants to each other and to a hurting world. The **Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM April 18**, "**Good Friday**," will remember some of the words and acts of Jesus and those around him during the hours as he prepared to give his life for us. **Resurrection Sunday, April 20**, is the highlight of the season, with classes at 9:45 and **worship at 10:50**. Be sure to invite your friends and come early for some light refreshments and fellowship before Sunday School or worship.

Along with the joyful and solemn celebrations, we also find time for fun, and the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** should be better than ever. Invite all the children you know to join us here on the church grounds, Saturday, **April 19, at 10AM**. Give us a call to learn how to help us stuff the plastic eggs with candy or help otherwise with preparation, publicity, or giving.

Our church family has faced further grief this month, with the passing of long-time members **Jack Smith** and **Princess Reed**. Please continue to remember their families in prayer, and remind them of wonderful times we had with their loved ones.

Everything we do is designed to help you discover more of the love and grace of God, and to help you share this love and grace with others. *Let us know how we can do that better!*

In the Love of Christ,  
Pastor Dwight T Gregory

### BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The exploding foil at the top of the sanctuary "thermometer" announced to the congregation three weeks ago that we had reached our "green light" goal for taking the next step in our building update. Our goal was to reach \$50,000 in new building fund giving from the time the congregation approved the proposals for repurposing and updating our facilities "For the Next Generation."

The Building Committee has determined that Phase I of the project should be the reconfigured sanctuary and enlarged entrance/welcome area, rather than the creation of a multi-purpose unit in the original sanctuary building. Starting with this project will give us a new look apparent to everyone who comes in contact with the church, not just those involved in Sunday School or midweek activities.

With funds from other sources, and further giving since topping the thermometer, we have approximately \$80,000 available. This is still less than the cost of the first phase of the project, so faithful, ongoing, giving is still needed, but we are now ready to say GO. The Building Committee has met a number of times in the past six weeks, and they continue in conversation with Building God's Way (BGW Design), our planning consultants. Local church volunteers have already enlarged one of the Sunday School rooms, and will finish it with colors and materials that BGW is recommending as part of the "new look" for the whole facility. **Keep praying, keep giving, and look for more news and sketches soon!**

### CHURCH MISSION PROJECT

The Missions Committee is planning an all-church mission project at the Jesus House. This project is for all ages on Saturday, May 10, 2014, from 9:30AM-12:00PM.

**The deadline to sign up for the project is April 25th**, so the Jesus House has time to do background checks. There must be an adult with each child to attend the mission project.

If you have any questions please contact  
Becky Baer at 405.670.5692.

### MID-AMERICA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT

We hope all ladies plan to attend the Women's Retreat on May 2-4, 2014, at Fin and Feather Resort.

The cost is \$120 which will cover meals and lodging. Our speaker is Sabra Dyas. You won't want to miss it. All the details and a registration form are in our Brochure

For more info contact Lori Schroyer at 405.361.0734 or Tamara Bingham at 405.365.9326.

# HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES



Wednesday, April 16th at 7PM  
Footwashing Service



7PM SERVICE

good friday  
IT IS FINISHED



SUNRISE  
Service  
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

On April 20th at 7:00AM at Town Center Plaza  
(7271 SE 29th Street MWC).

9:45AM Sunday School      10:50AM Worship Service



EASTER  
SUNDAY

April 20



Saturday, April 19, 10AM  
Children ages 4-5th grade

## Youth events



April 11, 6-9PM

If you are interested in helping out, sign up with Sarah by April 6th.



Every year the youth group gets together to do 30 Hour Famine. This is a time to learn, raise awareness, and raise funds for the problem of hunger in our world today. The famine begins April 25 at noon and will continue until April 26 at 6PM. During this time we will have a lock in, participate in some service projects around the community, and learn more about the problem of hunger around the world, all while fasting food to see what it is like to go without.

For more information on FMYC 2014 for high school students or Durley Young Teen Camp for middle school students, please contact Sarah Baird at 640.8228.



**durley camp**  
and retreat center

June 16-20, 2014

