

MWC CHURCH MARCH NEWSLETTER



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

As March begins, we are at the mid-point of Lent. In this is a season we look at our lives in light of what Jesus has done for us, and make intentional adjustments to draw closer to him. It's not a season of sacrifice to endure and then get out of! As we let the Spirit lead us, new habits we take on, or old habits we set aside, can make *lasting* changes in our lives. I hope this will be true of our Lenten prayer emphasis. I look forward to having more join us for 8:30 AM Sunday prayer in the sanctuary, and to hearing testimonies of the benefits of our 2:01 PM daily prayer break. How is God meeting with *you* at those times?

Our sermon theme for Lent is "Letting Christ Be Lord." Our guest speaker the first Sunday challenged us at the opening of our prayer emphasis. On the icy first of March, the brave souls assembled heard the challenge to "Take Up the Cross," here and now. On the 8th, we will learn about the really big competitor for the Lordship of Christ: hint: It may be in your back pocket or purse! We expect a wonderful Sunday on March 15, as Pastor Jeremy helps us see how Christ can be Lord of our Families—and as we officially welcome the Atakli and Bundy sons into the church family. With the season almost over, March 22 will offer the challenge to bring *everything* under His Lordship! Palm Sunday, March 29, and Resurrection Sunday (Easter), April 5, give us some of the year's best opportunities to invite friends to join us for worship. Prepare your list NOW! We have room for many more and are praying for new ways of sharing the Good News with our community. **Be sure to read every word of the rest of the newsletter, and don't miss any of the special Holy Week opportunities!**

We are here for you! Let us know how we may help you discover more of God's grace this season.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Dwight T Gregory



ACTIVITIES



We begin Holy Week with our children waving palms as we sing in celebration of Jesus' Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem. With music, words, and action we place ourselves with Jesus and his disciples on the journey to the cross—and to Resurrection. Join us!



On Holy Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30PM, we will host a Seder Meal to observe and understand the historical and spiritual basis of Passover. The celebration will explain the meaning of the Jewish Passover and how Jesus the Messiah is our perfect Passover lamb. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate. **The cost is \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.** **To make reservations call the office.**



Our traditional Good Friday "Tenebrae," service, with readings and song, emphasizes the death of Christ and the darkness of the sin that nailed him to the cross. As we extinguish the Christ Candle, we leave our sin with Jesus, in confidence of forgiveness and coming Resurrection.

SUNRISE SERVICE

The Easter Sunrise service this year will be 7:30AM, at the basketball court of Riverside Mobile Home Court, (6664 Sable Street, corner of Hughson Avenue, south of NE 23rd St. or NE 19th St, in Midwest City).

We minister to many children and teens from this area each week, and we want to join with them and their families for this great beginning of Resurrection Day.

Resurrection Sunday Morning Sunday School at 9:45, Worship at 10:50AM

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WORK DAY

We want our building and grounds looking great to welcome guests for Holy Week! The Trustees have prepared lists of things to be done to put things in great condition. We need lots of volunteers for Friday evening, March 20, 7-8:30 PM, and Saturday afternoon, March 21st, 1-3PM. Bring yard tools Saturday.

Join us for a Bridal Shower
in honor of

Allison Benignus

March 21, 2015
11:00am at the
Free Methodist Church
Hosted by Sarah Baird
and Beth Mitchell

Respond by March 13th to
Sarah at 640.8228.
Allison and Andy are
registered at
Bed, Bath & Beyond
and Target.

The Youth are currently going through a series on Wednesday nights called Extreme Faith. Through these lessons we are learning about young people in the Bible who had various aspects of extreme faith. We have already learned about Isaac and Joseph.

Keep coming to learn about more!

The theme verse that ties these lessons all together is *1 Timothy 4:12*

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."

EXTREME FAITH

HOLY SATURDAY ACTIVITY FOR KIDS and FAMILIES

Walk With Jesus is a powerfully moving, multisensory family outreach event that guides families along Jesus' footsteps during his last days on earth. During this event, families will journey through five stations and participate in impactful activities including:

1. Travel to Jerusalem for Palm Sunday
2. Sit down for the Last Supper
3. Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane
4. Discover the Sacrifice of Good Friday
5. Celebrate freedom from their sins at the empty tomb that first Easter.

We are in need of many volunteers at each station, help with set up, donation of items that we will need for that day. Following the stations we will have the Easter Egg Hunt. For more information or if you would like to volunteer contact Lori Schroyer at 361.0734.

The Ladies Bible Study on Tuesday, March 3, 17 31 at 10AM at the church. This study in John's Letters will help us find the beauty that is precious in God's sight and needed for our daily Christian walk. For more info contact Martha Borgers 619.1196.

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH AT NOON AT THE MWC CHURCH THERE WILL BE A SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT HAROLD AND/OR BONNIE BISHOP AT 741.6484.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The men meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month at 6PM. If you have any questions or want to know more about the prayer group contact Ron Borgers at 619.1196.

JULY MISSION TRIP

Anita Baird, Sarah Baird, and Sam Carlson will be joining with others from around the country for a mission trip to Haiti in July.

Learn more about it Sunday, March 8th, or ask one of them personally. Our mission offerings for March will help with the costs of the trip, and your prayers will help even more!

YOUTH SPRING BREAK OUTING

On Friday, March 20 at 2PM the youth are going to the Main Event. The cost is \$12 which includes: bowling, laser tag, pool, gravity ropes, plus a \$10 FUNcard, two slices of pizza and a medium drink. Meet at the church at 1PM for a fun time together. We need to have at least 20 people for this event, so INVITE FRIENDS!!! For more information contact Sarah Baird at 640.8228.

