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MISSIONS
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February Youth Mission Project
supplies for
Cross Roads, Inc.

Lenten Ecumenical Services

5:30 PM Meal \$6.00 per person
Contact the Host Church no later than Monday
before the service for meal reservations.

6:30 Service Time

THE WAY OF
RESISTANCE

| | <u>Host Church</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Theme</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| February 14 | First Presbyterian Church | Randy Jones | Rejection: Matthew 4:8-11 |
| February 21 | Third Baptist Church | Jane Rothman | Redemption: John 4:5-35 |
| February 28 | Century Christian | Micah Spicer | Resolution: John 9:24-39 |
| March 7 | Woodlawn UMC | J. Chris Michael | Revolution: John 11:1-16 |
| March 14 | Trinity UMC | Keith Switzer | Revelation: Matthew 27:45-54 |
| March 21 | First Christian Church | Betty Sivis | Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-10 |

Rev. Micah Spicer, *Senior Pastor*

Wednesday, February 14th, marks an important day in the church calendar. It is time to get your sweetheart some chocolate and red roses. Actually, I am not referring to Valentine's Day. Instead, next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *Lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus

on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

I, for one, am excited about this season of Lent. On Sundays during Lent, I will be preaching on images of the Crucifixion of Jesus found in the Scriptures. We believe that Jesus died for our sins. What does that mean? How are we supposed to interpret the cruel and agonizing death of Christ? The New Testament Scriptures enlighten us on our quest to figure out exactly what Christ's death means for us and for the entire world. As we will see in the coming weeks, the Passion of the Christ reveals themes of justice, sacrifice, victory, and unconditional love. All of these themes have huge ramifications for us. I look forward to seeing you and discussing the cross of Jesus in the upcoming weeks.



Congratulations Joe Hall and Ryker Stallings! Joe and Ryker have been regulars in the Children's Department for some time and were baptized this past Sunday. We pray for these boys as they begin their Christian walk! We have several children that have been sick the past few weeks with the flu or the virus going around. Please pray for these children and their families. Our Children's programs are running smoothly and the new Bible verse emphasis is successful. Children learn a new Bible verse each week.

The month of March is a very important and special month for the Children's Department. March Goodness is a special emphasis for Support A Child.

You will hear testimonies from children and youth during the Sunday morning worship services. This is a time for the TBC congregation to financially support the children and youth programs. Your support keeps our programs running smoothly. By supporting these ministries you will help promote the spiritual growth of our children and youth; provide a meal on Wednesday nights; supply transportation to and from church; furnish Bibles, Sunday School books and supplies; music materials and props; VBS; and special church events for the children. Please pray about your support for the TBC children and youth.

During Children's Worship on Sunday morning our children have

David Roberson

Minister of Music

The Sanctuary Choir is working on music for Lent and Easter. It would be a great time to get "choired" up and join the group. We don't audition, I won't make you sing by yourself, we don't judge. All we ask is that you are faithful to our rehearsal time (7:00 each Wednesday night) and to worship each Sunday morning.

If you have a desire to praise through music and you don't mind me yelling at you every once and a while (I really don't yell but I do try to make you sound good) then Sanctuary Choir is the place for you.



Jan Lampkin, *Minister to Children*

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 2:6*

been studying what the Bible says about self-control, attitude, and obedience. How important for our children to know and practice what the Bible tells us about these three characteristics. Each Sunday children share how good and bad choices are affecting their lives. Our goal is to help children not become tired about doing good and be an example in the world in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity (I Timothy 4:12).

We are all looking forward to and counting the days till Spring. Meanwhile, we strive to be the best that we can be. Learning, sharing, and living in God's love. Please continue to pray for the children and their families and the volunteers that work with them.



Court Lewis *Interim Youth Minister*

3bc values the Church's mission to seek and help those in need. From our soup kitchen to our sister church in Morocco, and everywhere in between, 3bc thoughtfully seeks to provide both the bread of life and the life of the gospel. The Youth are now participating in this mission. Under Jenny's leadership, the Manolo class has begun its first missions project for the Youth. They have decided to assist Cross Roads Inc., which is a new local shelter and ministry. Cross Roads' goal is to relieve the symptoms of poverty through practical acts of

love, and one way they achieve their goal is by providing an emergency shelter for women and children.

The Youth are coordinating with the children's ministry and the congregation to assist in collecting needed items. There is a collection box behind the atrium desk, and we will soon place some reminder signs around the building. We appreciate any help or donations. We will be collecting items during the month of February. (Needed items are listed below.)

You will be hearing more about these sorts of projects in the coming weeks. With the help of Micah, Sarah, and Curtis, we now have three breakout groups working together to develop ways

to help others. One group is already planning a prayer walk! Keep your eyes and ears open for what's to come.

One final note, I've had a couple of people volunteer to speak to the Youth in the coming months. We still have plenty of spots, so I hope you'll come share your wisdom of how God has worked in your life and career.

CrossRoads Inc. Shelter List

Needed Items: paper towels, bus passes, breakfast food items (cereal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, oatmeal packets, milk) cleaning supplies (vinegar, window cleaner, disinfecting wipes, multipurpose cleaners) and zip-lock style storage bags.

Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Joe Bob Pierce, *Formations*

This Courier will be our last one before we mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is that time of year that Christian churches commemorate the last earthly days of Jesus. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter week. Interestingly, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 this year, which is also known as Valentine's Day. If that isn't curious enough, Easter Sunday comes on April 1 which, as we all know, is April Fool's Day. I don't think these coincidences mean anything particularly, but they are worth noticing.

Some churches in the Christian faith observe Lent very intentionally. Members are asked to give up something as a way of sharing in Jesus' suffering and sacrifice. While it may not seem like much, for instance, to give up cokes or chocolate or milk shakes, I like the practice. If only for the reminder that, at this time of year, we take the time to remember the life and death of Jesus and what he did for us. Consider making a sacrifice daily, weekly, or in some other way, to prepare for Good Friday and Easter, It will make these days more meaningful and special.



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WHAT IS "MISSIONS?"

According to Dr. David E. Goatley, 'missions refers to the activities of the church that are born from God's mission to the world. The missionary activities of the church are always done in service to God's mission to the world. Missions is as essential to the church as breathing is to the body. Missions is so essential to the church that without missions a church isn't a church at all!'

Third Baptist offers many opportunities to get involved in God's mission - both local and international. Are you interested in helping the church plan new projects? Maybe you've been involved with other ministries and would like to continue it here? We need you to be a part of God's mission at TBC! Call Janice Raby at 270-683-1602 to see when the next Missions Team will be meeting or fill out the registration slip on the bulletin Sunday morning, indicate your interest in missions, and she'll call you.

Many will be blessed because you did!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Fellowship Meal, FSR
 1:00 PM Stewardship Finance
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 7:00 PM OCTC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Missions & Music
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Deacon: Gary Kirtley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 9:30 AM Peer Learning Group
 7:00 PM OCTC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00 AM Paula Settle WOM
 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal, Gym
 5:30 PM Missions & Music
 5:30 PM Lenten Meal, FSR
 6:30 PM Lenten Service, TBC
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Deacon: Carolyn Estes

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 Lord's Supper

SYMPATHY

The Church extends its deepest love and sympathy to the family of *Margaret Reynolds*.

MEMORIALS

Contributions have been received:

in memory of Ken Russell

by Lou Emma Adkisson, Laura Bronn, June Coons, Frank & Martha Beller, Sue VanFleet, Myrtie Wilhoyte, James Jackson, Charlotte O'Nan, Shirley Wathen, James Miller, Nancy Barnard, Mary Pritchett, Anita Mischel, Bruce & Charlotte Burton, Forest & Julia Duncan, the Johnson Powell Family, Bonnie Baggerly, John & Vicki Hast, Regina O'Nan, Dorris & Susie Givens, Larry & Hadley Harrington, Jon & JoAnne Skillman, Ivan D. Russell, Garry & Karen Sweets, Jimmy & Carol Newcom, Tracy Thacker, John & Beverly Dawson, Colby & Elise Farmer

in memory of Corlean Hammond

by Rebecca S. Walker

in memory of Beaudine Brigance' great granddaughter

by Frank & Martha Beller

in memory of TC Terry

by Sue VanFleet

in honor of Rev. Micah Spicer and the Benevolence Committee

by The Family of Ken Russell

PRESCHOOL PRAISE**February 11**

Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

February 18

Patty Ray, Jean Snyder

ATRIUM SOCIAL**February 11:**

Women of Faith

February 18:

Another Look

DEACON INFORMATION**February 11**

Ron Williams, Hawes Mercer

Hope and Harvest Team

Charlie Evans, Elaine Williams

February 18

Cissy Bishop, Pat Settle

Hope and Harvest Team

Bill Genet, Ron Williams

OUR RECORDS

| | January 7 | January 14 | January 21 | January 28 |
|----------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| S.S. / Worship | 113 / 151 | | 127 / 145 | 114 / 153 |
| Total Offering | \$9,872 | No Services | \$11,894 | \$9,029 |
| Capital Fund | \$140 | | 0 | 0 |
| Memorials | 0 | | \$75 | \$1,350 |
| Other Funds | \$1,101 | | \$395 | \$70 |
| General Fund | \$8,631 | | \$11,424 | \$7,609 |
| Weekly Needs | \$7,715 | \$7,715 | \$7,715 | \$7,715 |