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I love the way Paul Mabry signs his weekly Spire article:

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord”

In this passage from Psalm 150:6, the Psalmist focuses on one theme above all others: *praise*. Our call to praise our Lord in this Psalm reminds me of a story I heard about a woman who had stopped by a Haagen-Dazs ice cream store one day for an ice

cream cone (yum!). After getting the cone, she looks around and finds herself face-to-face with Paul Newman, who was in town filming. To her total surprise, he tells her “hello.” Her knees begin to shake. She manages to pay for her ice cream, leaves the shop with her heart pounding and realizes she didn’t have her ice cream cone. She turns around to go back inside the store and meets Newman at the door. “Are you looking for your ice cream?” he asks. She nods, unable to speak. Smiling, he says, “You put it in your purse with your change!”

The question for us is, when was the last time our knees went weak, our hearts started beating a mile a minute and our souls were overwhelmed with praise to God? If you can’t remember, maybe there are some things in your life that are pulling you away from what we were created to do in the first place – worship God. The hymn writer in the Psalms defines worship as “Lost in wonder, love and praise.” He writes:

“Praise the Lord! Praise God in his Sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the lute and harp! Praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise him with loud cymbals; praise him with clashing cymbals!”

May our worship week after week be pleasing to the One who desires, and is worthy, of all our praise!

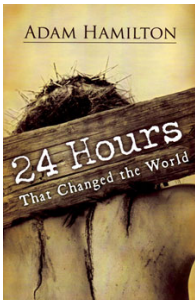
Walking the journey with you,

Pastor Cindy



Lenten Sermon Series

“24 Hours That Changed the World”



During Lent, we will begin the journey to the cross with a special sermon series based on the book by Adam Hamilton, “24 Hours That Changed the World.” The series focuses on the last 24 hours of Jesus’ life, beginning with the Last Supper and ending with his crucifixion. We will walk through the weeks of Lent, hour by hour, up until the culmination on Easter Sunday of the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord!! I pray this will be a time of growing together in our faith and in our understanding of what Jesus experienced in the last 24 hours of his life, and what it means to us.

MUSIC MUSINGS

If the manger and the Star are symbols of Christmas, then clearly the Cross is the symbol of Easter. What does the cross mean to us? Is it a symbol of suffering and death? Yes, but clearly it is more. Christ bore His cross and He will help us bear ours. No matter what our burden, Christ will help us through.

The refrain from the praise song *O the wonderful cross* talks to us about the meaning of the cross:

*O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless
Your name*

Another chorus we sang today talks of God's amazing love for each of us:

*I'm forgiven because you were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again*

This Lenten season, let us reflect on the cross and the act of love it represents.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Paul Mabrey

Snow & Ice Storm Relief

Thank you, New Haven, for responding to help our extended family at this time of need. I have been in communication with Richard Norman at the VIM office and our workday has been set for March 13th. I will find out next week about the location and what we will be doing. If you'd like to be part of this mission opportunity, please stop by the Outreach table this Sunday.

Adriaan Duiveman

Crosses of Love



Crosses of Love are a Dutch tradition adopted by New Haven in 1985. Over 5,000 crosses have been shared in the Tulsa community and surrounding areas.

For those who are not familiar with this tradition, the crosses are made of wood and decorated with ribbons, silk flowers, candy, raisins, a book mark, and the history of the crosses.

The crosses have been given to police stations, nursing homes, Circle of Care, and the Children's Home. We always include our members who are ill or not able to worship with us. You will be able to take part in this community outreach ministry through your Sunday School class and/or individually. The Outreach Committee will provide the crosses, ribbon, flowers and book marks. You may pick up your supplies on Sunday, March 14th and 21st at the Outreach table. Thanks, New Haven, for keeping this tradition as part of your outreach commitment!

Bolivian Banquet/Concert Tour

March 5-9

Benefitting Bolivian Methodist Church
And Engineers In Action
With music by Ayni-Bolivia

We are bringing in the Directors of Music at the Methodist High School in La Paz for a series of Banquet/Concerts the first week of March. They will be raising money for Bolivian Methodist Church construction with banquets, music, entertainment and an opportunity to donate to the work of the Methodist Church in Bolivia. You can look at: <http://www.boliviaoklahomapartnership.org/new-canaan-church-construction> to learn more.

If you would like to attend this event on Tuesday, March 9th, please contact Adriaan at 250-5966 or email him at opaomaduve@cox.net

ACTORS/ACTRESSES NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

BENEATH THE UPPER ROOM is a short play of Christ's Last Supper. This play will be presented along with communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1st in the evening.

The cast consists of 10-12 women (all ages), 3 men and 3 children (8-12 years).

If you are interested in playing a part of this important night in the life of Jesus, please call Danny Hall at 640-3891 or by email: iamdanny@cox.net

Stew Dinner for Our Sisters & Brothers Who Are Homeless

We'd like to invite you to help prepare a stew dinner, bake a pie and/or serve the meal. The dinner will be served on Monday, March 30th. If you'd like to participate, you may sign up on March 14th or 21st at the Outreach table. Please bring your food items to the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 4:15 pm on March 30th. If you are helping serve the meal, please be in the kitchen by 4:45 pm. Thank you!

HOPE CIRCLE TO MEET MARCH 8TH

Danny Hall will present the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program when the Hope Circle of the UMW meets on Monday night, March 8th, at 6 P.M. in the Parlor. Special guest speaker will be Susan Harris to give us an update on the situation in Haiti. Her daughter, Elizabeth, is a consular officer in the U.S. Embassy there. Elizabeth was just here for a short visit. Members are also asked to bring any of their donations for Dress For Success.

Adult Sunday School Classes
Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class

The Gospel of John (3 month study)

Room 211: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum: The Gospel of Matthew

Room 210: New Friendship Class

"Lord, Where are You When Bad Things Happen?"
by Kay Arthur

Parlor: Christian Living Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 183 New Haven's Newest Class!

"24 Hours that Changed the World"
Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journey's Class

"24 Hours that Changed the World"
Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton

Day School Fundraiser!

New Haven Day School's Spring Fundraiser is coming up March 7th from 4-7pm following Paul's TCC Choir performance in the sanctuary. Please join us for a FUN time. We will have children's activities/crafts, spring items for sale, silent auction of items made by our children, and food! We are also including a plant sale. The school will receive money for each flat of plants that are sold. The plant sale will begin March 1st and end March 28th with a delivery date of April 11th. Please support our school and our children by participating in these activities. Any questions, contact Mitzi Blanchard - mitzi213@sbcglobal.net or 557-3970. God Bless.

Big thanks to Diane McClure for the wonderful flower arrangements that have been appearing in various parts of the church hallways and building. They are beautiful! Also, many thanks to Miss Charlotte (Erwin) for coming in every Monday and refilling the pew pockets with prayer cards and sharpened pencils and offering envelopes. What a neat ministry!!!

THANK YOU BOTH, LOVELY LADIES!

Radical Hospitality!!!

There is going to be a School Bond vote on Tuesday, March 2nd, and a fairly big turnout is expected. If you can make cookies, brownies, muffins, or can buy donuts, to support our famous Radical Hospitality, please call the church office and let us know. You may bring the treats to the church workroom on either Sunday or Monday, or you can bring them directly to the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday. Thanks so much.

Opportunities of the Week
February 28– March 7, 2010

SUNDAY, February 28

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm UMY
- 5:30 pm Bible Blast

MONDAY, March 1

- 4:30 pm Beginning Guitar/Youth
- 5:15 pm Intermediate Guitar/Youth
- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, March 2

- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm New Haven Nites Studies
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, March 3

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 5:00 pm Math Tutoring/184
- 6:00 pm Band Practice
- 7:30 pm Yoga/211

THURSDAY, March 4

- 10:00 am Nifty Knitters/Parlor

FRIDAY, March 5

- 6:30 pm Dinners for 8
- 7:30 pm AA /Gym
Confirmation Retreat

SATURDAY, March 6

- Confirmation Retreat

SUNDAY, March 7

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 3:00 pm TCC Choral Presentation
- 4:00 pm Day School Spring Fundraiser
- 4:00 pm New Haven Reads/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Bible Blast

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Gifts to the Endowment Fund in memory of Phyllis Prange were given by:

Mrs. Kenneth Shilling
Jim & Janice Vaughn
Tim & Joanie Hulsa
Bob & Eileen Walker
Fellowship Class
John & Georgia Klabzuba
Marjorie Stewart

A gift to the Endowment Fund was given by John & Georgia Klabzuba in memory of Maxine Garms' birthday.