



# THE SPIRE

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***“This is the most tragic, moving and powerful story ever told.” – Adam Hamilton***

In our Lenten study together, the story of the passion of Christ has been that... and so much more. As we come together this Sunday to talk more about Jesus' journey to the cross, stop for a few moments and consider the cross itself. We're told that Jesus couldn't carry it all the way to Golgotha; when he stumbled under its weight, Simon of Cyrene was ordered to step in and help. Simon was probably in the wrong place at the wrong time. But what Simon didn't know, was that this unexpected interruption would become the most profound and important experience of his entire life. Simon had carried the cross for the King of glory!

In this interruption, God draws us near. Think about it. Our lives are going on as usual, and then something comes along, breaking into our routine. We have an idea that something is happening, we're just not quite sure what. Interruptions in our lives sometimes bring fear - we tend to think of the worst before we look for the best. And that's why those who saw Jesus were never the same. Those who saw him in the worst of times had not yet seen our Lord in all His glory!

Maybe Simon was in the right place at the right time. I believe God would say this is so. May we allow this *most tragic, moving and powerful story ever told* to interrupt our lives this Lenten season. Spend time with God this week. Think about what this story teaches us about Jesus, about the God we serve, and about ourselves.

Walking the journey of Lent with you,  
Pastor Cindy

## UMPTENAGERS WILL MEET MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> FOR GOOD FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND CONVERSATION.

Carson Russell will entertain and inspire us and we'll have a great time getting to know one another better. Please join us for all this plus all the wonderful food that will be brought by all those attending.

This is potluck, and I'm looking forward to new and interesting dishes!!!

John Manuel will give a program for us this month... a message about Easter entitled "How to Shuck Corn".

COST: \$1.00 for incidentals!

The United States will never forget 09/11/01.  
Haiti will never forget 01/12/10.

Hope Circle thanks Susan Harris for giving us a glimpse of the devastation in Haiti through the eyes of her daughter, Elizabeth and reminding us that the emergency is far from over. Susan and Jim Harris' daughter Elizabeth was in Haiti working as a consular officer for the U. S. Embassy when the earthquake hit. Elizabeth was actually outside walking her dog when she first heard what she thought was an explosion and then felt the earthquake.

Can you imagine--- hundreds of thousands of people scrambling for food, water and shelter, 100 per cent unemployment, thousands living in makeshift camps. The loss of 200,000 people in a single day. Schools in ruin. Children in limbo. Very little medical care and not even a sanitary place for a pregnant woman to give birth. Just imagine a basic need and then imagine not having that!

As if an earthquake is not enough already, March weather in Haiti means "the rainy season". Landslides are expected to hit the makeshift camps where more than 500,000 are living. Please keep praying for Haiti and the people. The needs are enormous! If your group would like to get a box together to go to Haiti, please let Susan Harris or a member of Hope Circle know.

Danny Hall

## HAITI DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE

Thank you, New Haven family, for your awesome response! Around \$5,500. was raised and also \$700. was given for the health kits. 72 health kits have been assembled by the members and children of New Haven, the Church Life committee, and the Outreach committee. Thank you, Church Life committee, for the joint effort!

God Speed,

Adriaan

## CROSSES OF LOVE

Over one hundred crosses have been taken last Sunday! If you or your class have not been able to pick up your crosses, you will still be able to do so this Sunday. We have 45 crosses left.

**The crosses are due back by Friday, March 26th** so that they can be dedicated on Palm Sunday.

Thanks,

Adriaan

## 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 **Wednesday, March 31st**. 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 31st. If you are helping serve the meal, please be in the kitchen by 4:45 pm. Thank you!



## ICE STORM RELIEF RESPONSE

Eight of us drove early Saturday morning to Marlow, Ok., about 2 hours from Tulsa. We, as a team, were given the opportunity to clean up about 2 acres of property belonging to Miss Ivonne Lamb, an elderly lady. Lots and lots of broken limbs of all sizes were carried to the property's curbside. Limbs were cut out of trees if they were broken and many more had already fallen to the ground and had to be cut up. Although the task was very important, our purpose to share with the community in Christian love and to be in fellowship as a team was equally important. We were working side by side as God's kids!

Larry Malcom, site coordinator from First U.M.C. in Marlow welcomed us and took us to the site and brought us lunch. Pastor Travis Muse came to visit us as well and thanked us for our help.

We did finish our task and we shared some Crosses of Love with Larry so he could share them with Ivonne Lamb and some other members of the church. We asked him to keep one for himself as well.

Thank you to Steve Lassiter, Chuck Berry, Chanel Smith, Jon Vanderford, David Duncan, Suzanne Davis, and Dick Garwood for being an answer to Ivonne's prayers.

Praise be to God!!!

Adriaan Duiveman

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

**Room 185: Discovery Class**

The Gospel of John (3 month study)

**Room 210: Fellowship Class**

Adult Bible Study Curriculum: The Gospel of Matthew

**Room 211: New Friendship Class**

“When Bad Things Happen—Where’s God?”

**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

**Spring Fling . . . What a Day!**

Thank you to Paul for the announcement after his concert. We did get some visitors from there. I would like to personally thank ALL the church volunteers and teachers from the school that helped. It was so nice to be able to attend the event and not worry about working it. You all are wonderful! We are still having our plant sale until the end of this month so . . . if you are still thinking about it, please see Tonya or me for an order form. Our fundraising goal of \$6000.00 may not quite be met. We are at about \$4500.00 after this event but won't know the final amount raised this year until after the end of the plant sale. We appreciate your support VERY much!

God Bless,  
 Mitzi Blanchard - PA President



**ATTENDANCE**  
**March 14, 2010**

**8:45 am– 81**  
**11:00am– 101**  
**Total– 182**

**Opportunities of the Week**  
**March 21 ~ 28, 2010**

**SUNDAY, March 21**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Children’s Choir
- 5:30 pm Bible Blast
- 5:30 pm UMY

**MONDAY, March 22**

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

**TUESDAY, March 23**

- 6:00 pm Covenant Care/161
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210  
 Alanon/ Room 205, 206

**WEDNESDAY, March 24**

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, March 25**

- 6:00 pm Band Practice
- 7:30 pm Yoga/211

**FRIDAY, March 26**

- 7:30 pm AA /Gym

**SATURDAY, March 27**

**SUNDAY, March 28-Palm Sunday**

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

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

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