

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008

PRELUDE "Praise Him in the Morning" Edward Broughton

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "How Long, O God, How Long?"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We come, our souls thirsting for God, our spirits longing for love.

People: **We come to the One who supplies every need; we come to the One who gives us living water.**

Pastor: We come with prayers in our hearts, and with words too painful to speak.

People: **We come to the One who listens to our hearts, who carries our suffering through eternity.**

Pastor: We come, with our brokenness and loss, with our hopes to be made whole.

People: **We come to the One who knows all our secrets, who brings peace to all of us. Open our eyes to His peace and love.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Hymnal No. 586

***INVOCATION** Rev. Edd Spencer

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespass) and GLORIA PATRI** Hymnal No. 35

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Edd Spencer

Children Preschool through fifth grade are welcome to join the Pastor in front of the sanctuary. Young worshipers (Age 3 through fourth grade) are invited to Children's Worship after the Children's Sermon. Please join the Leader in the back of the sanctuary.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS AND WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

A Call to Stewardship Rev. Edd Spencer

Special Music Offering "I Need Thee Every Hour"
Need /Robert Lowry / Mark Hayes

*Doxology Hymnal No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Edd Spencer

ANTHEM "Come to the Shadows" Martin
Georgia Flora, Soprano

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Come, Share the Lord" Hymnal No. 408

Invitation to Communion Hubert Nall

Prayer of Communion Hugh Henderson

(This is the Lord's Table. All believers in Christ are invited. As the emblems are passed, partake of the bread and hold the cup, offering your own prayer/meditation until after the congregational response.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Taken from the New Testament: First Corinthians 11:23-26)

ELDER: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."

COMMUNION MUSIC "Meditation on "Wondrous Love"
Colin Curtis / Based on the tune from William Walker's "Southern Harmony"

ELDER: In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

CONGREGATION: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

SCRIPTURE Luke 10: 38-42 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SERMON Dinner with Mary and Martha Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Hymnal No. 602

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL RESPONSE "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Hymnal No. 446

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
Be gracious; the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Christ Ascends!" Todd Kendall

*** Please stand if you are able**

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 24

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Memorial Service for Hal Edwards
at the Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home
4:30 pm Pastor's Class
5:00 pm Chi Rho Music Group
5:30 pm Bible Study on Genesis
5:30 pm Youth Groups
5:45 pm Praise Kids
7:00 pm Snack Supper

MONDAY – FRIDAY

The Adventure Nook
(Our Preschool Ministry)

MONDAY, February 25

7:00 am Men's Bible Study on Job
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Education Mission Meeting

TUESDAY, February 26

9:45 am Chapel
6:00 pm Scale Back Alabama Class
6:00 pm PEPP Program
6:30 pm Caring & Sharing at Costas
7:00 pm Elder Visitation

WEDNESDAY, February 27

9:45 am Chapel
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, February 28

6:15 pm Lenten Dinner
7:00 pm Lenten Worship

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **THURSDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP** – Every Thursday night during Lent we will have the opportunity to gather in the Family Life Center at 6:15 for supper. Different groups will provide the meals with the cost being \$5.00 for adults and older children, \$3.00 for children 4 through 11, and children under 4 are free. Following the meal at 7:00 pm, we will have a thirty minute Lenten worship service in the Farkas room. The service will focus on the thoughts of Joyce Rupp from her book, “The Cup of Our Life.” We will discover how the ordinary cups we use each day can become sacred vessels that connect us with life and draw us closer to God. The schedule for each service on the Cups is as follows:
February 28 *The Broken Cup*
March 6 *The Styrofoam Cup*
March 13 *The Cup of Blessing*
All of these services will begin at 7:00 pm following the meal and will last thirty minutes, ending at 7:30 pm. Reservations for the meal can be made on the reservation chart in the narthex or call the church office. If you can’t come to the meal, please attend the worship service at 7:00 pm. Childcare is provided for both the meal and the worship service.
- **2008 MEN’S RETREAT SET FOR MARCH 7 – 8, 2008** – The Disciples Men will sponsor a Men’s Retreat on March 7 – 8, 2008, at YMCA Hargis. The theme of this retreat will be, “Men as Sons, Brothers, and Fathers.” The special guest leader for this retreat will be Rev. R. Wayne Calhoun, Sr., Minister of Evangelism for Disciples Home Missions. Reservations forms are in the narthex.
- **TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER VIGIL THURSDAY, MARCH 20 – MARCH 21** – We are having a Twenty-Four Hour Prayer Vigil beginning at 9:00 pm on Thursday, March 20th and ending at 9:00 pm on Friday, March 21st. The prayer vigil will be in the sanctuary with each person praying at their special time. A prayer chart consisting of 48 thirty minute prayer periods will be in the narthex. During the prayer vigil, there will be material available for reflection and prayer. There will also be security in the parking lot for those praying in the sanctuary during the night hours.
- **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST** – Our Easter Sunrise Worship and Breakfast is Easter Sunday, at 6:30 am at the outdoor amphitheater at Hargis Retreat. Following the service, breakfast will be served in the Hargis dining room at a cost of \$5.75 for adults and children 6 and over; \$3.75 for ages 3-5; and children 2 years and under are free. The Easter Sunrise Service will focus on the sun and the Son. A celebration of the light of the sun for creation and the Light of the World in Jesus. Following the service, we will gather around the table for a fantastic breakfast with great food and fellowship as we celebrate the risen Lord. Please sign up for reservations in the narthex or call the church office.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- *Open Communion.* The Lord’s Supper or Communion is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- *Baptism by immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although we generally practice baptism by immersion, we honor other baptism traditions as well.
- *Importance of church unity.* All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- *The Ministry of all believers.* Both ministers and lay persons lead worship, direct service opportunities and nurture spiritual growth.
- *Freedom of belief.* We are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>WORSHIP LEADERS:</i>	<i>Rev. Edd Spencer, Rev. Mary Pat Spencer</i>
<i>MINISTER OF MUSIC:</i>	<i>Rev. Jan Watts</i>
<i>ORGANIST/PIANIST:</i>	<i>David Brasher</i>
<i>ELDERS ON CALL:</i>	<i>Hubert Nall, Hugh Henderson</i>
<i>SERVING DIACONATE:</i>	<i>Pepper Edwards, Susan Hales, Clark Andrlich, Brent Beatty, Jacob Beatty, Bobby Boyd, Faye Boyd, Luci Colee, Allison Mirabito, Shane West, Jenny West, Emma Harms, Stacy Cason, Sherri LaBeau</i>
<i>WORSHIP GREETERS:</i>	<i>Fletcher & Sandy Hamilton</i>
<i>CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:</i>	<i>Cindy & Jacob Thigpen</i>
<i>SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:</i>	<i>Jim Thigpen</i>

AN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY - We express our Christian Love for Trudie, Beth, Chip, Jim and Family in the loss of Hal Edwards. A Memorial Service will be held today, at the Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home, Highway 150, Hoover. Visitation will be 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm and Memorial Service at 2:00 pm. A Graveside Service will follow.

