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## SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

Edd and Mary Pat will share a series of sermons during Lent on some of the miracles of Jesus. These miracles transform lives from darkness and suffering to light and wholeness. This theme of darkness to light is the symbolic meaning of Lent and Easter. The miracle sermons for Lent are:

Sunday, Feb. 21	Stilling of the Storm
Sunday, Feb. 28	Healing of a Leper
Sunday, March 7	A Woman With a Issue of Blood
Sunday, March 14	Healing of Blind Bartimaeus
Sunday, March 21	Raising of Lazarus

## YOUNG AT HEART

We have a trip planned for February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will travel in the bus to Dale's Southern Restaurant in Hoover for a Dutch treat and then head downtown to the Civil Rights Museum. This will be a treat for all of us. Sign up as soon as you can for this fun trip. We will leave the church at 11:00 am Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex. See you, Janet

## CHOIR CANTATA REHEARSALS

Well, it's that time of year again! The choir is starting to rehearse for our Palm Sunday cantata. If you would like to sing with us this Easter please join us Wednesday evenings starting at 7:30 pm. This year is our 11<sup>th</sup> Easter cantata and we have decided to emphasize Palm Sunday. We will be singing the Palm Sunday selections from the nine cantatas preceding last year's ending with a new piece depicting Christ's journey through Holy week. We are excited about our Easter music this year and would love to invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us in this endeavor. Blessings, Jan

## SOMETHING NEW

Facilitator-led, dialogue encouraged Bible Study for women. Beginning Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in The Gandy Room (formerly Genesis Room). We will begin with a study of James. James could be considered a "how-to" book on Christian living. He wrote to Christians living in hostile surroundings. They were tempted to let intellectual agreement pass for true faith. James encourages us to put our faith into action. He says it is easy to say we have faith, but true faith will produce loving action toward others. In the modern vernacular, "Put your money where your mouth is". So ladies... bring your personal translation of the Bible and join us Tuesdays at 10:00 am beginning February 16<sup>th</sup>. *Judy Dudley*

Every Wednesday night during Lent we will have the opportunity to gather in the Family Life Center at 5:45 pm for supper. The cost will be: Adults-\$5.00, children under 10- \$3.00, and children 3 and under are free. Following the meal at 6:30 pm, we will have a thirty-minute Lenten Worship Service in the Farkas Room. The service will focus on the passion of Jesus through the senses of sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste. The schedule for each worship service is as follows:

- Wednesday, Feb. 29: Seeing – "Watching the Walk to Calvary"  
Wednesday, March 3: Hearing – "Sounds Heard On the way to the Cross"  
Wednesday, March 10: Smells – "Smelling the Approach of Death"  
Wednesday, March 17: Touch - "The Feel of the Cross"  
Wednesday, March 24: Taste – "Jesus Tastes The Approach of Death"

Reservations for the meal can be made using the envelope in back of the pews. If you can't come for the meal, please attend the Lenten Worship Service at 6:30 pm. Childcare will be provided for both the meal and the worship service.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Lent is the season of forty days which begins on Ash Wednesday in preparation for celebrating Easter on Sunday, April 4. The following is a schedule of our worship service for Lent:

- Wednesday, Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday Worship At 6:30 pm  
Sunday, Feb. 21 – First Sunday of Lent with the Choir extinguishing Lent candles during all Sundays of Lent  
Wednesday, Feb. 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24 Lenten Dinners at 5:45 followed by Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm  
Palm Sunday, March 28 – Easter Songs of the Palms and Easter Special Offering  
Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion at 7:00 pm  
Thursday, April 1 – Friday, April 2 from 9:00 pm-9:00 pm our 24-Hour Prayer Vigil  
Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunrise Service at Hargis at 6:30 am and Easter Morning Worship at 10:00 am with Holy Baptism.

## CHRISTIAN COMRADES SUNDAY LESSON

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**“Witnessed by Disciples”**  
**Matthew 17: 1-12**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP

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**Life In Our Community This Week**

- Sunday, February 21
- First Sunday of Lent
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 10:15 Worship & Wonder
- 5:30 Children & Youth
- 6:45 Snack Supper
- Monday, February 22
- 7:00 Men’s Bible Study
- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- Tuesday, February 23
- 9:45 Chapel
- 7:00 Elder Calls
- Wednesday, February 24
- 9:45 Chapel
- 10:00 Young At Heart
- 5:45 Lenten Dinner
- 6:30 Lenten Worship
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

**GRACE NOTES**

- ✠ Please pray for Nancy Hubner, who is in St. Vincent’s hospital with pneumonia.
- ✠ Congratulations to James Cason (JC). JC and others were honored this past weekend at their 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion for their 1995 Basketball Championship at Birmingham Southern College. In addition, while JC was at BSC, he received the All-American Player of the Year Award twice.
- ✠ Congratulations to Liz Orazine and Larry West Jr. who were married in our sanctuary on Sunday evening Feb. 14.
- ✠ Special thanks to our youth group who prepared and served the regional event. They also took meals to our local fire departments, North Shelby and Hoover, for their service to the community project.
- ✠ Thanks to all the participants and leaders who braved the weather and attended the regional “Being Well” event here at our church Feb. 12-13.
- ✠ Dick Burdette is now home resting from gall bladder surgery.
- ✠ Happy birthday to Susan Storer, whose birthday is Feb. 17. Sorry we missed it.

**BAPTISM and MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

The Pastor’s Class for Holy Baptism begins Sunday, February 28 at 4:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Baptism will be on Easter Sunday, April 4. The class is for all children, youth and adults who are considering baptism. Contact Edd or Mary Pat.

**WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING**

God bless First Christian members and friends for a fantastic response to the Week of Compassion offering for Haiti relief. To date we have shared \$3,399.00 in helping those devastated by the earthquake. Well done!!!

We will continue to receive Week of Compassion offerings Sunday, February 21, and Sunday, February 28, for other tragedies around the world. This wonderful offering helps feed the hungry in countries around the world and here in the United States. Week of Compassion offering is Jesus’ love in action.

**MISSION COUNCIL 2010**

The following is the list of our new leaders for the Mission Council in 2010. We are blessed to have all of these wonderful people to guide us in the mission of our Lord in 2010.

**MISSION COUNCIL 2010**

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| Fellowship Mission     | Mack Carpenter                       |
| Membership Mission     | Lisa Burdette                        |
| Outreach Mission       | Sharon Orazine<br>and Elizabeth West |

**SUNDAY’S ATTENDANCE**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL           65**  
**WORSHIP                    130**

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