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SAYINGS AND OTHER STUFF

Recently someone gifted me with an inspirational hanging entitled "ABC's of Faith." It is a collection of short sentences designed to inspire and encourage. As I brought it into the office and created a space for it, I found myself noticing other similar things which have a place around the office.

I have a large collection of coffee mugs, one of which says, "WARNING: I break for coffee." There is a pencil holder which reads, "People who believe the dead never come back to life should be here at quitting time." There is a little gizmo which says, "World's Best Dad." A big wooden whistle which you can actually blow bears the imprint, "If you want anything just whistle." There is a Vidalia Onion, a wooden dove, and a number of crosses.

Other things do take me in different directions. A framed wall saying reads, "Service to others is the only measure of greatness in God's Kingdom." Another one reads, "God is not a God of confusion, but peace..." Others simply say things like, "Bill, I said a prayer for you today" or "Preach the Word." A small plaque tells me, "There is no growth in a Comfort Zone, and no comfort in a Growth Zone." And among the other things there is a cross that has Jeremiah 29:11 written on it, a wall plaque that has the words of Psalms 139:13-14, and another that records a prayer from I Chronicles 4:10.

Words do have the power to remind us of some of the important things about our life. Sometimes they can help us remember moments of being useful to God. Sometimes they remind us how God wants to continue using us. Most of us have some words hung somewhere that we see from time to time that communicate important things to us. They become like our own personal "Words to Live By." How important these sayings and reminders are to each of us.

Bill

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

March 7, 2010

The Third Sunday in Lent

8:56 REJOICE &

11:00 AM WORSHIP

SERMON: "Who Wants to Not Eat?"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:16-18

Rev. Bill Strickland

9:00 AM WORSHIP

SERMON: "It Always Happens"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Hank Perry

Spiritual Growth Notes: Our journey begins with the decision to choose faith in Christ, and takes us to a place of nurture and then to a place of witness. The witness results in someone else choosing faith which begins the cycle once again.

Lectionary Readings

For This Week

Isaiah 55:1-9...Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

“The Challenge of Commitment”

Every year, I hear the same thing about Disciple Bible study: “I just can’t commit to 30+ weeks of Bible study.” It is a big thing to promise for basically an entire school year to be in a Bible study, and to try not to miss a week. It is even more daunting to try to do all the readings in a timely fashion to get the most out of each session. But every year, people make the commitment, and they always come out saying how amazing it was and how much they grew through it.

Some people complain about the length of time, but psychologists have found that it takes at least 30 days to either take on a habit or to lose a habit. The longer you reinforce a habit, the longer it will stay with you. It takes a commitment to take on a habit, spiritual or otherwise. Some habits when enjoy or find ourselves drawn to – and others we struggle with and have to really commit ourselves to making time for each day.

Lent is about commitment. The 40 days is symbolic as this is a biblical number for trials and purification. But if you make a commitment to something for 40 days, you are likely to make it a lifelong habit. We tend to think about Lent as giving something up, but consider making the commitment today for reading your Bible daily, praying for a particular person or group daily, reading a devotion daily, or even trying to each day find a new way to experience God.

The Christian faith is basically about commitment. Jesus would often challenge his followers’ commitment – sometimes they would fall away, sometimes they would rise to the challenge. Jesus challenges our commitment as well. We should gladly accept his challenge so that we might grow in our faith. Consider this during the remaining days of Lent – are you willing to accept a new commitment for your faith?

—Hank

If you are interested in leading a **Divorce Small Group/ Support Group**, please contact the church office 756-2190.

NOTICE:
THE SAINTS DAY TRIP TO SAPELO IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 9.
Meet in church parking lot at 6:30 a.m.



From An Upper Room

This Sunday will be a Communion Sunday, and it will be a good opportunity to think deeply about how Jesus did a communion at an upper room with His disciples, even though we will have a more detailed one on Maundy Thursday service.

The chancel choir will lift up “From An Upper Room” as an anthem this week. It is from our Lenten Cantata “The Lenten Sketches”. The Lenten cantata will be held on March 31st (Wed) at 6:30 in our Sanctuary. The choir has been working on the cantata and has been inspired with beautiful music and words. The song describes the last supper in an upper room.

Flickering candles cast long shadows upon the walls of the upper room as Jesus gathered with the disciples for the Passover feast. In this humble sanctuary the King of kings, the Creator of all life, knelt before His creation and washed feet of His followers. Becoming a servant, the Son of God displayed the true nature of love as He comforted His friends. As it grew time for the Passover meal to be served, Jesus shared with His chosen ones the very heart of His mission. “This is my body given for you.” The disciples watched in wonder as the Savior lifted a chalice of wine. “This is my blood of the new covenant shed for the redemption of many.”

I pray that we all have a moment of closely hearing Jesus’ voice “This is my body, and this is my blood for you” on this Sunday.

~ In Christ’s love, Yoon

News from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is requesting that the funds designated as Family Life Center in our Designated Account be moved to the Property Maintenance category so that these monies can be utilized for some much needed repairs and maintenance to our church property. If you were a contributor to the Family Life Center and do not wish your contribution be moved, please let the church office know **before March 15th**. This motion will be brought up at our next Administration Board meeting on March 8th. But if anyone requests to leave their contribution in the Family Life Center category, that request will be honored. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the Finance Committee. Thank you for your attention to this item.

Mary Ann Henderson

Finance Chair

Saturday, March 20, 2010~Please support our youth!

We are currently accepting **Yard Sale item donations**. Bring your items to the Curry, priced or un-priced.
(Donation receipts are in the church office or see Betty.)

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
for the car wash and the yard sale!!!**

Call Betty Rosenthal 756-4392 or Sharon Cooper 756-6009.

**CAR WASH &
YARD SALE
YOUTH FUNDRAISER
on SATURDAY,
MARCH 20**

Tuesday, March 9—United Methodist Men's will be painting in the Gill. Wear your paint clothes!

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Wednesday, March 10 at 12:10 ~ Join us for the **Lenten Lunch and Worship series**. This week's guest speaker will be Rev. Rich Wright from First UMC in Hinesville. He will be speaking on "*The Road to Perfection.*"

**Golf Tournament
Fundraiser for
the June 2010
Nicaragua Mission Trip**



Mission trip Focusing on Children's Vision & Medical Needs in Protection Centers in Leon, Nicaragua

**Sterling Links Golf Course
Friday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m.**

Shotgun Start 4 Man Best-Ball Scramble

Prizes for: *Closest to Pin*

Long Drive Longest Putt*
(1 round of Golf)

\$50 per Player

\$100 Hole Sponsorship

Please contact Tim Hendricks for more information at 312-1477 or TimDHendricks@gmail.com

**The RHUMC Annual Picnic
will be at the Wetlands Center
on Sunday, April 18th.**



As always, this will be a fun-filled family adventure! Bring your friends & family and enjoy the fellowship!

Please bring a dessert, side dish, or salad to share. We will provide everything else...including a Prize-Winning cooking team to handle the hot dogs & hamburgers. If you are interested in helping with the set-up, manning the kitchen, or clean-up, **please contact me at 727-3591 or Robert.C.Thomas@Kraft.com.**

Hope to see you there! Bob Thomas

Christian comedian Chonda Pierce is coming to Calvary Baptist in Savannah! April 15 at 7:30 is the date/time of "Did I Say That Out Loud?". Chonda will keep you laughing the entire show with her clean comedy. Interested in going? Contact Terri Jarrell @ 572-1452 or tjarrell@jarrellcpa.com or Jane Walden @ 727-2962. Tickets are \$15 each if 10 or more are purchased.

Easter Lilies can now be ordered for Easter Sunday Service on April 4, 2010. Lilies can be "In Honor" or "In Memory" of someone. See bulletin insert on Sunday or contact the church office 756-2190 or rhumc@coastalnow.net. Deadline to order is March 29.

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Menu

Fried Chicken, Butter Beans,
Salad, Rolls, Cherry Cobbler



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This Week at RHUMC

Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:56a.m.—8:56 Rejoice!, Fellowship Hall
 9:00a.m.—Early-Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
 10:00a.m.—Sunday school, SS Classrooms
 11:00a.m.—Worship Service, Sanctuary
 3:50p.m.—Youth Choir, Sanctuary
 4:30p.m.—Instrumental Ensemble, Sanctuary
 5:00-7:00p.m.—Disciple III, Library
 5:00-7:00p.m.—Disciple I, Watchman’s SS room
 5:30-8:00p.m.—Youth Program

Monday, March 8, 2010

6:00 p.m.—Admin Board, Chapel

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

6:30 a.m. —Saints Day Trip to Sapelo
 9:30-11:30 a.m.—Ladies Bible Study, Curry
 2:00-3:00 p.m.—Circle of Hope, Curry
 6:00-7:00 p.m.—Circle of Berea, Parlor
 7:00-8:00 p.m.—UMM, Gill

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

12:10-12:50—Lenten Lunch and Worship, Gill
 5:00p.m.— Youth Hand Bell, Curry
 5:00p.m.—Handchimes, Yellow door room
 5:45p.m.—Wed. Night Meal, Gill Fellowship Hall
 6:15-6:45p.m.— Children’s Choir, Sanctuary
 6:30-7:15p.m.— Youth Program, Youth Room
 6:30-7:15p.m.— Children’s Program, Classrooms
 6:30-7:15p.m.—(WOW) Worship on Wednesday, Chapel
 7:15p.m.—Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 11, 2010

11:00 a.m.—Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary
 1:00 p.m.—Soup Kitchen
 5:30 p.m.— Adult Hand Bell, Curry

Friday, March 12, 2010

Saturday, March 13, 2010



Our Helpers for March 7, 2010

Children’s Church Leaders

9:00 3 yrs-K..... Donna & Joe Hoke
 1st-2nd grade.....Joe Hoke, Sharon Brookshire
11:00 3 yrs-KAmanda Hendricks, Yvette Asplund
 1st-2nd grade.....John Fesperman

Attendance & Stewardship for February 28, 2010

Sunday School.....131
 Youth Program36
 WOW (Ash Wednesday).....27
 8:56 Rejoice43
 9:00 a.m. Worship 110
 11:00 a.m. Worship195
Sunday Worship Total.....348

Weekly budget needs \$ 12,492.28
 Received 02/28/2010.....\$ 21,402.34
 Year to date contributions.....\$111,690.25
 Year to date budget needs..... \$112,430.52
 Year to date disbursements..... \$ 97,891.88

Your Church Staff

Bill StricklandSenior Pastor
 Hank Perry Associate Pastor
 Yoon Nam..... Music Minister
 Dawn PapeChildren’s Coordinator
 Holland Morgan Organist
 Cyndi Scarboro Admin. Assistant
 Rusty Reynolds Custodian
 Gina StephensonDay School Director