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SOMETHING EXCITING

It is not always just the big things which stir the soul. Sometimes it is something that bears the marks of being small and mostly invisible to many which really brings forth from a place deep within the exclamation, "Yes, this is what it is all about." As ministry becomes overwhelmed and immersed by administration, it is great to experience such a moment.

This thing so exciting is the new Sunday School class started a couple of weeks ago. This past week eleven of us sat together and shared not only some of the information of the book being studied, but more importantly, how we were already beginning to experience the Holy Spirit at work in our daily lives. The sharing was electric! It caused us all to leave with excitement about our spiritual journey through the upcoming week and anticipation as we think about coming back together again. As we began this study of Bruce Wilkinson's book, *"You Were Born for This,"* I invited everyone to begin praying daily what is known as *"The Prayer of Jabez."* As many know, the scripture briefly mentions Jabez and his prayer in I Chronicles 4:9-10. Years ago when I heard Bruce Wilkinson talk about this prayer, he encouraged us to paraphrase the prayer by praying,

Lord, bless me a lot,

Lord, enlarge my ministry
(sphere of influence)

Lord, anoint me with Your Holy Spirit,
And, Lord, keep evil away. Amen.

Even though the majority of our church family is not in this particular group, I would like to invite you to make this prayer a part of your daily prayer experience. It can even be a prayer for the church as we change the focus, from "me" to "our church". There is nothing magical about these words. They do not cause God to do something God does not desire to do. They simply speak of a heart that desires to be greatly blessed spiritually. It is a prayer that helps us open our heart expectantly to what God wants to do in and through us.

Bill

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

February 28, 2010

The Second Sunday in Lent

8:56 REJOICE

SERMON: "The Heart's Desire"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:31-35

Rev. Hank Perry

9:00 & 11:00

AM WORSHIP

SERMON: "Mission Impossible"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Bill Strickland

Spiritual Growth Notes: The old gospel song speaks of "Just a little talk with Jesus." Having one or more might be a good idea.

Lectionary Readings

For This Week

Genesis 15:1-2

Psalms 27...Luke 13:31-35

Philippians 3:17-4:1

‘The Power of Food’

Over the past week, I have had many conversations about fasting, and so many people have said that they have never done it, nor have they really tried. The comment frequently shared was, “I love food too much!” Now this is something I understand all too well. But it is also sort of the point of fasting.

Fasting should be done with a purpose. You need to know WHY you are fasting or it loses its power. Some people fast to give God that day’s food. Others fast to seek some clarity on a decision they have to make or to know how to work through a situation. Spiritual fasting is separate from medical fasting as it is a decision you make, not one you are told to make.

But what makes fasting spiritual is not simply going without food; it is what you do when you are hungry. If you complain or are bitter, you missed both the point and the opportunity. Instead, you should pray when you feel hungry, using your stomach growling to remind you of why you are fasting. Most of us get over our hunger pains relatively quickly, but over a day there will be many opportunities to respond in prayer. It is also a temptation to eat – one we are used to giving into – but it teaches us how to overcome temptation by trusting in God, and turning over that temptation to Him.

Food is a powerful thing – both in how it sustains us and how it seduces us. Fasting is just as powerful as it reminds us of Who really sustains and Who gives us a refuge from temptation.

—Hank

A Story of a Hymn

I would like to share a story related to one of my favorite hymns; “I Need Thee Every Hour”. The lyrics of the hymn were written by Annie S. Hawks in 1872. Here is her writing about how she wrote the lyrics and a story behind the hymn.

“One day as a young wife and mother of 37 years of age, I was busy with my regular household tasks. Suddenly, I became so filled with the sense of nearness to the Master that, wondering how one could live without Him, either in joy or pain, these words, “I Need Thee Every Hour,” were ushered into my mind, the thought at once taking full possession of me.” After writing the lyrics, Hawks gave them to her pastor, Robert Lowry, who added the tune and refrain. The hymn was first published at the National Baptist Sunday School Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, in November 1872. Some years later, after the death of her husband, Hawks wrote: **“I did not understand at first why this hymn had touched the great throbbing heart of humanity. It was not until long after, when the shadow fell over my way, the shadow of a great loss, that I understood something of the comforting power in the words which I had been permitted to give out to others in my hour of sweet serenity and peace.”**

Our anthem this week will be “We Need You, Lord” incorporating with the hymn “I Need Thee Every Hour”. I pray that we all have a quiet moment with our Lord every day in our daily lives to tell Him that we can’t live without Him for not even a single hour. May the Lord be with you all always!

~ In Christ’s love, Yoon

Youth Fund Raiser

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CAR WASH / YARD SALE / FOOD

MARCH 20, 2010

We need donated items for our YARD SALE and VOLUNTEERS to work the day of the sale! Youth, parents, and everyone else who is willing to help! A receipt for your item donations can be prepared. Call Betty Rosenthal (756-4392) or Sharon Cooper (756-6009) for more information. So tell your friends and family and help us make this fundraiser a big success!



Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Merritt Quarles and family in the death of Merritt's grandmother, Anne McInnis on February 21, 2010.



The RHUMC Annual Picnic will be at the Wetlands Center on 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. (And if you have any activities you'd like to include, please let me know ASAP.) Hope to see you there! Bob Thomas

HAITI RELIEF FUND

For current information on response efforts by the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and what local churches are doing to provide aid, go to <http://www.umc.org/haiti>. Donations can be made locally through RHUMC. Please be sure to designate "Haiti Relief" on your donation.

On the Calendar...

Saturday, February 27 at 8:00 a.m.

RHUMC Work Day

Sunday, February 28 immediately after 11:00 service

UMW Call to Prayer & Self Denial Program

Monday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Curry

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 2

~Saints Lunch and Tour at Sapelo Island

6:30 a.m. (day trip)

~7 p.m.—UMW Exec in Parlor

~ Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 3.....Lenten 12:10

Guest Speaker Rev. Marshall Howell

"What About Temptation?"

Monday, March 8 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel

Administrative Board Meeting

UMCOR Health Kits for Disaster Relief

The United Methodist Committee on Relief sends health kits to disaster areas to meet personal needs and as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. All items should be new. Place items in a gallon zip lock bag, and bring them to the church office.

Please do not add any personal notes, money, or additional materials. Some countries have strict rules about importation.

1 hand towel, up to 27".

No kitchen towels, please.

1 washcloth

1 large, sturdy comb

1 nail file or fingernail clippers.

No emery boards or toenail clippers.

1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz.)

1 single toothbrush in original wrapper

6 adhesive plastic strip adhesive sterile bandages

\$1 to purchase toothpaste

\$1 for shipment

Thank you very much! Barb Kirschner

Nicaragua Mission Trip

June 12-19, 2010

Focusing on Children's

Vision & Medical Needs

~Trip Deposit Due March 1~

Please contact Tim Hendricks

for more information at 312-1477

or TimDHendricks@gmail.com



Work Day at RHUMC

Mark your calendars for a Work Day

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Starting at 8:00 a.m.

Please come out and lend a hand!



WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Menu: Roasted Pork Tenderloin

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This Week at RHUMC

Sunday, February 28, 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
 12:00p.m.—UMW Call to Prayer Program, Curry
 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 1, 2010

6:30 p.m.—Board of Trustees, Curry

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

9:30-11:30 a.m.—Ladies Bible Study, Curry
 6:30a.m.—Saints day trip to Sapelo Island
 7:00p.m.—UMW Exec, Parlor
 Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

12:10-12:50—Lenten Lunch, 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 4, 2010

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

Friday, March 5, 2010

Saturday, March 6, 2010



Our Helpers for February 28, 2010

Children’s Moment

11:00..... Tommy Wyatt

Children’s Church Leaders

9:00 3 yrs-K.....Becky Gregg, Freda Brinson
 1st-2nd grade.....Boyd Walden, Dyanna Melloh
 11:00 3 yrs-KAngela Hendrix, Yvette Asplund
 1st-2nd grade..... .Gina Stephenson

Attendance & Stewardship for February 21, 2010

Sunday School.....156
 Youth Program35
 WOW (Ash Wednesday).....150
 8:56 Rejoice35
 9:00 a.m. Worship144
 11:00 a.m. Worship191
Sunday Worship Total.....370

Weekly budget needs \$ 12,492.28
 Received 02/21/2010*.....\$ 13,750.06
 Year to date contributions* \$100,005.91
 Year to date budget needs.....\$ 99,938.24
 Year to date disbursements.....

*General and Designated Giving

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