



SteepleTalk

March 2010

From the Pastor...

“The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build.”

Nehemiah 2:20 (KJV)

We are all builders. A strong tendency to be destructive is manifested by some people. They take a strange delight in tearing down and destroying that which others have built up. They seldom, if ever, attempt anything really constructive. Yet even such people as these are incessantly building, for every person is a builder of sorts. Day by day we are placing stone on stone, layer on layer, in the structure of our character. No wonder the apostle Paul warned, ***“Let every man take heed how he buildeth”*** (1 Corinthians 3:10 KJV).

It is a joy to see people build wisely and well. For a life to become what, under God, it is possible to be, is thrilling to behold. It is an added joy and a great privilege to help one in the building of such a life. In a changing world we can point people to that unchanging foundation, Jesus Christ. We can lead them to seek the way of the divine architect. Above all, we must give more care to our own structure and character building. This is what the season of Lent is all about; Repentance, Reflection, and Rebuilding of our Christian Character. The example of a life fully yielded to God is a clear and helpful blueprint that others can read as they watch us serve God.

Blessings,
Dr. Cheetham

Holy Week Services

The Lebanon Ministerial Association will conduct mid-day Holy Week services March 29 – April 2 from noon until 1:00 p.m. at Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A light lunch will be served each day following the service.

One Great Hour of Sharing



Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the lives of people. Whether they take the form of immediate relief to people experiencing a time of crisis or of partnerships with communities, focused on long-term solutions to chronic problems, those gifts are a powerful, tangible witness to the healing love of Christ for all people.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received Easter Sunday

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Steepletalk Deadline

March 19th

Circle Meeting

March 2nd at 9:45 a.m.

Mission Co-workers

Roger & Gloria Marriott



Activities for Children

"**Thank you!**" to everyone who helped the children in the 1st-5th grades make and sell the bean soup mix. And thank you to everyone who purchased a jar of "Super Bowl Soup Mix." This project raised \$215.00. The children have requested this money be sent Haiti to help feed the hungry. The soup mix project was one lesson in their 6-week study of "Jesus Feeding the 5000" in the Rotation Sunday School program. Thanks again for everyone's help and support.

Souper Bowl of Caring: Thank you for your gifts to the Souper Bowl offering. We collected \$92.00 and 30 cans of food that will be presented to the Wilson County Community Help Center.

Thank you to everyone who provided desserts for the Deacons' Chili Day.

Fairways and Greens! Do you wish you could play more golf? Wish you had some new friends to play with? If you answered yes, then FPC Golf is for you. Jeff Campbell is putting together an FPC golfing group that would meet about once a month and play a round at local courses starting in March. It's open to all ages and abilities. If you are interested, please give Jeff a call at 497-7392 or email jeffreywcampbell@gmail.com.

Weekend Backpack Program: Every Wednesday night we will collect donations of food for the Lebanon Special School District Weekend Backpack Program. These items will help the children of our community who do not get to eat regularly on the weekends. Bring your donations and to fellowship hall on Wednesday nights. At the end of each month, your donations will be given to Beth Petty, director of the program, for distribution.

The children will meet on **Sunday** afternoons at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship activities. A light meal will follow at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday night activities for the children are planned following the dinners starting at 6:30 p.m. Please note: there will be no Wednesday night activities during the Wilson County Schools spring break (March 10 and 17.)

Choir schedule for the children

The children will practice for Palm Sunday on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. An additional rehearsal will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.



Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 28

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children will be held following the 11:00 worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28. Remember to bring your basket!

Donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed for the egg hunt. Please bring them to the church office by Sunday, March 21.

Help Fight Local and World Hunger

Join the Nashville CROP Walk on Sunday, April 4 at 2:00 p.m. at the band shell in Centennial Park. Walkers will raise awareness and money for local and world hunger relief. The community 5K event will support local programs and the world hunger fighting efforts of Church World Service.



Don't forget to set your clocks 1 hour ahead on March 14 for Daylight Savings Time...

Session Highlights

from the February 8, 2010 meeting

- E. Shaw stated the Clerk's Annual Questionnaire for Year ending 12/31/09 report was completed and would soon be sent to the Presbytery.
- E. Wauford stated the budget would have to be revised.
- E. Howell shared information provided by his wife, Barbara, on several churches of Lebanon's size who have youth directors. Church membership, time, salary and responsibilities were included.
- E. Jenkins reported that church member Rachel Farley is very interested in taking the position as a volunteer.
- E. Jenkins moved that Rachel Farley be offered the position of part-time youth director. The motion was passed.
- The Member Care committee was asked to find someone to take charge of receiving requests and providing volunteers to help with visits and travels of members needing to go to appointments. Dr. Cheetham provides service for both needs but gathering a pool of people to call on for supporting members would be a great service. This was agreeably received.
- Reverend Ann Soderquist agreed to preach while Dr. Cheetham is away on study leave on February 21, 2010.
- Choir Director Branson Clark, working with Dr. Cheetham has determined the music provided for the worship services through Easter Sunday.
- Becky Burris will be the chair for the 100th Anniversary Committee. They are tentatively looking at the third Sunday in September for an afternoon worship service.
- E. Shaw offered to develop a communion calendar, providing future dates for the elders serving communion throughout the year.
- E. Howell explained the Session's efforts to reach an agreement with David Hazelwood and our proposed plan of unity building. E. Howell explained the change in Session and our interest in working closely with the COM and the need for a longer timeframe to find a consultant.

Lectionary Readings

March 7	Isaiah 55: 1-9 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9
March 14	Joshua 5: 9-12 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
March 21	Isaiah 43: 16-21 Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8
March 28	Luke 19: 28-40 Isaiah 50: 4-9a Philippians 2: 5-11 Luke 22: 14—23: 56 Luke 23: 1-49

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners for March

Adults \$6.50 Children under 10 years \$3.00
Under 5 years "Free"

To make a reservation, mark the Sunday attendance card in the bulletin, visit the website, or call the church office. Reservations must be made **no later than noon on Tuesday.**

Menus for March are:

March 3: Beef Stew, Salad, French Bread, Dessert

March 10: Cajun Chicken & Sausage Gumbo over Rice, Salad, Black-eye Peas, Bread, Dessert

March 17: Ye Ole' Corned Beef with Cabbage, Green Jell-O Salad, Boiled Red Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, "Of Course I'm Irish" Dessert

March 24: BBQ Chicken with Bun, Salad, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert

March 31: Glazed Sliced Ham, Green Beans, Corn, Potato Casserole, Bread, Easter Dessert

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Sun

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Fri

Sat

Sunday	1	2	3	4	5	6
8:45 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 am Church School	9:00 am Sewing Group 6:00 pm Disciples	9:00 pm Preschool 9:45 am Morning Circle 4:00 pm Knitting Group 6:00 pm Christian Ed 7:15pm Session	5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:15 Choir	9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp		
7 World Day of Prayer Communion	8 9:00 am Sewing Group 6:00 pm Disciples 7:15 pm Session	9 4:00 pm Knitting Group	10 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:15 Choir	11 6:30 pm Contemp	12	13
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4 Cents a Meal			Holy Week			