

The Scroll

THE PASTOR'S PEN

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."

Luke 4: 17-19

(Isaiah 61: 1-2)

Deep Creek Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Ministry-focused community of faith committed to serving the LORD Jesus Christ.

February has been called the "month of love." The accounts surrounding the origin of Valentine's Day on 14 February are legendary. Just google up Valentine's Day and you will find a virtual cornucopia of facts, fiction, and fable. Wade through all this "stuff" and you'll see that "in fact" there was not just one "St Valentine," but most likely several. The common thread between them is that they were ALL martyred at the hand of the Romans for the cause of Christ. This sure gives new meaning to the phrase, "Be my Valentine."

Interestingly enough this year the liturgical celebration of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. What is Lent? If you grew up a "traditional" Baptist, the chances are you might think "lent" is something you remove from clothing or from your dryer! Well, not exactly. Teresa's article on Lent gives a pretty good "overview" about what Lent is all about. Please take the time to read it.

Valentine's Day and Lent, what do these two celebrations have in common? Well, let me just mention two words, love and sacrifice. Those early Christian martyrs named "Valentine" willingly gave up their lives by denying themselves and taking up their crosses to follow Christ even if it meant death. This sure gives new meaning to our modern definition of "commitment."

When we love someone we will go to "extreme" measures to express our commitment. No sacrifice is too great for the one we love. The lives of these "Valentines" are a clear example of the cost of a love relationship. They loved their LORD all the way to death. Christian history is replete with examples of saints who paid the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for the cause of Christ. Someone once retorted that the seeds of the early Church were watered by the blood of the martyrs, those saints who gave their all for Christ and His body, the Church.

I wonder if our love for Christ is as noble as that of the early saints. Would we really sacrifice our all for Christ? Let's all "pause" before we answer and consider these sobering questions: Doesn't our commitment follow what we love? How are we living our lives? Are we growing more Christ-like? Do we have a burning desire to use our spiritual gifts to serve Christ whenever, wherever, and however? Who is it that defines your relationship with Christ, you or Him? Selah...meditate upon these things!

I suspect a lot of us are guilty of allowing our love for Christ to wane or perhaps even to grow cold. Perhaps some like Demas, who abandoned Paul because he loved the present world more than He loved Paul, have abandoned Christ for the thrills, chills, and frills of this dark world (2 Tim 4:10). So, how is your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Let me encourage all of us during the Lenten season that begins in this "month of love" to evaluate our relationship with Jesus Christ. What are we willing to sacrifice not just for Lent, but for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom? Take the time to read the Scripture provided for you on page six and meditate upon it and allow Christ to speak to you. Slow down and listen to Him. Here is what you will find; He is waiting with open arms to show you His love and to give you His peace that passes all understanding. He is your "Valentine," the ONE with nail scarred hands who gave Himself for you on an old rugged cross. The question is will you be His "Valentine" and give yourself completely to Him, will you be "crucified with Christ and no longer live for yourself, but allow Christ to live in you?"

Selah! Meditate upon these things.
In "His Grip,"
Rick Page

FROM THE EDITOR

What is Lent? Why should I observe Lent? Do I have to give up something for Lent? Can I just add something instead? These are good questions and one of my favorite Bible Study authors, Ann Marie Stewart, answers these questions much better than I can. In her Bible Study, **Preparing My Heart for Easter: A Woman's Journey to the Cross and Beyond**, Ann Marie Stewart explains the meaning of Lent.

"Lent originated as lencten or 'lengthen' of daylight to describe the lengthening of the days. Lent began

in the second century as a way of educating new Christians for the forty days prior to their Easter baptism. (What a day to be baptized into the church!)

When we think of Lent, the following words come to mind: penitence, reflection, suffering, death and resurrection, prayer, fasting, discipline, study, contemplation, preparation, introspection, self-examination, repentance, and retreat.

The forty days of Lent begin with Ash Wednesday and end with the See **LENT** on p6

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to ascend to the heights.

Habakkuk 3:19

PRAYER REQUESTS

At Home

Ivey Epley-Ken Epley's father
Ed Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's brother
Esteen Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's mother
Dixie Moncus-Nadine Moncus's daughter-in-law
Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar's niece
Charlotte Shore-Danita Disher's mother
Tommy Shore-John & Geraldine Shore's son
Andy Willard-Ron and Lucille Shore's nephew

Nursing Home/Rehab

June Blunk
Audrey Chewning
Nell McKnight
Lois Sencial
Betty Shore
Laura Jane Shore
Beulah Stanley
Tobie Styers
Polly Todd
Mary Waller

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BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1	Patrick Todd	Feb 16	Dwight Leftwich
Feb 2	Beulah Stanley	Feb 19	Rhonda Robinson
Feb 5	Laura Jane Shore	Feb 22	Teresa Watson
Feb 7	Dana Martin	Feb 23	Katie Holden
Feb 9	Danita Disher	Feb 25	Sue Brandon
Feb 11	Audrey Chewning		Kacey Gough
	Odell Moncus	Feb 29	Lisa Williams
	Odell Spillman		

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together In my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalms 139: 13-14

C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R I E S

	Nursery Workers	Children's Sermon/Church
Jesus said,	Feb 5 Bobby Todd and Lisa Williams	Feb 5 Collins Sisters
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."	Feb 12 Kristy White and Kelly Keaton	Feb 12 Sherry Leftwich
	Feb 19 Ann and Allen Ray	Feb 19 Charles and Ann Holden
	Feb 26 Jimmy and Tami Merrell	Feb 26 Tammy Smith
	Mar 4 Bud and Fran Kiger	Mar 4 Collins Sisters
Matthew 19:14	Mar 11 Judy and Hailey Brown	Mar 11 Sherry Leftwich
	Mar 18 Tammy Smith and Debbie Hoots	Mar 18 Charles and Ann Holden
	Mar 25 Danita Disher and Cindy Austin	Mar 25 Tammy Smith

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday Feb 5

The Souper Bowl of Caring lunch will immediately follow worship in the fellowship hall. All donations will benefit Yadkin Christian Ministries. Please contact Jody Smith if you are willing to donate a crock pot of soup.

To my church family,

I can't express how much I appreciate all the kindness, messages, texts, cards, and outpouring expressions of love and sympathy, but most of all I appreciate your prayers for my family and myself.

Thank-you with all my heart,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Marcia Dinkins

Joy Club

The Joy club will meet at the church at 9:30am on Tuesday Feb 21 for visits to Nancy Dinkins, Esteen Kools, Betty Shore, Audrey Chewning, and Ann Davis. After the visits, lunch will be at a location to be chosen that day. They plan to return to the church by 2pm.

Ushers

- Feb 5 Lee Cook, Chris Disher, Barry Orrell, Wayne Renegar
- Feb 12 Edsel Allgood, Kent Brandon, Woodie Gough, Harrell Todd
- Feb 19 Lee Cook, Janet Epley, Ann Holden, Mickey Williams
- Feb 26 Edsel Allgood, Jack Blunk, Rosie Lynch, Bobby Todd

Backpack Ministry

The Youth will pack the backpacks in February and the Joy Club will pack them in March.

He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me. Mark 9:36-37

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Newsletter submission

If you have information that you would like to have in the church newsletter, please email it to Teresa Page at teresa.w.page@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to 309 Pine Valley Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055. The deadline for submission will be the 20th of the month prior to publication. Thank-you for your help!

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Feb 2 Community Outreach/ Missions

Committee 7pm

HIM class 7pm

Feb 5 Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch

Feb 6 HIM class 7pm

Feb 9 HIM class 7pm

Feb 12 Valentine Luncheon

Feb 13 HIM class 7pm

Feb 16 HIM grocery store tour

Feb 19 Baptist Men 6pm

Baptist Women 6pm

Feb 20 HIM class 7pm

Feb 21 Joy Club

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

Feb 23 HIM class 7pm

Feb 25 Family Movie Night

Feb 26 Baptist Women's Sunday

Feb 27 HIM class 7pm

Mar 1 HIM cooking demo 7pm

Mar 6 Children/Youth Committee 7pm

Mar 22 Joy Club

Mar 24 Church-wide clean-up 9am-1pm

Apr 1 Palm Sunday

Apr 6 Operation Hop-a-long

Apr 8 Easter

Healthy Initiatives Ministry (HIM)

Dear fellow “Creek” members and followers of Christ,

HIM is off and running! We had our HIM “Launch Luncheon” on January 8 following worship. This was accomplished with the wonderful help of the Baptist Women and the Him Committee. God works in awesome ways and the luncheon was very successful. Marcia Dinkins created a beautiful tri-fold brochure and poster with information about HIM. Judith Howard updated the DCBC website to include the information about HIM. Darren Todd has done a great job in researching information about organization of a 5K. Our first class was January 12. We had twelve people attend; this past Monday, we had 21 people attend! We are BURSTING with excitement and enthusiasm as we present the following information to you and ask that you be prayerful in your determination to become a part of this wonderful ministry!

The primary goal of this program is to glorify God and help us become more Christ-like in our everyday lives. Its purpose is to link diet, exercise and spirituality through the support of a nurturing community.

Leading a healthy lifestyle means that we are doing everything in our power to ensure that our body stays in the best shape as possible. Our physical and mental well-being must be taken into consideration when beginning to develop a healthy lifestyle action plan. Once we understand what a healthy lifestyle encompasses, we can work toward achieving one.

HIM is to be a **community-wide ministry** open to church members and non-members alike. Participants will be encouraged to involve their families, friends, co-workers, or others who have an interest in healthy living. We will have a committee who will be responsible for getting the word out about the program.

Program components discussed by the organizational committee at the initial meeting were a moderate, low-impact **FUN** exercise program which may include use of walking trails, light aerobic stand-in-place exercises, Theraband exercises, exercising to music; a meal planning program; cooking demonstrations; a confidential health questionnaire; and grocery store tours. Other components will be added as needed or suggested.

As with many activities both at church and work, success is dependent on not just one person but must include a unified body of people working together for a common goal. So that activity leaders are not encumbered with huge responsibilities, we will have at least four "leaders" who will develop instructional programs such as an exercise component, grocery store tours, health checks, organization of events, etc. In other words, we need participation! This program offers participants the unique opportunity to kick-start a healthier balance in their lives with the support of family and friends doing it with them.

We would like for you to attend the HIM meetings each Monday and Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and make recommendations for areas you would like included. Remember, this program is dependent upon a UNIFIED body—just as God made our bodies to work together, so must we work together to begin and continue this new and exciting program.

Thank you and to God be the Glory,
Fran Kiger
for the HIM Committee

LENT , continued from p2

Great Vigil of Easter, subtracting all Sundays, which instead celebrate the resurrection. The number *forty* is representative of Jesus' forty days alone in the wilderness to prepare Him for His own spiritual journey.

You, too, can have forty days to prepare for Easter. This may mean turning *away* from certain sinful behaviors and returning *to* God.

Why give up something for Lent? Perhaps it will help you share in His sufferings. Maybe the discipline will help you focus on Him. It may help you experience sorrow over your sin and what it cost the Messiah. It may help you realize that God is ultimately in control, not belongings, desires, or habits.

Experience a new simplicity this season. Get rid of heavy schedules and overtime, and lighten your life. But remember, our *deeds* cannot make God love us any more than He already does. Both giving up something for Lent and adding devotion to our lives help our hearts focus on Him throughout this season.” (p8)

I encourage to use the following list of Lenten devotional readings to help prepare your heart for Easter!

Wed Feb 22 Matthew 4:1-4
Th Feb 23 Matthew 4:5-11
Fri Feb 24 Matthew 13:10-17, 34-35
Sat Feb 25 Luke 4:14-21

Mon Feb 27 Matthew 4:12-17
Tues Feb 28 Matthew 13:31-33
Wed Feb 29 Matthew 5:13-16
Th Mar 1 Matthew 5:17-20
Fri Mar 2 Matthew 5:27-30
Sat Mar 3 Matthew 5:43-48

Mon Mar 26 Luke 7:36-50
Tues Mar 27 Luke 10:25-37
Wed Mar 28 Luke 15:3-7
Th Mar 29 Luke 16:19-31
Fri Mar 30 Luke 18:1-8
Sat Mar 31 Luke 18:9-14

Mon Mar 5 Matthew 6:5-6, 16-18
Tues Mar 6 Matthew 7:1-5
Wed Mar 7 Matthew 7:15-20
Th Mar 8 Matthew 7:7-12
Fri Mar 9 Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26
Sat Mar 10 Matthew 10:32-39

Mon Apr 2 Luke 22:16-20
Tues Apr 3 Matthew 26:20-25
Wed Apr 4 Luke 23:32-38
Th Apr 5 Luke 23:39-43
Fri Apr 6 Luke 23:44-46
Sat Apr 7 John 19:25-30

Mon Mar 12 Matthew 13:44-52
Tue Mar 13 Luke 12:16-21
Wed Mar 14 Matthew 21:28-32
Th Mar 15 Matthew 21:33-46
Fri Mar 16 Matthew 22:1-14
Sat Mar 17 Matthew 25:1-13

Mon Mar 19 Matthew 18:21-35
Tues Mar 20 Matthew 20:1-16
Wed Mar 21 Matthew 21:33-46
Th Mar 22 Matthew 22:1-14
Fri Mar 23 Matthew 25:1-13
Sat Mar 24 Matthew 25:14-30

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