

**Day light
 saving
 time
 springs
 forward
 March 9th**

Calendar

Wed, Mar 5

7:00 am Ash Wednesday Service with Men's Bible Study in Chapel

10:00 am Christ Care

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service in Chapel

6:30 pm CCF

7:00 pm Choir Practice**

8:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sun, March 9

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

8:45 am First

Festivities

9:45 am Sunday School**

10:45 am Primetime

Praise**

5 pm Elder's Meeting

No Reborn

**March 10-14th
 "Spring Break"**

Tues, Mar 11th

1:00 pm Ice Cream for CCF

Wed, Mar 12th

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:15 am Reborn does Meals

on Wheels

No CCF

No Choir Practice

No Praise Band

Rehearsal

Thurs, Mar 13th

9:00 am Reborn leaves for Main Event in Lubbock

Sun, March 16

8:45 am First

Festivities

9:45 am Sunday School**

10:45 am Primetime

Praise**

12:15 pm Board Meeting

No Reborn

Mon, March 17

St Patrick's Day

** Nursery Provided



March 5, 2014

Church Staff

Interim Pastor

Rev. Norman Stolpe

Director of Education

Rev. Regina Erwin

Director of Music

Michelle Taylor

Custodian

Larry Molinar

Nursery Coordinator

Lisa Rios

Nursery Helper

Christina Alvarado

Pianist

Gayle Bizzell

Admin Assistant

Jan Cooksey



Jesus' Hospitality for Odessa

8 Important Reasons to Have a Will

Seven out of 10 of us DO NOT have a will!! What are we thinking? Do we not care what happens to those assets we will leave behind? Did you know:

1. Without a will, state law—not you—determine how, when and to whom your property is distributed?
2. You can reduce (or perhaps even eliminate) estate taxes and save taxes in a survivor's estate?
3. You can name your executor to manage and settle your estate?

4. You can designate beneficiaries for items such as heirlooms, art objects, jewelry or real estate?

5. You may create trusts to provide for your spouse, children and others?

6. Through a pourover will, you can transfer leftover assets to your living trust, bypassing probate?

7. You can be a blessing to First Christian Church through a bequest, which is simple, flexible and tax-deductible?

8. With a will, you can des-

ignate the guardian you wish for those under your care? By including the church in your estate plan, there will be a little child in the future that will laugh out loud at the wonderful good news that God is love; a teenager one day on Spring break in Mexico that will see that love first hand; a struggling adult that will finally understand what grace means in so complex and difficult a world – because of you.

Permanent Fund Board

Norm's Nurture Notes

Last Sunday was Transfiguration Sunday, which is the bridge between Epiphany and Lent. Our worship with a somewhat unusual sermon was a way for us to contemplate together Jesus' glory on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Ash Wednesday, March 5, begins the Lenten season of spiritual renewal. I'm looking forward to three opportunities that day. First at 7:00 AM in the Chapel. Second at 6:00 PM in the Chapel after work, before choir practice. In between, the Odessa Ministerial Alliance will offer an Ash Wednesday opportunity during the noon hour in Noel Plaza (between the Methodist Church and the Li-

brary).

Worship during Lent takes us out of our routines to prompt us to examine our spiritual journeys and renew our relationship with Jesus. Our order of worship will move communion after the sermon to give us a specific way to respond to having heard the Gospel. We will also have four hymns to facilitate the flow of worship and further enhance the worship theme of the service.

The Gospel lessons each week are all conversations with Jesus about life's persistent questions. The first one is from Matthew and the rest are from John. Instead of telling them as a monologue in the sermon, a

different "cast" each Sunday will present them as dramatic dialogues.

March 9 – How can I choose the best when good enough is so attractive?

March 16 – How can I explore spiritual mysteries when physical reality scrambles my brain?

March 23 – Why would Jesus even want to talk to a misfit outcast like me?

March 30 – Can Jesus really make sense out of life's calamities?

April 6 – Where were you, Jesus, when I really needed you?

April 13 Palm Sunday – Who are you, Jesus?

Norman Stolpe, Interim Pastor



Prayer Concerns

Please hold in your prayers: The Gladys Riggs Family in the death of daughter-in-law Patricia; Sammy Goodwin; The Norwood Family in the death of Lynne; The

family of Robert Zap, Disciples minister and mayor of Andrews; Barbara Shinn, sister of Dorothea Bennett; Don Shinn, brother-in-law of Dortha Bennett; Sam Lagow;

Rocky Haney; Keith Yarbrough; Dot Biggs; Dortha Bennett; Austin Montessori Elementary; ECISD Administration; ECISD School Board

March Birthdays

1-Cody Houser
3-Bill Jackson
6-Rhonda Lewallen
8-Byrlene Paulsen, Dorothy Biggs
11-John Gillian
12-Buddy Baxter, Luke Bird
17-Bront Bird
21- Kaitlin Hendrick
25-Gina Yarbrough, Amanda Munro
29-Michael Minyard
31-Steve Cheaney

March Anniversaries

1-Buddy & Toni Baxter
31-Tom & Hazel Pace



Amy Hendrick presents Lynne Norwood's Elder Emeritus Plaque to Donnie

Regina's Raves

Lent is here! We see people with ashes on their forehead today and yet do we really understand Lent. As Christians, it is a time to really delve into the few years that Christ walked on this earth. The miracles, the teachings, and the people that he helped along the way are fascinating. I asked the children last Wednesday, if they could have one of the characteristics of Jesus, what would it be? They mentioned caring and loving. What would yours be? Next week starts Spring

Break so there will no Reborn on March 9th but there will be on March 16th. We will be doing two special activities during Spring Break. On Tuesday, March 11th, we help deliver Meals on Wheels. Meet at the church at 9:15 for donuts and juice and then we will grab lunch after. On Thursday, March 13th, we will be going to Main Event in Lubbock with Midland FCC. Cost is \$12.

Christian Children's Fellowship will not meet

during Spring Break but we will also help with delivering Meals on Wheels on Tuesday and we will go for ice cream on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm.

I have always thought of Lent as a path of self-discovery. There are books to grab about spiritual disciplines that you can learn and practice. You can also just spend some time in Scripture. Let us rejoice, learn and follow our Savior.

Blessings, Regina

March 9, 2014 Conversations with Jesus About Life's Persistent Questions

Scripture Question	Matthew 4:1-11 <i>How Can I Choose The Best When Good Enough Is So Attractive?</i>
Financial Assistants	Tom Pace & Steve Johnson
Shepherding Elder	Susan Barron
Communion Elder	Renee' Earls
Offertory Elder	Gina Yarbrough
Sound System	John Gillian, R.J. Paulsen & Britt Walden
Communion Preparation	Maxine Cathey
Deacons	Jeanne Ellen Keith, Ellie Hillis, Steve Cheaney & Bill Davis

Statistically Speaking

Sunday, February 23, 2014	
Early Worship	18
Sunday School	58
Worship	61
Worship Total	78
Offering	
	\$ 725.70
Total 2014	
	\$ 46,849.32

Odessa Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheon Series 2014

Theme: The Lost Words of Christ

March 12th	Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4901 Maple Speaker: Rev. Quincy Randall, New Dimensions Worship Center Theme: "Truly I tell you today you will be with me in Paradise." Text: Luke 23:43
March 19th	Highland United Methodist Church, 1801 N. Dixie Speaker: Fr. Lorenzo Hatch, Southside Catholic Churches Theme: "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." Text: Luke 23:34
March 26th	First Presbyterian Church, 1401 N. Sam Houston Ave. Speaker: Rev. Steven Kelley, MCH Chaplain Theme: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Text: Mark 15:34
April 2nd	Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord, 1603 N. Grandview Speaker: Rev. Greg Morris, Crescent Park Baptist Church Theme: "I am thirsty." Text: John 19:30
April 9th	St. John's Episcopal Church (with St. Barnabas), 401 N. West County Rd Speaker: Rev. Larry Hood, Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord Theme: "It is finished!" Text John 19:30

Suggested donation for meal Schedule Lunch Worship

\$6.00 per person 11:15 am - Noon 12:05 - 12:45 pm