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CORNERSTONE UMC NEWSLETTER

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WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1st, 2006) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 15th). The meaning of the word “lent” is “spring.” It is the season of a preparation for the celebration of Easter.

People, whether Christians or non-Christians, love to celebrate Easter, the Day of Resurrection. Children love to have “Easter Dress” and attend an Easter Egg Hunt, which gives their parents great joy. It is the happiest day of human history because Jesus rose from the dead and conquered the strongest and the most powerful enemy of human beings, death. The Day of Resurrection gives us hope to live eternally and to live our lives abundantly. In nature all of us seek to live peacefully and abundantly. In order to live peacefully and abundantly, there are certain things we work toward such as obtaining an education, physical exercise, job skills, updating computer skills, achievements, and so on. We give our effort and time to obtain these desires.

Likewise, in order to have abundant life in Jesus Christ, Jesus paid the entire price for us. Some spit on Him and blindfolded Him, while others stripped him, stroke Him, beat Him, and finally, crucified Him on the cross. I believe nobody spit on me, stripped me, struck me, or beat me because of what I had done to others and God. However, Jesus was willing to suffer for you and me.

What do we do during Lent to honor Him for the price He paid?

1. Spend time with God in prayer and be thankful for what God had done for you in Christ Jesus.
2. Ask God to grant you the Spirit of repentance so that you may find yourself as a forgiven sinner.
3. Fast at least once a week, one day a week, any day of a month, or during the Passion Week. You may fast from sweets or watching late TV shows, and so on.
4. Read the Gospel of John and Genesis to understand who God is in different ways and to see who you are in the light of God.
5. Begin to have a family prayer time or devotion time together. I encourage all fathers to be a spiritual father for your family. If you do not lead your family, it is very hard for your family to seek spiritual things in your family. Therefore, fathers, please, lead your family spiritually.

God has done so much for you and your family. The season of Lent is the time that we demonstrate how much we love Jesus Christ. I pray that Jesus sees your love for Him.

Amen.



The Saluea Family Joins Cornerstone

February 26, 2006

Please welcome Tavita, Jessica and their three beautiful daughters -

Pastor Kong accepts a plague from District Superintendent Rev. Malloy for Cornerstone at the Lay Rally in February at Haymount UMC—

Highest Attendance for Medium Sized Churches



COMING SOON

COMMUNITY DAY—APRIL 1ST

YOUR YARD SALE ITEMS NEEDED BY MAR 29TH

PLATE SALE MAY 12TH

CUMC GIVING REPORT

GENERAL FUND GIVING YEAR TO DATE SHOULD BE 16.67% OF BUDGETED INCOME

ACTUAL GIVING YTD IS 9.2% OF BUDGETED INCOME - WE ARE **SHORT** THE DIFFERENCE OF <**\$15,577.63**>

Many Thanks to Antonia Ban and Kaye Taylor for their tireless efforts for a successful Mexican Lunch Fundraiser-the proceeds will support our Easter Egg Event on April 15th

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- 1st Dwight Harro
- 7th Jennifer Blythe
- 8th Caleb Tolley
- 10th Nancy Kublank
- Kerry Robison
- 14th Jenna Upchurch
- 16th Jamie Fancher
- 16th John Namkung
- 21st Richard Upchurch
- 27th Pearl Lee



Kaye & Antonia, the Cooks

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THROUGH JOYFUL WORSHIP,
SPIRITUAL NURTURE, AND
COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH, WE
SEEK TO REACH EVERYONE AS
DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST.

Welcome our Newest Members to Your Neighborhood Church!



Christine Williams & Josh Rooks Join our Cornerstone Family
March 5th, 2006

Memory Verse for March

He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done,
but according to His mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by
the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS

• **DEPLOYED SOLDIERS**

- Tyrone Anthony
- Alex Campagne
- T.J. Edwards
- Jon Lipinski
- Karen Marrs
- Michael McGirr
- Thia Schuh
- Paul Trudel

• **CIVILLIANS**

- John Ban
- Mike Wiggs



**Between 6-7 PM Daily, please pray these
specific points for our Community Day
April 1st -**

1. That all of our guests hearts will be open to Christ
2. That the body of Christ at Cornerstone will fully support this evangelism outreach with their gifts, presence, prayers and service
3. That the Vendors and Retailers asked will support us with donations of food, supplies and prizes
4. That the day will be safe and enjoyable for everyone