

Lenten Bible Study

Lent is a forty-day period in the church's year in which we renew our commitment to Christian discipleship and respond to the call to follow Jesus Christ all the way to the cross. Our goal is to wake up on Easter morning and discover a new and transformed life that looks a lot like our Lord's own life. Throughout Lent, Pastors Randy & Emily will be offering a book study on Dallas Willard's book: *The Great Omission—Reclaiming Jesus' Essential Teachings on Discipleship*. Kenneth Blanchard, co-author of the *One Minute Manager*, says this about Dr. Willard's book: "Dallas Willard shares Jesus' essential teachings on discipleship with wonderful clarity."

When: Beginning Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Dinner by Reservation: 6:15 pm

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Where: Gard Hall

Here are the dates and the themes for each of our evenings together:

(You may purchase your book after church on Sunday or in the church office.)

- February 24: "Apprenticed to Jesus" — Pages 3-39
March 3: "Spiritual Formation and the Development of Character" — Pages 43-90
March 10: "Spiritual Formation [cont'd]" — Pages 91-134
March 17: "Discipleship of the Soul and the Mind" — Pages 137-195
March 24: "Books on Spiritual Living: Visions and Practices" — Pages 199-229

2010 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday — March 28

10:00 am Children's Palm Sunday Pageant

Maundy Thursday — April 1

7:30 pm Candlelight Hand Washing Service & Communion

Good Friday— April 2

7:30 pm Candlelight Tenebrae Service of Darkness

Music and Meditation on Christ's Death

Easter Sunday — April 4

Two identical Family Worship Celebrations at 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Celebration of Christ's Resurrection

Join us for Sunday Worship:

10:00 am Family Worship Celebration

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Ash Wednesday • February 17, 2010

7:30 pm

Tonight's Ash Wednesday Service leads us into the penitential season of Lent—a season marked by stripping away the non-essential and the unimportant, by listening in quietness to the groaning of all creation as it cries out for salvation, by contemplating our own brokenness, and by reflecting on God's gift of forgiveness that comes through his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GATHERING PRAISE (7:20 pm)

Chancel Choir and Congregation

WELCOME

Dr. Randy Steele

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: Behold, now is the acceptable time. Today is the day of God's salvation.

People: *We gather for the nurturing of our souls and the renewal of our spirits.*

Leader: May God continue to guide us on our journey and restore us in the joy of our salvation.

People: *We want to lift up our voices and renew our vows to be God's people.*

**HYMN 558*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily McColl

ANTHEM

Medley of the Cross

Chancel Choir and Suk Choi, Piano

arr. Howard Helvey

CONFESSION OF SIN (Based on 1 Corinthians 13)

(After each verse is read, quietly meditate on the question.)

Love is patient. *(Am I willing to endure trying people?)*

Love is kind. *(Am I thinking or acting unkindly toward anyone?)*

Love is not possessive. *(Am I manipulative? Do I use people?)*

Love is not boastful or proud. *(Do I love to be the center of attention?)*

Love is courteous. *(Am I considerate, thoughtful, warm?)*

Love is not selfish. *(Am I always insistent on my needs and rights?)*

Love is not irritable or bitter. *(Am I forgiving? Do I keep a record of wrongs?)*

Love delights in truth and righteousness. *(Do I put obedience to God first in my life?)*

Private Confession

MUSICAL OFFERING *This Is Love* arr. David Hamilton

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 20:17-28* Pew Bible, N.T. page 22
Matthew 23:37-39 Pew Bible, N.T. page 26

MEDITATION Dr. Randy Steele

“A Night before a Week like no Other”

Asking for what we cannot have is a daily pastime for us.

Yet, when we ask something of Jesus we need make sure we know what we want.

ASHES AND COMMUNION SONG *Amazing Grace* arr. Jay Alhouse

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND COMMUNION

Leader: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and repentance, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation so that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord, bring us to the joy of his resurrection.

Leader: Before Jesus was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take this, all of you, and eat. This is my body which will be given up for you.”

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: “Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory. God of compassion, through your son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve you and one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Leader: Those who wish may come forward and receive the mark of these ashes and Holy Communion as a sign of your contrition and your desire to enter into the new life in Christ.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Emily McColl
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN #549 (vs. 1, 3, & 4)* *Near the Cross* TRADITIONAL

**BENEDICTION*