

# The Chalice CONNECTION

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## Lost & Found

by Rev. Chris Shorow

After dropping my sons off at school the other day, I walked by the Lost and Found. Doesn't every big organization have a Lost and Found? I got a kick out of seeing what was in the huge box. There were many warm jackets--and how kids could go home without their coats with all of the cold weather we've had is a mystery to me. There were socks, most without a match, and some gloves without a match as well. Believe it or not, there was even a pair of

underwear! I won't even ask about that one.

I like the concept of a Lost and Found. Both items together in the same place. Some of the items that were lost are now found. We have a Lost and Found here at the church, too. Pairs of glasses, assorted jewelry, coats, hats and keys. I don't know what it is about the church, but more people leave their keys behind than any other place I know. Luckily, most folks return looking for their keys very quickly.

There is actually another place for the Lost and Found here at the church. It's called the sanctuary. The Lost and the Found worship together, brought together by a God who is constantly searching for Lost Sheep. The Found help the Lost and the Lost keep the Found's feet on the ground. Sometimes people come that were Found and are now Lost, and vice versa. Either way, both are welcome in God's house.

Remember God's Lost and Found. Either way, you are welcome here.

## Stories of Faith: Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays from Noon to  
1pm through March 24

Lent is an appropriate time to focus on our walk with God, and our faith stories. Each Wednesday during Lent, we gather for a simple lunch of soup and bread, followed by speakers sharing a story from their own personal faith journey.

**Rev. Jerry Black will be speaking Wednesday, March 10.** He will be sharing some of his story and how that story has both shaped and been shaped by his understanding of the season of Lent and Easter.

Come and join us for stories that will touch and inspire you in your faith.



## Help Decorate Our Worship Spaces for Easter

by Rev. Greg Bunton

Bring the beauty of Easter into our worship spaces with beautiful white Easter lilies which symbolize new life and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You may share a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each plant is \$15. We offer three convenient ways to place your order:

- 1) Online at [fcedmond.org/lilies](http://fcedmond.org/lilies)
- 2) Complete an order form found in worship bulletins beginning March 7
- 3) Contact Iris Jordan at 341-3544, ext. 20

Sales of Easter Lilies help fund youth summer mission experiences. Thank you for your support!



## Help Your Child **CONNECT & GROW!**

by Carol Schwabe, Children's Minister

### Bring them to **Sunday School**

**Pre-K through 5th grade**

**Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 10:50am**

Sunday school classes are a great way to get your kids involved deeper in the life of the church, and allow them the opportunity to make new friends as well as learn some of the great stories of the

Bible. Through our classes we encourage children to ask, "So what? What does God's Word mean for me now-today?" Our teachers motivate children to act on what they discover in God's stories.

**KIDS Classes are located in the Children's Wing (our Child Care Center.)**

Room names and corresponding age group are identified by hanging signs outside each classroom:

Two-Year-Olds: Nursery	Three-Year-Olds: Praise Place
Pre-K & K: Story Tent	1st grade: Gospel Studio
2nd/3rd grades: Work Place	4th/5th grades: Journey Post

**Group Sunday school experiences for all ages will take place in Fellowship Hall March 14 (Spring Break), March 28 (Palm Sunday).**



Groups  
**EGYPT**  
Joseph's Journey  
from prison to palace

**Save these dates so they can experience Vacation Bible School!**

**June 14-17 from 6 to 8:30 pm**

Registration Begins May 2. To volunteer contact

Julie Bunton [juliebunton@cox.net](mailto:juliebunton@cox.net) or

Carol Schwabe [cschwabe@fcedmond.org](mailto:cschwabe@fcedmond.org)

## Plant Seeds of Faith In Your Little Ones

Sprouts is a time of Children's Worship offered during the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. Sprouts kids, ages 3, 4 and 5 years, learn the fundamentals of worship with a sprinkling of fun to help them grow in Christian faith.



Gather for Sprouts in the Rotunda following the Children's Message each week, except the final Sunday of the month. That Sunday, we ask the family to worship together to put our Sprouts lessons into practice!

## UNITE on Wednesday Nites!

Wednesday evenings are filled with the exuberance of youth as children pre-k through 5th grade take part in UNITE. We are called to connect, grow, serve and care together. Kids attend choir/music, enjoy a healthy meal with family and friends, grow in their faith and friendship in small groups and experience fun activities. Dinner is \$3.50/person or \$14/family of 4 or more. Parents welcome too! Come UNITE with us for one or more of the following remaining sessions:

- **March 10, 24**
- **April 7, 14, 21, 28**



by Elder Karla Rowley

What is your reaction to sad news? You know what I mean; hearing about someone you love meeting some difficulty or even the tragedy of people far away whom we do not know and may never meet. We know at times like this life is filled with choices of direction and attitude. These are the things, which often cause us stress and concern. If you are experiencing stress in any form—you are invited to participate with us in our annual Easter Prayer Vigil. The sign up chart is now in the rotunda. You

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.  
Matthew 14:23

are also invited to share any needs you may be aware of with Rev. Jerry Black We will be forming a list of needs to be used as we pray in the hours leading to Easter Morning.

In the scripture above, Jesus had probably just finished teaching and feeding the 5000. It seems to me that he must have been exhausted physically, possibly encouraged by their reactions (which we do not know) or maybe sad beyond belief at the news that had come earlier about his cousin John. While he was here walking the earth, Jesus experienced life in every bit as human a way as we do. He had moments of humor and happiness that flowed into times of sadness and stress.

Even Jesus had times in his life when he experienced events for which he was not prepared. You know the times when

even the decision about what to eat requires too much effort, too much energy to make it worthwhile. It is in those times especially when we need to reflect on who Jesus is to us and how He reacted to those times in His life. We need to ask Him where He is leading us during these seasons. If you find yourself in need at this season of your life of quiet and comfort, please share with us in the Easter Prayer Vigil, come and share with Jesus your heart and needs. It is good at these times to be reminded that we have an advocate, someone who intercedes for us when words and energy fail.

This 34 hour continuous prayer chain begins at 6pm by the youth of our Student Ministries on Good Friday, and continues through 5:30am on Easter Sunday morning. Come pray for our congregation and community while keeping watch in our chapel over the hours leading up to Easter morning.



## Prayers of the People

**OUR PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL** Jim Ward, Deaconess

**OTHERS IN NEED OF PRAYER** Dale Jones, Ashley Banuet, Bev Schmoyer, Les Lee, Julie Clay and Shannon Fenner (Scott Peter's sisters), Bill Dobson, Lois Roberts, Ed Berry, Taylor Wheeler, Hank Thomas (Randy Thomas' brother), Patrick Douthitt (Duke Douthitt's brother)

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** to Bob McKibbin in the death of his wife, Patty, who passed away February 25.

**CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF A NEW LIFE** Mason Graham Steeles, born February 28 to Duncan & Emily Steeles. Grandparents are Bill & Suzann Allison and Bill & Debbie Howell.

## Happy Birthday!

**3/7** Forrest Danley, John Keely, Beau Schwabe, Warren Shepherd, Eunice Wilson

**3/8** Robert Fields, Henry Pearce, Jackie Privette, Jesse Raines

**3/9** Becky Adams, Ronald Adams, Teresa Fritz Combs, Matt Holliman, Tara Linville, Aubrey McClendon

**3/10** Vicki Griffin, Dane Malzahn, Brooke Medley, Dene Smith, Andy Snow

**3/11** Barbara Pope, Pam Timmons, Rachel VanOsdol, Pat Wathen

**3/12** Randy Adams, Ruth Leonard, Florine Shirley

**3/13** Nancy Bastian, Brad Bowers, Bill Parks

**3/14** Edna Blunk, Addy Bowers, Wayne Haigler, Karl Holliman



Please join us for a  
Wedding shower for  
**Hope Hanson  
& Paul Hampton**

2 pm March 14, 2010

Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church, Edmond

The couple is registered at Dillards and Bed, Bath & Beyond  
Hostesses Shirley Brown, Donna Combs, Cathy Justice, Courtney Mathews,  
Gayle Smith, Melissa VanOsdol, Sherrye VanOsdol & Connie Westhof



Please join us for a  
Wedding shower for  
**Brandy Moyers  
& Andrew Penland**

2 pm March 27, 2010

Fellowship Hall

First Christian Church, Edmond

The couple is registered at Dillards  
and Bed, Bath & Beyond  
Hostesses Charla Allison, Janet  
Caldwell, Donna Combs, Jamie  
Gable, Robbi Kinnaird, Laura Rankin,  
Jennifer Shipley & Trish Thomas

## SUPER BOWL SUBS THANKS!!

Thank you FCC church family! With your help - our Super Bowl Sub Sales were a great success - we raised \$1,400 to support FCC Youth Mission trips. THANK YOU - THANK YOU. Thanks to all the youth and parents who helped in the planning, sales and preparation. Everyone had a good time - and the sandwiches were great!

A special thank you to Tim Clark, and his employer - Kraft Foods. They graciously donated all the sandwich meat! *Charla Allison, Julie Holliman & Brenda Peterson*

Golfers, mark your calendars now for the

# ANNUAL FCC GOLF TOURNAMENT

KICKINGBIRD GOLF COURSE FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010

Watch your Chalice  
Connection for more info.

Questions?  
Call Bob Stafford  
at 359-8900.



Daylight Savings Time  
Begins Sunday, March 14

Don't forget to

**SPRING FORWARD!**



# Worship

at First Christian 8:15, 9 & 11am

## March 7, 2010

Message: Rev. Chris Shorow  
Scripture: Mark 4:1-9

## March 14, 2010

Message: Rev. Chris Shorow  
Scripture: John 12:1-8

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# The Classics Hit the Road Again, March 23 Military Pride!

An early morning departure March 23 will allow time to arrive in the Southwest City of Altus to visit the **Altus Air Force Base**. Home of the Mobility Training Center of Excellence! Where they enable global mobility by expertly training airlift and aerial refueling aircrews.

A tour of the base offers visitors opportunities to experience Life Support training with night vision goggles, a K9 demonstration, tour of the C17 aircraft and a tour of the air traffic control tower.

Following this fascinating tour the group will continue to **Quartz Mountain Lodge** for a delightful lunch and tour of this beautiful facility.

Our final stop brings us back to **Hobart General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute and Museum**. Here, General Frank desires for visitors to witness the compelling stories of leadership, patriotism, and service through artifacts, papers, diorama and interactive components; appeal to visitors of all ages, interests, education, and backgrounds.

The price of the trip is \$79 per person and includes transportation, lunch, all admissions and attractions as indicated by itinerary. Deposit: full payment due with reservation. **For information and reservations contact:** Winnie Hall at 341-4297 or Ellen Chitwood 341-2859.



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