

**March 7, 2010**

**pastor's pen** 

Why do I give up so easily? Why is it so hard for me to change? Why does it always seem like I end up back where I started? If you're anything like me, you had a New Year's Resolution and gave up on it a while ago. And if you gave anything up for Lent, you're having a hard time sticking to your commitment (assuming you chose something that is actually a challenge for you). Why is it so hard to commit to something difficult? Why do we give up so easily?

I think it's because the more important something is, the more resistance we will feel trying to commit ourselves to it. A thing's greatness is proportional to its challenge. Try starting a diet, a home improvement project, fasting, writing a book, or training for a marathon, and you'll feel that resistance. I don't think Satan always just tempts us to do evil. I think he spends more of his time simply tempting us to do things that aren't great.

It's so easy to settle for just "good." The hard thing is to shoot for the "great." If you're not feeling much resistance to the things that you've given yourself to, maybe you've settled for "good." I want to encourage you, with the grace of Christ, to reach for "great."

For example, if you have a hard time committing yourself to reading the Bible, I would like to suggest a resource that has helped me; www.youversion.com. There, I have found many reading plans that help me with a plan to stay on track. For example, you can start a plan that will

have you read through the whole Bible in a year. And, you can take it wherever. If you have a Blackberry, iPhone, iPod Touch, or any mobile browser on your phone, you can access your reading plan. So, if you have a few minutes here or there, you can read your Bible. Hope that helps! If you would like more ideas for resources to help you be motivated, let me know, I'd love to help!

Peace, Jon Pittman



**Easter Egg Hunt:** WCV will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Sat, March 27, at 2 pm for your children. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the dining hall.

**Needs:** Kleenex (small, long boxes), Sugar Free candy (only Russell Stover chocolates), Russell Stover various candies, other brands same idea, Milky Way bite size, 3 Musketeers, Hershey assorted bite size candy bars, Reece's Peanut Butter Cups (with sugar and sugar free), Dove & Caress bath soap, Word Search books, If you would like to donate any of these items at any time, please leave them in the church office and mark them "WCV Shopping Cart".



Things to put on your calendar that are happening at Heart House. See details in the F.H. Bulletin Board:

**Heart House Race with Your Heart 2 Mile Walk:** April 17 @ Lower Park Nature Trail, Eureka Lake. Registration starts at 8 am at the Pavilion, Walk starts at 9:30 am. Cost: \$15 before 4/1.

(5 and older); \$20 after 4/1. Afterwards a light lunch is served. It's free to family members and friends who come to support their walkers. See poster and registration forms in the F.H.

**Spaghetti Supper & Bake Sale:** April 8<sup>th</sup>; 4-7 pm in the Community Room. Cost: \$6 per adult; \$4 per child 12 and under. We need volunteers for different jobs starting around 2 pm. We also need donated baked goods.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quilt & Textile Show – September 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**NEEDS LIST for March:** Sugar, Sanitary napkins, Gallon and Sandwich Zip Lock bags, Paper towels, C & D Batteries, 33 gal trash bags, Toilet Paper. **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Over the counter flu/cold medications, New Pillows, Children's Liquid Tylenol & Ibuprofen,



The following adult classes are currently available every Sunday, 9:45-10:45:

**The Truth Project** – Truthseekers - hosted by Mike Bochart.

**The Way** – Following Jesus may be simpler than you think. Host – Ed Taylor

**Look At the Man** – through the Bible with Bert Nordhielm

**Christian Sisters** – through the Bible with Anamarie Morris



**The Lord Rejoices!** Congratulations and welcome go out to Logan Hobbs as he came forward last Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, to

accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized by his dad. Logan and his parents, Steve and Angie, and two sisters, Olivia and Elise, live at 708 Yorkshire Ct.

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**Look Who's Moved!** Edna Neal has a new address. It is 1003 A East Adams. Be sure to change it in your directory.

**GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY! for "How Sweet It Is"** Circle of Friends is hosting a Ladies Banquet on Sat, March 27! Mark you calendars and get your tickets to hear speaker Chantell Mills & music by "Higher Degree". Meal & program - \$15; Program only - \$10. We still need people to help so check out the sign up sheet that is available in the F.H.

## 31 May calendar

**Choir Practice:** We are putting together a choir for Easter Sun, April 4. Open to anyone High School and above. Rehearsals begin today – Sun, March 7 @ 4:30 pm and each Sunday thru the 28th. Childcare is available. See Ed or Ben w/questions. Sign up in the F.H.

**March Council Meeting will be held this Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM. If unable to attend contact Steve Peterson @ 444-5174.**

**Melton Trio Singers to perform here next Sun, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.** The Melton's are a trio of Christian singers bringing the message of Jesus to us with their music. We will have a linger-longer afterwards. Anyone interested in helping with the food, please see Donna Newberry or Rose Bankes. Soup and drinks will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the F.H. for finger foods (sandwiches, chips, veggies, cookies, etc.). A love offering will be taken.

**There will be Drama Practice on Sat, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm in the Youth Room. See Dawn Rickey for details.**

**Baby Shower!** All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Dawn Miles on Sunday, March 28 @ 2 pm in the F.H. Dawn and Chris are registered at Babies 'R Us and Diapers.com. Please RSVP to either Jess Bochart – 444-8531 or Stephanie Brown – 824-6810.

**Walk thru the Bible Old Testament Seminar:** Will be held at LGCA on Sat, April 24<sup>th</sup>. 9am-3pm in the Three Oaks Lodge. Cost: \$25 which includes Study guide, continental breakfast and lunch. Designed for Jr. High thru Adults. Additional info and registration forms on the F.H. bulletin board.

**RESERVE THESE DATES!** VBS is going to be held Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Plan now to help out.

## Statistics

Offering, 2/28:..... \$9,517.09  
 YTD offering: ..... \$71,909.33  
 Gen. Fund exp YTD: ..... \$72,053.52  
 Sunday School offering:..... \$118.86  
 Attendance, 1<sup>st</sup> service: ..... 142  
 Attendance, 2<sup>nd</sup> service: ..... 134  
 Total attendance, 2/28:..... 276  
 Sunday School attendance: ..... 135

Workers Today (3-7)	
SS Nursery	C Getz, S Gerth
Wor. Nursery	K Groff, Kim Sheets
Kings Kids	E Neal, F Keehma, P Robertson
Wee Worship	A Morris, A Thurman, C Powers
CARE Ministry	R Mason, B Nordhielm / K Taylor, M Beebe
Greeters	Hacketts / Jarretts
On Call Staff	Ed - 712-6495
Deaconess for March: Norma Sinn, Cara Fitzgerald	
Communion Med: Dennis Robertson	
Offering Med: Bill Groff, Ian Howley	

Workers Next Week (3-14)	
SS Nursery	Howards,
Wor. Nursery	McQuillens, Jarretts
Kings Kids	Masons, K McClintock
Wee Worship	K Clang, A Hill / Jarretts
CARE Ministry	JBochart, GBrowning/McClintocks
Greeters	Hobbs' / J Spain, P Connaughton
On Call Staff	Jeff - 256-0929
Deaconess March: Norma Sinn, Cara Fitzgerald	
Communion Med: Mark Zotz	
Offering Med: Brent Green, Jamie McClintock	

## prayers and praises

**HOSPITAL:** Mike Smithee–Tony's brother; Vera Miner–Marlene Robison's sister; Steve –Edna Neal's nephew; Brian Brubaker; Eleanor Tripp–3/3–Proc. #411;

**AT HOME:** All of Our Missionaries; **Our Leaders and our Men & Women in the Armed Forces:** Mike Spain/family - Judy Spain's son; Al Dunham; Betty Hawkins - Donna Barrett's sister; Christian Harr - MacDonald's nephew; Myra Snyder - cancer - sister-in-law of Tony Snyder; Ben Powers; Edna Gold - Norma Sinn's mother; De Hamilton; Ron Black; Janelle Ely - Eleanor Tripp's granddaughter; Alyssa Brucks - Jane Youngs granddaughter; Mary Geisz – Stan's ex-sister-in-law; Erma Kemper; Tony Smithee; Andrea Scott - Gloria Berlett's niece; Cathy Wells - Char Hackett's friend; Bryan Beebe; Jere - Leona Stiltz's nephew; Sally Stout - Taylors' friend; Mary Snyder; Butlers; Tara Beenev - Caleb Henley's friend; John Tucker - Bill Groff's brother-in-law; Carl Johnson; Eugene & Margret Shurts - mission trip - Ruth Belmont's parents; Shirley Beach - Sherrie Frazier's aunt; Archdale/ Patterson family; Susan –Rick Mason's sister-in-law; Tommy Wagner's grandfather; Edith Buttrum - Amanda Sander's grandma; Dale Kumpf -Debbie Schertz's aunt; Jacqueline Landreth - Bambi's daughter; Pat - Lori Thomas's grandma; John & Sally Schaffer - Shanna Gerth's parents; Bev Haselhorst - Kara McClintock's friend; Jane Young; Ron Boone & Robyn Eaton – Clang's friend; Kennedy Rathjen– Beebe's friend; Doug Meeks dad; Lexi Helfrich – Milestone's friend; Kim Wade – friend of Christy Archdale; Kayla Meskas-Greg Wilson's niece; Randy Cates - heart attack – Betty Hoyt's nephew; Charles West – Betty Hoyt's brother; Melvin West – Betty Hoyt's brother; Andrea Deien – kidney transplant – Joe Huelsmann's niece; Dale Wise; Jennifer Navas, Jessica and C.J. – Mission trip - Brazil – 3/5-14; Justin Hagan – Mission Trip - England – thru 3/15;

**SHUT-INS:** Bob Chaney– WCV - #111; Margie Bess - Assist. Living - Snyder Village; Virginia Alig - Snyder Village - Mary Snyder's Mom; Gwen Kubley; Sara Siever - WCSupported Living - Rm#1230; Lucile Post; Juanita McCollum; Gloria Berlett; Wilma Wright - Ginny Brownings grandmother; Louise Thurman - Bob Thurman's mom - WCSupported Living;

