

Keeping in Touch

February 10, 2016



Ash Wednesday Observed Today!

6:15 PM, Pancake Supper, Maxwell Hall
Served by Men of the Church

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship
Including Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

This week, the **EASTER JOURNEY** begins in the observance of **Ash Wednesday**. Ash Wednesday initiates a period of forty days plus Sundays which are set aside for the faithful –through prayer, devotion, worship, sacrifice and reflection – to look ahead to the **most important observance** in Christianity: **EASTER!**



In scripture, the number “forty” appears often in context of judgment, testing, trial, probation and preparation. Examples are in the story of Noah where it rained 40 days and nights; Moses fleeing to Midian for 40 years in the desert tending flocks; Moses on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights; Moses interceded on Israel’s behalf for 40 days and 40 nights; 40 lashes was the limit of punishment one received for a crime. In the New Testament, Jesus was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights and there were 40 days between Jesus’ resurrection and ascension. Shaped by this biblical history, in preparation for Easter, the faithful devote a similar period to pave the way to Easter.

The **JOURNEY** begins today, Wednesday, February 10 with:

- **Pancake Supper**, 6:15 – 7:00 PM, Maxwell Hall.
Thanks to the “Men of the Church.”
- **Worship** offering communion and the imposition of ashes.
Thanks to our volunteers in music including Dee Kennel, Cindy Dragisic and the church handchimes directed by Sharon Graves.



May we find in this **EASTER JOURNEY** a path of renewed faithfulness!

Sunday, February 14th at

The Church at Lake Cherokee

- + 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
 - + 11:00 AM Worship
 - + 12:00 PM Fellowship Meal
 - + 5:00 PM Kids Kount Youth Ministries
- Child Care provided Sunday School - Lunch After
Lunch “Cleanup” by members
with last names beginning with G - L.

Matters of Stewardship

Sunday, February 7, 2016

General Fund	\$3,067.00
Youth Ministry	100.00
Camp Fees	40.00

Worship Attendance: 155

Participants at Youth Rally: 7

“The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.”

–John Paul II



The Church at Lake Cherokee Women's Ministries

Just a reminder: a Morning women's Bible Study starts Wednesday, February 24th at 10:00 AM.

As winter-to-spring DOCK –Daughters of Christ the King— Bible studies get underway and continue, additional plans are also “well underway” for opportunities of fellowship, study, service and mission.

The “**seeds**” to many of these plans -- culminating in next fall's “The Market”— were “**sown**” earlier this week as twelve “disciples” –women of DOCK-- convened to dream dreams for DOCK for 2016.

In addition to morning and evening studies and the fall “The Market,” DOCK activities and plans include periodic “Dinner and A Movie,” supporting the Samaritan Center in Tatum, and the Backpack Program.

Continue to follow DOCK news in each weekly edition of “Keeping in Touch.”

“The Highlights of Italy”

You're invited to explore participating in a 12 day trip to Italy, November 4-15, 2016. If interested, speak to Bill Smythe.



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Kids Kount Korner

Kids Kount –youth and children's ministry The Church at Lake Cherokee— meets Sundays 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Hope all young people and children will attend!

Ms. Sharon reminds the older youth that this week they will begin to plan the Maundy Thursday worship service for the entire congregation.

Kids Kount youth at The Church at Lake Cherokee are fortunate to participate in the Northeast Area Christian Church youth ministries offered, primarily, at Disciples Crossing near Athens, Texas. Not only are our youth “**participants**,” they have been among the **leaders** with Mr. Patrick, Ryan Gibson and Brandyce Smythe having served on the leadership team. Brandyce is among the young people that have planned and will lead the up-coming **CYF Mid-Winter Retreat**.

CYF is for young people in grades 9-12. **CYF Midwinter Retreat** --with 11 young people from our church and Mr. Patrick participating-- is Friday–Sunday, February 19-21. Details for participants including times of departure and return will be shared soon!

See you at **Kids Kount Bible Study** Tuesdays, 7:30 – 8:30 PM at the Peerenboom's, SH45 Lake Cherokee. Everyone is invited. Bring your Bibles and a friend. Light snack provided.

A Service Reminder



Service Group #3 serves lunch this Saturday February 13th at **Hiway 80 Rescue Mission**. Group members are reminded to coordinate the service project.