

# SAINTS ALIVE!

March 2006

Shenandoah Congregation

## March - In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

As a child, I sometimes noticed smudges on the foreheads of fellow classmates this time of year and I wondered about the meaning of Ash Wednesday. Our church did not celebrate the season of Lent, as such, and it seemed to me that these individuals with dirty marks on their faces had made some sort of commitment about which I knew nothing.

March is the beginning of a special time for all Christians because the season of Lent begins on March 1 with Ash Wednesday. The "smudges" I referred to earlier are made by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations and mixing them with olive oil. Pastors mark the forehead of each participant with black ashes, traditionally in the shape of a cross, and the worshipper leaves this on until sundown, before washing it off.

The season of Lent spans 40 weekdays, climaxing during Holy Week with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and concludes the Saturday before Easter. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self-examination, and repentance.

Some churches today still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, sweets, and other types of food. Other traditions do not place as great an emphasis on fasting, but focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing, or simply the giving of money to charities.

This year the Shenandoah Congregation is focusing on intentional service for our community, and on March 5 nineteen congregational members will participate in a city-wide Crop Walk. The walkers have collected pledges of money and will walk approximately 6 miles to honor those people in many countries who walk every day. Many people walk daily to haul water for daily needs, bring home food for their family, go to school, find wood for fuel, take produce to market, find medical care, and basically just get where they need to go. Our 19 members will walk to honor the less fortunate of our

world and will then turn over all the monies raised for the purchase of food for hungry people everywhere. Each person's goal is to raise \$100. That will be \$1900 that the Shenandoah Congregation gives to world hunger!

As we enter this season of personal reflection, inward soul-searching and repentance, I'd like to challenge us all to consider the sacrifice Christ made for you and me and diligently search for ways to serve others. Surely we can sacrifice in some small way to help another, whether it is a family member, neighbor, or just a fellow traveler we encounter on our journey.

Carol Burdick

## March Birthdays

- 2--Dalton Klaus
- 2--Donna Passante
- 3--Clayton Kanani Clark
- 4--Chaille Negaard
- 7--Michelle Theisen
- 9--Edward Workmon
- 11-Jeremy Higginson
- 13-Carol Loveless
- 22-Pat Campbell
- 23-April McMillan
- 24-Katie Spiekermann
- 25-Elizabeth Clark
- 27-Jim Burdick
- 29-Edna Workmon
- 30-Mary Ann McMillan

**Earlier Start for Vacation Bible School--Join us July 24-28!**

### **MARCH GREETERS**

- 5--Plummers**
- 12-Marilyn McCrimmon**
- 19-Pattens**
- 26-Calliers**

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### **Herald House Reorganized**

During recent months the Herald House Board of Trustees has worked through changes in organization and support resources.

It was concluded that as Herald House continues to integrate into World Mission Support ministries, its focus needs to be narrowed to the primary items produced or recommended by the World Church. That would include all print, audio, visual, and educational items, with the exception of some non-English language resources.

### **SAVE THE TAX**

When you make purchases for the church, please remember to advise the cashier that we are a church and ask that we not be charged sales tax, if at all possible. There are tax exempt forms on the bulletin board for your use. Some businesses already have Community of Christ listed in their records and will not need the form.

### **SEARCH FOR PEACE IN INDIA**

As you may be aware, World Church officers received word earlier this year, that a team traveling in India with Apostle Jac Kirkpatrick made the decision to change their itinerary after learning about a potentially violent situation in the Gumiguda area that resulted in a confrontation between a group of demonstrators and some members of our local church ministry team. They left the area to avoid further trouble and traveled to a safe area where training was resumed. Fortunately the crisis has subsided and our local church leaders are actively working with government officials and other interested parties to seek peaceful resolutions.

### **LISTEN UP!**

The expansion of the internet is allowing us to pass along information rapidly and inexpensively. Check out the World Church Home Page at [www.CofChrist.org](http://www.CofChrist.org) for a number of updates. AND REMEMBER, ITS EASY TO DOWNLOAD this "SAINTS ALIVE!" AND SAVE POSTAGE...Simply click on <http://coastalbendmc.org/news-letters/>

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Plan to attend: 1) **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, during Family of God time, to elect 5 delegates and 5 alternates for the Coastal Bend Mission Center 2) **Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 pm, immediately following Pot Luck for the election of officers for 2007, and 3) **Sunday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30, immediately following Pot Luck to vote on the 2007 budget.

### **ADIOS, MICK AND CHARLA**

Mick and Charla Rogers bid us a farewell on Sunday, February 19. They are moving to Las Cruces, NM, where family members live. We wish Mick and Charla much good luck in the future.

### **NEW WAYS TO TITHE**

Shenandoah is concentrating on collecting non-perishable foodstuffs to share each Communion Sunday...so pack up a sack of groceries to share with the hungry on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Also, be sure to fill out the green "check stubs" to accompany your cash contributions. Mission tithes impact lives so share the many ways you help in your own community and church. Check off the hours and days you "give" your precious time. There is also a box to collect discarded eyeglasses and cell phones so they may be re-cycled.

### **Other Dates to Circle**

May 25-29 Young Adult Reunion at Camp Sionito  
June 4-10--Sr. High Camp, Sionito  
June 10-17 Reunion #1, Sionito  
June 25-Jul 1 Jr. High Camp, Sionito  
July 1-7 Reunion #2, Sionito  
July 9-15 Junior Camp (grades 3-6), Sionito  
July 24-28, Vacation Bible School  
July 22-29 Spectacular, Graceland, Lamoni, Iowa  
July 23-25 Hispanic Youth Camp, Sionito  
July 26-30 Hispanic Family Camp, Sionito  
Oct. 6-8 Family Retreat, Sionito  
Oct. 20-22 Men's Retreat, Livingston TX  
Oct. 28-29, Mission Center Conf. & Retreat, Sionito  
Dec. 30-Jan 1-Jr & Sr High Yule retreat, Sionito

Lisa Talcott is pleased to let everyone know that her husband Wayne will be moving back to San Antonio to become a squadron commander at Wilford Hall. He should be able to join Lisa this summer--after spending a year on his own in Virginia.

# Pastoral Care Activities

(Reported by Ginger Walker )

On Sunday, March 26, at 3 p.m., we will be visiting in the home of John & Melva Darling. Their address is 29622 Terra Vella in Cirro Oaks. Everyone is invited. Take I-10 West to Exit 546. It is Fair Oaks Pkwy. Turn right (north) on Fair Oaks Pkwy. Go about three (3) miles. Turn right on Terra Vella. Their house is the 6th house on the left. Their phone number is (830) 755-5421. Please come join us for fun and fellowship. Bring along your favorite snack or a bottle of cold drink. Hope to see you there!

In April, we will have our regular pot luck on April 9, Palm Sunday. We are planning to have a baby shower for Marsha & Brad Torkelson. Their baby girl is due in May. We'll have more information next month.

We will also have a Brunch on Easter Sunday (April 16). We'll have more information next month and a sign up sheet will be posted at the church by the last of March.

<b>March 2006</b>	<b>3/5</b>	<b>3/12</b>	<b>3/19</b>	<b>3/26</b>	
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Hunger for the Good News</b>	<b>Embrace the Cross</b>	<b>Find Strength in the Cross</b>	<b>For God So Loved . .</b>	
<b>Presider</b>	Jim Burdick	Carol Burdick	Kathleen Cole	Melva Darling	
<b>Speaker</b>	Richard Cole	Testimonies	David Sixt	Carol White	
<b>Greeting/Deaconing</b>	Plummers	Marilyn McCrimmon	Pattens	Calliers	
	Communion Prep: Burdicks	Pot Luck: Italian Dinner			
<b>Organist</b>	Kathleen Cole	Kathlyn Graves	Carol Burdick	Jay Higginson	
<b>Wed. Service</b>	3/1-Marvel Riley	3/8-Carol Burdick	3/15-Pat Campbell	3/22-Bob Riley	3/29-Patty Walker
<b>April 2006</b>	<b>4/2</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<b>4/16</b>	<b>4/23</b>	<b>4/30</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>For This Reason I Come</b>	<b>Approaching the Cross: Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Witness the Victory: Easter</b>	<b>Peace Be with You</b>	<b>Forgiven, We Proclaim</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Carol White	Pat Campbell	Richard Cole	Patty Walker	Lafe Williams
<b>Speaker</b>	John Darling		Jim Burdick	Ginger Walker	Bob Riley
<b>Greeting/Deaconing</b>	Doris Jackel	Williams	Carol White	Patty Walker	Lisa Talcott
	Communion Prep: Carol White	Pot Luck: Higginson/G. Walker			
<b>Organist</b>	Jay Higginson	Kathlyn Graves	Carol Burdick	Kathleen Cole	Ivan Pierce
<b>Wed. Service</b>	4/5 Amy Lewis	Thursday 4/13--Maundy Thursday Service	4/19 Fred Ayers	4/26/2006 David Sixt	
<b>May 2006</b>	<b>5/7</b>	<b>5/14</b>	<b>5/21</b>	<b>5/28</b>	
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Act in Love</b>	<b>Loved into Loving</b>	<b>Create a Better World</b>	<b>Accept God's Gift</b>	
<b>Presider</b>	Ginger Walker	Lisa Talcott	Pat Campbell	Edna Workmon	
<b>Speaker</b>	Carol White	Kathleen Cole	Patty Walker		
<b>Greeting/Deaconing</b>	Doris Jackel	Brucks	Plummers		
	Communion Prep Doris Jackel		Pot Luck: McMillan/Plummer		
<b>Organist</b>	Jay Higginson	Carol Burdick	Kathlyn Graves	Kathleen Cole	
<b>Wed. Service</b>	5/3 Edna Workmon	5/10 Jim Burdick	5/17 Ray Jackel	5/24 Carol White	5/31 Marvel Riley