

THE  *Window*

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March 9, 2010

THIS WEEK AT BROADWAY

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 10

5:00
Dinner

6:00
Prayer & Announcements

6:15
Lenten Bible Study
Psalm 27
BRENT BEASLEY

THURSDAY,
MARCH 11

5:30
Agape Meal

SUNDAY,
MARCH 14

9:30
Christian Education

10:50
Worship

“The Thorn of Rejection”
(Luke 13:31-35)
BRENT BEASLEY

Anthem:
“And the Father Will Dance”
CHANCEL CHOIR

SEE SCHEDULE ON
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ADDITIONAL EVENTS.

Spring Break Mission Trip 2010

By Fran Patterson, Minister to Youth

For the last several years, high schoolers from Broadway and other churches from our youth camping association have joined forces for a Spring Break Mission Trip. Three of our trips have been to the Beaumont area to help with hurricane relief efforts after Katrina and Rita. This year, we are going in a different direction, literally and figuratively.

Although there is still much work to be done in the Beaumont area, our spring break date did not line up with our friends at Calder Baptist Church this year so we needed to find a new location. Ben Ondrak, the Youth Minister at 2nd Baptist in Lubbock, and I started looking and, with the help of the folks at Buckner, were fortunate to find the Iglesia Bautista Church in El Paso, Texas. This is a small church in a very poor area of El Paso. They are excited that we are coming and we are excited about the opportunity to help.

We have two projects to complete while we are in El Paso. The first will be laying carpet in the nursery at the church. Right now, there is a small piece of carpet remnant taped to the concrete floor. We have purchase commercial carpet squares—like those in our Children’s Area—and will be installing it in the nursery. We will also be painting the outside of the church. What is now a tri-colored building, will be a lovely, uniformly painted church when we are finished. Our second project is to insulate and dry wall the pastor’s home. When he arrived as the new pastor two years ago, he was told that his house was almost finished. For two years he and his family have been living in a trailer waiting for volunteers to finish the house. We hope to finish the dry wall process so all that remains is painting and carpeting.

Our mission team includes 22 youth and adults from Broadway and 2nd Baptist in Lubbock. We will be staying at Grandview Baptist Church in their mission house. Please pray for us as we travel and work. And, as always, thanks for giving us this great opportunity to help others and to learn more about ourselves, our world, and our God.



Sharing the Bread of Life
We give...because it matters

Broadway’s Stewardship Focus began last Sunday with many of our members bringing their pledges during the worship service. If you have not yet turned in your commitment for the upcoming budget year, we encourage you to do so this week. On Sunday, March 14, we will announce the results of this year’s pledge emphasis to this point during lunch, and we want to have each member’s commitment represented. Thanks to every member who has participated in this important effort.

Survey of Interest

Recently, you were asked to consider your financial commitment to Broadway and now you have the opportunity to consider a different type of commitment—the giving of your time and talents. Planning of mission activities and initiatives, fellowship events, and financial matters are supported by dedicated committee members. Please consider serving on one of Broadway’s committees next year. A survey of interests is attached to the online version of the Window this week and should be completed by April 7. The new committee year will begin in October but preparation for that time is already beginning. If you have questions, please contact Roseann Harris at 817-346-0558.



The Last Temptation

By Brent Beasley,
Senior Pastor

Anne Rice, the author of *Interview with the Vampire* fame, recommitted to her Catholic faith a few years ago and has since dedicated herself to writing novels that explore the life of Jesus. First came *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt*, and in 2008 Rice published *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana*. This novel, which I am reading now, depicts Jesus' life as a young adult leading up to his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. It is fiction, of course, but Rice has tried hard to be as faithful to historical knowledge about Jesus' life and world as possible. She imagines in this novel Jesus facing the temptation as a man in his late 20s to marry like all of his friends and brothers.

As I read last night one particularly powerful scene of Jesus imagining and ultimately rejecting that life, I couldn't help but think of *The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis. This novel, written in the 1950s, was made into the controversial movie of the same title a few years ago. I never saw the movie and don't know anything about it but read the book a couple of years ago. Until reading the book, I never knew what "the last temptation of Christ" was referring to. What was this last temptation? According to Kazantzakis's story, the last temptation Christ faced was to live a normal life—a wife, 2.3 kids, a dog, and a house in a nice neighborhood. It is a fascinating insight to ponder.

Kazantzakis writes that "every moment of Christ's life is conflict and victory." He conquered temptations repeatedly until he finally reached the cross.

Kazantzakis goes on to write: "But even there his struggle did not end. Temptation—the Last Temptation—was waiting for him on the Cross." Hanging on the cross, before his eyes "unfolded

the deceptive vision of a calm and happy life." In this vision he had taken the smooth and easy road. "He had married and fathered children. People loved and respected him. Now, an old man, he sat on the threshold of his house and smiled with satisfaction as he recalled the longings of his youth. How splendidly, how sensibly he had acted in choosing the road of men! What insanity to have wanted to save the world! What joy to have escaped the privations, the tortures, and the Cross!"

"But," as Kazantzakis writes, "all at once Christ shook his head violently, opened his eyes, and saw.... He had accomplished the mission which the Lord had entrusted to him." He had not lived a normal life. "He had reached the summit of sacrifice: he was nailed upon the Cross."

We serve a God who calls on us to pray the hardest and most important prayer of all: the prayer of relinquishment. Jesus said, "Those who cling to their life will lose it, and those who are willing to let go of their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." And this God not only calls on us to do so, but Jesus prayed it himself when he resisted temptation and said, "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour." And also when he prayed, "Father, let this cup pass from me. But not what I want but what you want." And also, most finally, when he said, "It is finished."

Thanks be to God.



SPRING FORWARD. Don't forget to change your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 14.

ADULT POTLUCK AND GAMES. Bring a favorite dish and join BBC's senior adults for potluck, fellowship, and games at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 15 in the Robert D. Hammond Activity Center.

NARRATIVE THEOLOGY READING GROUP MEETING IN MARCH. The Library and Lydia's in the Library invite you to a reading group led by Darren J. N. Middleton that will meet March 28. The group will discuss *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana* by Anne Rice. We will probe the theological ideas expressed in this contemporary novel. The group will meet from 12:45 - 2:00 p.m. in the library.

LIFE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY UNIVERSITY. There is still time to register for LEM University classes: Writing Letters to God, Participatory Reading of Revelation, and Study of Twelve Apostles. See Karen Gilbert, Iona Richardson or Jon Glover for more information. The Spring Course Catalog is available online at www.broadwaybc.org and at www.broadwaybc.net. Books are available in Lydia's.

THE POWER OF PINK: RACE FOR THE CURE. On Saturday, April 24, 2010 help support Breast Cancer Research and all that have been touched by Breast Cancer. Please join us and register online for the Broadway team at Komentarrant.org. Please call Ann Ahearne with any questions at 817-992-7993 or e-mail at ann.ahearne@att.net.

ABC DINNERS RETURN. Many of you have expressed your enjoyment at the ABC Dinners provided last year by the staff. The Congregational Care Committee has heard your comments and would like to continue these opportunities for fellowship. The host will provide the main dish and drinks (participants will be asked to bring a dish to share with the group) and make calls to potential diners. This list will be provided for you. If you would be willing to host a dinner in your home, please call Pat Smith in the church office, 817.366.7464, 8221.

LEM ROAD TRIP 2010!

By Jon Glover,
Life Enrichment Ministry Coordinator

Combine a bus, a group of friendly Broadway members and friends, good food, shopping, good food, comfortable lodging, good food, sightseeing, incredible fellowship, and of course more great food – and what do you have? An LEM road trip to the Texas Hill Country, of course! You will not want to miss this trip as we explore this beautiful area of our great state of Texas.

Our first day of the journey will take us to quaint Salado for lunch at the Stagecoach Inn as well as time for shopping. Then, on to San Antonio where we will enjoy dinner while cruising on the river along the famed River Walk! Our first night's accommodations will be at Hotel Contessa along the River Walk.

Day two will begin with sightseeing on your own in San Antonio before boarding the coach as we head to historic Fredericksburg where we will visit the Texas Wildseed Farm and enjoy lunch. The afternoon and evening will be what you make of it as you explore the downtown area with its unique shops and restaurants. We'll spend two nights at Fredericksburg Inn and Suites.

On day three travelers will have the options of spending the day on their own exploring Fredericksburg, taking a morning driving tour of Fredericksburg and participating in an afternoon bus tour of the outlying Hill Country. That evening, we will enjoy dinner at the Cabernet Grill and then a musical theater experience at the Rock Box Theater.

On day four, on our way back to Fort Worth, we will make a stop at the LBJ Ranch for a tour of the ranch as well as the Texas White House.

As you can see, this is a trip filled with lots of possibilities! What will make it complete is you coming along with us!

Departure: Wednesday, November 3, 2010

Return: Saturday, November 6, 2010

Cost: \$530 per person (based on double occupancy in hotels)

Cost Includes:

Transportation on motor coach; 3 nights lodging; Lunch at Stagecoach Inn; Dinner Cruise in San Antonio; Lunch at Wild Seed Farm on Thursday; Breakfasts at hotel on Friday and Saturday in Fredericksburg; Dinner at Cabernet Grill and show at Rock Box Theater on Friday night; as well as admission tickets to Saturday's tour of LBJ Ranch and Texas White House. Also included are all gratuities for included meals and driver as well as baggage handling at hotels.

Not Included In Cost:

Breakfast and dinner on Thursday, lunch on Friday and lunch on Saturday

Payment Schedule:


Initial Non-Refundable Deposit of \$100 Due by April 15, 2010

2nd Deposit of \$215 Due by August 5, 2010

Final Payment of \$215 Due by September 30, 2010

Trip Brochures/Registration Forms

Please look for trip brochures/registration forms in literature racks in Narthex and Centrum as well as in Second Floor Church Office



Life Enrichment Ministry
Invites those 55+
who celebrate a birthday
in March to a party
at 12:45 p.m.
on
Sunday, March 14
in the parlor.*

LOL is on its Way...



Make time in your schedule for
Laugh out Loud, man!
April 18, 2010 — Noon
Music and comedy from your favorite
60's stars!

Not to mention.....

Groovy Auction Items

- *Blackwell ranch
- *Findley's cabin
- *Couch lake house
- *Jon and Judi Glover - dinner
- *Staff dinner with Barry Diehl on piano
- *Gary and Andrea Willson - burgers and swim party for 20
- *Aubin Petersen and Susan Simco - dinner
- *Richard Simco - service hours
- *Lilla Schmeltekopf - 2 hrs of design
- *Frank Wilson - cheesecake
- *Madalyn Stokes - haircut/color
- *Jeff Schmeltekopf - financial planning
- *numerous gift cards

And More.....Far Out Items

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

A prayer list can be found in the church office.

ON THE LIBRARY SHELVES

By Wanda Stovall

THE BLIND SIDE

(Lewis, Michael) Audio Book

Many of you have seen the blockbuster movie made from this book and have been inspired and amazed by the true story of a destitute boy adopted by a wealthy white southern family. The boy had a crack addict mother, an incarcerated father, no home, and a second grade education. He was 6'5" tall and weighed 350 pounds. His massive build could be frightening and intimidating. The white family was evangelical, republican conservative, multi-millionaires, and decidedly southern. With a strong inclination to do the right thing, Sean and Leigh Ann Tuohy took Michael Oher into their home and made him a part of their family. Friends and relatives questioned their idealistic decision but the Tuohys loved their new son and were determined to help him achieve. Michael, an exceptional athlete, proved to be personable, obedient and quick to learn. With help and encouragement from his new family, he overcame huge academic obstacles to graduate from high school and qualify for college. Coaches from many major universities recruited him but he chose Ole Miss, where he would subsequently win national acclaim for his football prowess. Michael is now a popular and successful player for the Baltimore Ravens. Unlike the movie, the book offers considerable football-related information about coaches, players, and plays that readers will find interesting and relevant. *The Blind Side* is a beautiful story about decent people, who refuse to let prejudice and tradition determine the way they view the world.

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- 5:00 — Dinner
- 6:15 — Lenten Bible Study
- 7:00 — Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- 5:30 — Agape Meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

- 9:00 — Library Open
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 — Christian Education
- 10:50 — Worship Service
- 12:00 — Lunch
- 12:15 — TwentySomeone Class

MONDAY, MARCH 15

- 11:30 — Adult Potluck and Games

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

- 10:00 — Library Opens

SHEPHERDS MINISTRY

- 3/14.....(Deacon)Jim Collier
- 3/15.....Kay Roberts
- 3/16.....Stephanie Fulmer
- 3/17.....
- 3/18.....Markie Silvestri
- 3/19.....
- 3/20.....Alice Church

UPCOMING WORSHIP

- March 21 – “The Thorn of Weakness”
(2 Corinthians 12:2-10)
- March 28 – “The Thorn of Sacrifice”
(Luke 19:28-42)
- April 4 – Easter
“From Crown of Thorns to Crown of Glory”
(Romans 5:1-5; Mark 16:1-8)

WORSHIP CARE WORKERS

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| Ann Ahearne | Elizabeth Harris |
| Donna Coldiron | Dorothy Harwood |
| Randy Eads | Toi Mack |
| Judy Gaither | Carolyn Robbins |
| | Elizabeth Roper |

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