

The Parish Visitor

April, 2014



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Into the Unknown

by Rev. Mark

When Sam was really little, he had a book about going to sleep. The first page of the book showed a picture of a little boy with the caption, "The day has been busy!" Even though I haven't seen that book in decades... literally..., I was reminded of it recently!

The day started when we pulled out of the driveway at 6:55AM. We then drove 4 hours and 10 minutes...without any stops...and arrived in St. Louis at 11:05AM. We drove straight to the Ear, Nose and Throat doctor's office in southwest St. Louis County.

We got into the "inner office" about 11:40AM- only ten minutes after my appointment- but then waited until about 12:15PM for the doctor. He came in, looked at my ear and decided that I needed what I ALWAYS need when I see him- to have multiple tools stuck in my ear while he picks, digs, cleans and suction all of the...crud...out. He then inserted what is my third ear wick- a round solid tube of gauze-like material that is about as big around as a swizzle stick...but FEELS like it is big around as a baseball bat! In fact, as he got it out of the package he said, "This is the BIGGER wick!" Oh joy!

Then it was on to Barnes Hospital/Washington University, after a stop at Stir Crazy for lunch. My next appointment was with the neurosurgeon, to talk about what the next step might be. That appointment was at 3PM, and we arrived at about 2:30PM. At 4PM...we were still in the waiting room, with Hunter asleep on a couch! A few minutes after 4PM, we were called back. We waited in the exam room for another 10-15 minutes, but THEN...we got to see the neurosurgeon!

After about 40 minutes of conversation (I appreciate the fact that, even though they were running SO late, he was still willing to spend as much time with us as we wanted!), we left with quite a few more answers than we had when we got there. We don't have ALL the answers (Who does?), but we have more of them! And here they are.

I WILL be having surgery to remove the tumor in my head. While not scheduled yet, it will be sometime between Easter and the end of the school year- probably the end of April or the beginning of May. We wanted to wait until mid to late June, but the neurosurgeon wasn't comfortable with that. His concern is that, while the tumor is not actively impacting the cranio-facial nerve that runs roughly across my temple, the longer it is in my head the more it will grow. And the more it grows, the more potential there is that the tumor WILL impact the nerve. And if the nerve is sufficiently damaged or compromised, the right side of my face will look like I had a stroke, including not being able to close that eye!

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SPECIAL DATES:

- April 5 Journey 9:15AM-2:30PM
- April 6 Communion & Food Pantry Collection Sunday
- April 6 90th Birthday Celebration for Paul Riley
- April 7 Finance meeting 6PM
- April 7 Trustee Board Meeting 7PM
- April 8 Miriam Circle 6PM
- April 12 UMW Spring meeting 1PM @ Monmouth UMC
- April 13 Palm Sunday Cantata 8AM, 10:15AM, 6PM services
- April 13 Men's Baked Potato Bar Luncheon 11:15AM
- April 17 Naomi Wesleyan Circle 11:30AM @ T & C
- April 20 Easter Sunday
- April 21 UMM Meeting
- April 22 Work @ Food Pantry 5:30PM- 7:30PM
- April 24 UMW Exec Meeting 4:15PM
- April 25 Work @ Food Pantry 8AM- noon
- April 27 Administrative Council Meeting 7:15PM

WORSHIP TIMES:

- Sundays 8AM & 10:15AM
- Sunday School 9:15AM
- Evening Service 6PM

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

We tend to make empty promises- ones that we either have no intention...or ability...to keep. God does just the opposite! On Sunday, March 9th, we began a new sermon series- **Full Promises**. We are spending the seven weeks leading up to, and including, Easter walking through just a few of the high spots of Jesus' earthly ministry as we look deeper into some of the promises God makes to us- and how they can **RADI-CALLY** impact our lives...if we will let then. The weeks of the series look like this:

Sunday, April 6- Give It Up (Mark 10:17-25) Your addiction will be gone

Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday)- I Love a Parade (John 12:12-19) Your unwillingness will be gone

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)- Reach Out Your Hand (John 20:24-31) Your doubt will be gone

Come each week expecting God to make...and keep. His promises to you!

SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

This month, we end our special Sunday evening worship services. Each Sunday evening, a Lay Speaker or staff member from our church has preached a message of hope about the Easter season. Communion is served each week. We spend time in prayer. And we sing some GOOD songs! The remaining Sunday is:

Sunday, April 6th- Certified Lay Speaker Molly Joseph

Come each Sunday evening to support your fellow church members and experience very special worship services!



Into the Unknown- (continued from page 1)

I do NOT have to undergo chemotherapy- the neurosurgeon doesn't think it will help and instead might slow my recovery. When the surgery begins, he will make either a straight vertical incision OR an incision that roughly resembles a question mark. Then, the bone right where the tumor is will be drilled out. A bit MORE bone will be cut out. They will then remove as much of the tumor as possible. The bone that was cut out will be replaced and he will either do nothing about the bone that was drilled out or a piece of titanium mesh will be added for extra strength and protection.

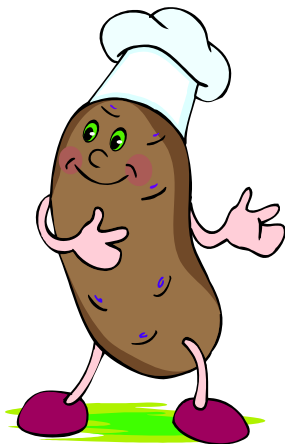
The surgery is described as "extensive", will take several hours and feature at least 3 surgeons. I will spend the first post-op day in ICU, with the 2nd day in a step-down unit. The 3rd day will be in a regular room. And then...I go home. The recovery will be 6-8 weeks, during which I will have some pretty major restrictions.

Is this what I HOPED would happen? No. Since it IS happening, is this the timing I wanted? No. Am I disappointed that the 6 months of drug therapy, complete with the GLORIOUS side effects, didn't work? Yes. Am I a bit...apprehensive over the prospect of a major surgery that includes sticking something into my spinal column AND drilling holes in my head? Yes.

BUT...it NEEDS to happen. It is GOING to happen. And therefore...bring it on. Let's just get this show on the road. The sooner we start...the sooner it's done. I haven't backed down yet and I am SURE not going to back down now. So- bring it on. Why? Because God is with me every step of the way. Because I have read the last chapter of the book and I know that the good guys win. Because I have TOO much to do yet to NOT go through with this. Because God is good, all the time!

“COME TOUCH THE ROBE” EASTER CANTATA

The Chancel Choir invites you to join us on Palm Sunday for "Come Touch the Robe", an Easter cantata by one of our favorite composers, Pepper Choplin. We will be offering the cantata at ALL THREE worship services (8AM, 10:15AM and 6PM) on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Please come and share this musical message of God's love and gift of salvation, and invite someone to join you!



ALEDO UNITED METHODIST MEN BAKED POTATO BAR

The Aledo United Methodist Men will host a Baked Potato Bar Luncheon on Sunday, April 13th after the Sunday morning late Worship Service. This meal, designed to complement the Chancel Choir Cantata, is a GREAT opportunity to introduce new people to our church! Invite them to come to the Cantata..... And then have them stay for lunch! The United Methodist Men will be accepting donations that will go to their local missions.

EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

Without Christmas, there is no Jesus. But without Easter, there is no Christ. Easter is a watershed event in the history of Christianity. We gather together to celebrate an empty tomb...and a risen Savior! Here are the worship opportunities for Easter week:

Sunday, April 13th - Palm Sunday

8:00AM Choir Easter Cantata
9AM Sunday School
10:15AM Choir Easter Cantata/Confirmation Sunday
6PM Choir Easter Cantata (Communion)

Thursday, April 17th - Maundy Thursday

7PM Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service (Communion)

Friday, April 18th - Good Friday

Communion available in the Chapel, 6AM-6PM

Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday

8:00AM Contemporary Easter Celebration
9AM NO Sunday School
10:15AM Traditional Easter Celebration
6PM NO Edge Service



Plan on spending time with your church family during Easter week. On Easter morning, look into the tomb for yourself...and see that it is empty!

AN OUTREACH IDEA

Here's a low-risk, easy way to introduce others to faith- share Rev. Mark's website with them. Described as "a daily look at life as a shaved-headed, earring-wearing, rock-drumming United Methodist minister", www.stickwithjesus.com features a "thought for the day", written by Rev. Mark- a new one is literally added daily! There is also a daily Bible verse AND a Prayer Request page, where you can (anonymously if you want) ask for prayer! Check it out- if you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at revmark@myaledoumc.com and let him know.



C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON

by Joanne Harris

Caring Hearts continues to flourish! After Mark's mom passed away, I was on the phone talking to Mark's dad. He shared with me how hard it was adjusting to being alone. One of the most difficult things he said was eating by himself. So with that in mind, The Caring Hearts Ministry decided to form the C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) group. This group is open to both mature men and women who live alone. This includes anyone who has lost their spouse, divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. Once a month, at 11:30AM, the Caring Hearts ministry provides a luncheon for CIA. **The April luncheon has been postponed- the next luncheon will be in May.** You don't have to bring anything except yourself. Feel free to invite a friend to share the meal and fellowship. I will look forward to seeing you at the next CIA luncheon!



ARE YOU COMING TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!

Wednesday Night Fellowship is going strong! The dinners have been spectacular, the rest of the evening has been great and the fellowship has been outstanding!

The evening starts with dinner from 5:15-6PM. Then, everything else starts!! At 6PM, your choices include:

Nursery for birth-3 years old

AWANA for kids through 6th Grade

Junior/Senior High Bible Study

Rev. Mark and Joanne's class, The Easter Experience (See article about Pastor's Bible Studies.)

Bell Choir

Choir

See you on Wednesday evenings!



PASTORAL CARE

If you are ill, having surgery, or are simply in need of some Pastoral Care, let your pastor know! Rev. Mark would be happy to visit you, pray with you, even bring Communion to you. Simply contact the office (582-2169) or contact him directly (revmark@stickwithjesus.com, 217-390-2359- call or text).



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDIES



The Easter Experience (ends the week of April 3rd)

WHAT: Rev. Mark and Joanne's new Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM and 1:30PM
Wednesdays @ 6PM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Area next to the sanctuary (Tues. 1:30PM in the Sonrise Coffee House)

WHY: Make the life-changing story of Easter real this year. State-of-the art 20-minute videos and in-depth studies will keep you engaged in discussing Christ's Passion and resurrection as they bond with each other—and with the eternal message of Scripture. What "The Passion of the Christ" did for moviegoers, the 6-week *Easter Experience* will do for you.

WHAT ELSE: It is NOT too late to join.

The Sermon on the Mount

WHAT: Rev. Mark's current MEN'S Bible Study

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Area next to the sanctuary

WHY: United Methodist founder John Wesley's desire was to present "plain truth to plain people." Editor Clare Weakley has attempted to help him do just that by updating his original 18th century commentary for the modern reader. As you read *The Sermon on the Mount*, you will see that the Beatitudes are to be the attitude of believers. This study will show you how.

WHAT ELSE: It is NOT too late to join.

The Letter to the Romans

WHAT: Rev. Mark's current Sunday Morning Bible Study

WHEN: Sundays @ 9:15AM

WHERE: In the Chapel next to the sanctuary

WHY: The Letter to the Romans is the best, most complete example of the Apostle Paul's theology found in the New Testament.

WHAT ELSE: It is NOT too late to join this class.

The Letters of John and Jude

WHAT: Rev. Mark's new Sunday Morning Bible Study (beginning on Sunday, April 27)

WHEN: Sundays @ 9:15AM

WHERE: In the Chapel next to the sanctuary

WHY: New Testament scholar William Barclay walks us through the letters of John and Jude. These books deal with dissenting teachings within the early Church.

WHAT ELSE: Would LOVE to have you join this class.



CALL-EM-ALL

Did you know that your church has a notification service named Call-Em-All? We use it to notify church members, both through automated phone calls and/or text messages, of a variety of things. Do YOU get texts and/or phone calls from Call-Em-All? If not, would you LIKE to? Whether you are a committee member, a member of a group like United Methodist Men or Women, or you would like to receive all-church news or prayer requests, Call-Em-All can help keep you informed. If you are not currently receiving Call-Em-All notifications, or would like to receive more of them, simply call the office. We can help!



ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

04/03/1982— Robert & Rebecca Maynard

04/13/2002— Curtis & Diane Richardson

04/18/1980— Dale & Cheri Bloomfield

04/25/1976— Stanley & Paula Nelson

04/29/2002— Bryce & Jackie Benson



UM Women

Golden Age Birthdays

04/10— Babe Hyett

04/23— Florence Louck

04/25— Sharon Mayhew



Paul Riley is turning 90 on April 11th. His family is hosting an open house in honor of his birthday on **Sunday, Apr. 6th from 2-4** in our church's dining room.

All of Paul's many friends are invited to attend. No gifts, please.

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS



Don Abel
Kathy Bell
Kaydence Benson
Bob Berglund family
Bob & Susan Berrick
Linda Biebaum
Brent & Angie Bigham
Bonnie Brown family
Lucy Ceurvorst
Laura Diehl
Maxi Dirth
Adam Douglas/Tammy
Jim Earl
Judy Elliott

Chris Engstrom
Bob Ernst
Gildea family
Rev Mark & family
Emily Heflin
Leanne Helton
Bill Hofmann/family
Noah Huston
Steve Jackson family
Glend Krantz
Paige Lehrer
Les
Linda (cancer)
Marsha (cancer)

Ruby McKelvey
Ron Mosely family
Charlie Newswander
Freda Newswander
Betty Oaks
Gary Olson
Ward Olson
Randy Ott
Pat Peterson
Paul & Mary Price
Randy
Marla Reynolds
Ashley Smith
Gloria Walker

Mercer County Schools: Administration, Teachers, Students, Staff
National and Local Governmental Leaders, Military, Security Officers
AWANA, Bus Ministry, College Students, Shut Ins, the lost

JOURNEY

“TREASURES OF THE HEART.”

The 5th annual **Journey Women's Event “Treasures of the Heart”** is fast approaching. There's still time for you to register, however. The Journey will be held **Sat., April 5th from 8:30-2:30**. Childcare is available. Just call the church office at 582-2169 or email Ruth at laney3@mchsi.com. Registration is \$12 and scholarships are available, if needed.

The Journey is sure to be a day of praise, inspiration, fellowship, music, and prayer. Four ladies will share their ‘treasures of the heart’ throughout the day and lunch promises to be spectacular. While registration is encouraged, walk-ins are accepted.



ROAD TRIP TO KALONA, IOWA

Several Miriam Circle ladies are planning on going to Kalona, Iowa **Saturday, April 12th** for a fun adventure. We will enjoy the Amish Country, shop and probably eat in Amana, Iowa. We invite others to join us on this day trip. We will meet at the church at 7:45 AM and carpool. If you want to share an enjoyable day, please call or email Ruth Dulaney at 309-738-6151 or laney3@mchsi.com.



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN APRIL

Did you know that April Is Autism Awareness Month? It's also Mathematics Education Month, but did you know it's Keep America Beautiful Month? What about Guitar Month? Frog Month? Humor Month? Here are the special days April has to offer: April 1st- April Fool's Day, April 2nd- Children's Book Day, April 3rd- Find-A-Rainbow Day, April 4th- Draw a Picture of a Bird Day, April 5th- Read a Road Map Day, April 6th- Palm Sunday, April 7th- No Housework Day, April 8th- Pudding Day, April 9th- Name Yourself Day, April 10th- Encourage a Young Writer Day, April 11th- Jackie Robinson Day, April 12th- Big Wind Day, April 13th- Easter Sunday, April 14th- Look up at the Sky Day, April 15th- Titanic Remembrance Day, April 16th- Eggs Benedict Day, April 17th- Blah, Blah, Blah Day, April 18th- Pet Owner's Day, April 19th- Humorous Day, April 20th- Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Day, April 21st- Kindergarten Day, April 22nd- Earth Day, April 23rd- Sing Out Day, April 24th- Pigs-in-a-Blanket Day, April 25th- Telephone Day, April 26th- Hug a Friend Day, April 27th- Tell a Story Day, April 28th- Administrative Professional's Day, April 29th- Zipper Day, and April 30th- Honesty Day!

READING, WRITING, AND 'RITHMETIC...AS WELL AS ZIPPERS, FOOD AND FOOLS! ENJOY THE WONDERFUL, UNUSUAL AND DOWNRIGHT STRANGE THIS MONTH

The deadline for the next Parish Visitor is ***Tuesday, April 22, at 8am.***

Please have all articles submitted by this date!



LOST & FOUND

We have assorted “lost” items here at Aledo UMC! There are dishes on the counter in the back kitchen in the basement, coats and gloves on various coat racks, books in the office, and various other items in various other spots, that need to find their way back home! If you are missing something, please come and check to see if it is here! Because we are growing, and space can be an issue, items not picked up within a month’s time will be donated.



CHURCH WEBSITE

Have you looked at your church’s website? If not, go to www.myaledoumc.com and see what’s going on! Not only can you see the “basics” about the Aledo United Methodist Church, you can find the most church current calendar. In addition, the 2-minute “call to worship” videos that start our 8AM service every week are available. Also, the monthly newsletter AND the weekly bulletin (complete with the current version of the Prayer List) can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!



ALEDO UMC BUS MINISTRY

We’d love to come pick you up and bring you to any of our services. Just make arrangements with **Greg Cobert** in advance by calling (309) 737-5621 and we’ll put you on our “Pick Up” list.



SCHEDULING EVENTS

The Aledo United Methodist Church is a BUSY place! (Our custodian tells us that he struggles to find time to CLEAN the church because there is always something GOING ON in the church! His exact words are, "You are the dirtiest church I clean!") And since we are busy connecting people with Jesus Christ, it is a VERY good thing that we are busy! But BECAUSE we are so busy, it makes scheduling a bit more of a challenge. Events that never had to be concerned with the calendar before now...have to!

We continue to find creative, collaborative ways to enable multiple events to happen at the same time- which IS our goal- but we can't do that if we don't know an event is scheduled. With that in mind, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible to make sure your date/time/area of the church is available and to get your event on the church calendar.

Is your church a busy place? Yes! Is it busy connecting people to Jesus Christ? Yes! Therefore, we want to do EVERYTHING we can to make sure as many ministries as possible that help further our mission are able to happen!

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. Simply go to www.stickwithjesus.com. Scroll down the main page until you find the date you missed- that day's blog will be a transcript of the sermon! If you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at revmark@stickwithjesus.com. Please share these links with your friends.

NEEDED: WATER BOTTLES!

The Family Crisis Center will be holding their "Champions4Children" walk on May 3rd. They are in great need of empty 16, 18, or 20 ounce water bottles. They are needed by April 1st. Thank you for your help!



MIRIAM CIRCLE APPRECIATES THE MANY "THANK-YOU'S" RECEIVED FOR THE VALENTINE COOKIE AND FRUIT TRAYS

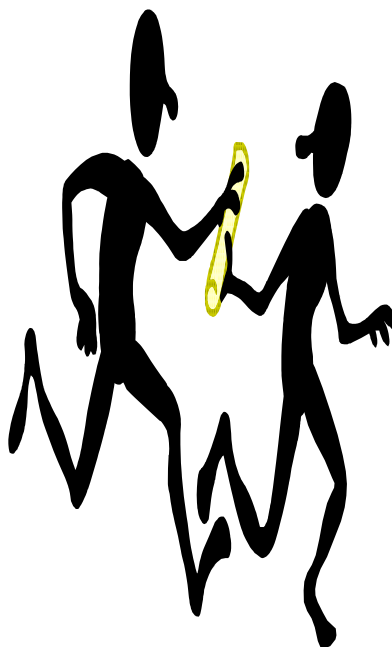
We received lovely thank you notes from Fred Beard, Evelyn Brown, Nadine Liby, Ed & Marian Nesbitt, Jo Kernan, Evelyn Yerkey, Adam Douglas, Rita Haizlip, Florence Louck, Connie Shaw, Kathy Bell, and Kathryn Jones. It was our joy and privilege to provide the forty Valentine trays to members of our community.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The **Aledo UMC Relay for Life Team** will have a bake sale on **Sunday, April 13**, which is Palm Sunday. The Easter cantata will be that Sunday, with a potato bar following the 10:15 service. The team will have a table with baked goods, etc. that will be available. The cost will be by donation. Please help support our team.

Thanks,

Aledo UMC Relay for Life Team



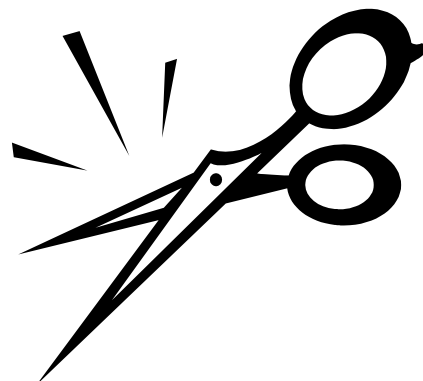
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The Aledo UMC Relay for Life Team will once again be collecting your loose change in pill bottles available at the back of the sanctuary. Monies raised will be given to the Relay for Life of Mercer County to be held on Saturday, June 28th from noon until midnight. Contact Pam Truman for information on how you can be on our team or help in some way.

ONE LAST TABLECLOTH WORK TIME!

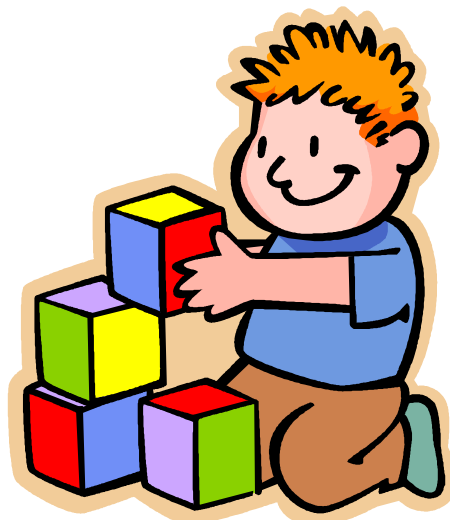
We need to sort the older white vinyl tablecloths to label which can be used for the bazaar and which ones should be reserved for craft projects. Please join us **Thursday, April 17th at 3:30 PM**, followed by going out for pizza.

Ruth Dulaney



THE NURSERY

Perhaps one of the best-kept secrets at AUMC is our Nursery Program. Professionally staffed and lovingly tended, our Nursery is a great place to take your children! The main focus of our nursery is simple...care. Our goal is to provide a loving environment where the youngest among us can feel comfortable and safe. At the Aledo United Methodist Church, we truly believe that the children of our congregation are NOT simply the future of the church- they are very much an active, important part of the PRESENT of the church! We strive to take good care of them while offering them a glimpse of...THE KINGDOM!



ART OF DYING

It was a rainy, slushy, crummy afternoon as my Mom, brother, and I piled into the car for a Saturday filled with errands. Little did I know this day would be unexpectedly abbreviated. Two errands down 898 more to go, my preteen mind thought.

As we drove down North Brady Street, the rain began to pick up, coming down in torrential waves. As we approached the red light, my mom announced the tires were "spinning out" due to the excess water and pebbles/sand on the road from construction. "The car is not going to stop; we're going to have to go through the red light," she said unnervingly.

The minute after I processed those alarming words, I glanced up to see a semi-truck getting ready to come through the intersection...the same intersection we were supposed to pass through...The next phrase from my Mom almost seemed to be delivered in slow motion, "Brace yourselves."

We were going to HIT this semi...no way around it. Our greatest fear was what part of this 18 wheeler was going to take the impact of our puny car; I deducted that we were going to hit dead center. All I could picture next was either being trampled/mangled or dragged away by this blue monster. Heaven seemed like the obvious option with this collision.

I could hear my mom's heart pounding as well as her foot as she continued to stomp on the brakes. The car squealed, slid, and slowed just enough for us to clear the middle of the semi. Our green machine hit back the quarter of the 18 wheeler. The semi sheared our hood off, flattened the tires, and knocked a hole in the engine block the size of a basketball.

Mom, Chris, and I walked away from the wreck with only bumps and bruises. My knee had been sliced open by the dash with the force of crash yet no stitches were required. The DPD Officer dispatched to the call..My Dad. You see both of my earthly and Heavenly Fathers responded that day.

If God's hand had not intervened with the brakes, death was in our midst. We would have been smashed under the weight of that truck. Looking back on this story it reminds me that I AM TO DIE DAILY! Galatians 2:20 states, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." We are called to die to self!

This choice means holy living! Holy living involves a daily decision to surrender to the lordship of Christ. It involves yielding our will to God and adopting His perspective. The Bible has given us so many awesome examples of this precious lifestyle. Look at the day Mary forfeited her reputation...She fully died to self for holy living in God's will and for the birth of our Savior. What about the day Joseph sacrificed his feelings and pride to die to self? He raised our Savior! He lived for God. Examine the life of Jesus; He is the visible expression of God's holiness.

God wants our minds and hearts to be filled with His holy qualities. As our lives are transformed, we will project the light of His holiness into the darkness of this hopeless world. Real life---abundant life---begins with ART OF DYING TO SELF.



**Senior High Youth Group
LAUNCHES**

June 23rd, 6-7:15pm

6-7:15pm

**Junior High: 5-7pm
Senior High: 7-9pm**

COME CONNECT WITH US IN PRAYER

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Each *Tuesday* at 1:30pm
& 3pm in the Fellowship
Room

PRAYER WALK
through the church every
Sunday morning at 7am



CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME'S "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION"

Please remember to bring your box tops to church! There is a clear plastic collection box on the desk in the Library area of the Fellowship Room. These will be taken to the UMW Spring Meeting on **April 12th**. Gift cards are also always appreciated. **Cunningham Children's Home** appreciates all we do to help them in their mission to help children!

FINANCIAL MATTERS (WEEKLY NEED \$5,768)

Date	03/02	03/09	03/16	03/23
Attendance	183	241	345	206
Receipts	\$5,271.25	\$5,312.00	7,183.00	4,542.50



**JOIN US SUNDAY
EVENINGS @ 6PM FOR
MESSAGE, WORSHIP,
COMMUNION,
AND PRAYER.**

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Mark 16: 4-6 NIV