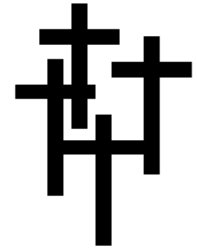


# Northside News



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## From the Pastor

The season of Lent was originally a time of recovery for the church. We recognized that we had grown comfortable in the world as it was. Originally, the church was a powerless, marginalized community. Our treasure was the poor whom we welcomed; our strength was measured by our capacity to suffer for and with the sick and the oppressed; our distinction was that we loved one another.

Over time that changed. We became the powerful. We gained status. We lost our edge and began to measure our strength by the size of our buildings or our bank accounts. Over time we started to notice that there really was not much of a difference between a Christian and a good, prosperous, moral pagan. Lent seems to have been an attempt to remind Christians that we are called to follow Jesus, and that following Jesus involves renouncing the ways of power and prestige that govern the world.

Originally we think Lent grew out of a forty day period of fasting and prayer prior to baptism on Easter. The idea was that being a Christian involved a conversion, a literal change of heart, mind, and habit. We leave behind one world of possibility and enter into another one. We become different people, and this takes some time. So, they fasted and prayed and prepared for forty days, no doubt in memory of Jesus' own forty day fast in the wilderness.

Lent is still a time of intentional renewal, and I don't know about you, but I could use it. It is a time for Christians to learn again the different sort of people we are called to be and for the church to recover our own radical vision.

This Lent is special for Northside because it is the first one since our fortieth, and we are asking questions about who we are and who we are called to be in this community. I pray that Lent will be for us and for all the worldwide church a reminder that we are called to follow a truthful, demanding, gracious Lord, and that following this Lord will make us stand out in sometimes awkward and painful ways.

Grace and Peace,  
Stan

## To My Friends at Northside

Thanks so much for your wonderful hospitality on Sunday and thanks for your ministry in the community and the world. It was a gift for me to be with you on Sunday and my prayers will surround you as you continue to journey "into the deep."  
Peace and Love,  
Michelle Shrader

## Christian Formation Covenant Group

Another Christian Formation Group has begun meeting. This group will meet off and on for two years, and the purpose of the meetings is to take a close look at our life together, and our own individual lives to see how we are doing in our ongoing, lifelong effort to form and be formed as Christian disciples. The work they are doing is important for us as we seek the leadership of the Spirit in a new mission effort. Please remember them, pray for them, and encourage them. They are: Marie Anderson, Aaron Bond, Margaret and Sam Drummond, Emily Fokeladeh, Cliff Johnson, Susan Meadors, Bo Roberts, Buddy Wagner, Maureen Wishkoski, and Joann and Craig Young.

## Sundays in Lent

He Became Poor  
Giving, Spending, Saving, and Earning on the  
Way to the Cross

February 28: Lent 2  
Befriending the Cross. Philippians 3

March 7: Lent 3  
Bread Which Satisfies. Isaiah 55

March 14: Lent 4  
All Things New by Susan Meadors, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

March 21: Lent 5  
Gains, Losses, and Values. Philippians 3, John 12.

March 28: Palm Sunday  
He Became Poor. II Corinthians 8  
Intergenerational Drama: 6:00 p.m.

April 4: Easter Sunday  
Service of Resurrection, 10:30 a.m.

## New Hymnal Project

The next phase of the project will be to gather all requests for inscriptions in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones. If you would like one or more of your donated hymnals to be so dedicated, please make sure that the office knows this information by March 14.

## Lenten Book Recommended

There will be two groups for the Lenten Book Study, one which will meet on **Sunday nights at 6 p.m.**, and another which will meet **Tuesday nights at 7 p.m.** Books have been purchased and distributed and additional books ordered at a cost of \$20 if you have not received yours. The second order of books should arrive this week.

The book to be studied is *The Seven Deadly Sins Sampler*, edited by Daniel Born, Mike Levine, and Don Whitfield. This sampler is fourteen short story masterpieces selected for discussion and reflection on the seven deadly sins of Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony, and Lust. As a preview, the first is Pride: "A Rose for Emily" by William Faulkner and "Good Country People" by Flannery O'Connor.

## From the Wellness Ministry

Macular degeneration is a condition of the eye that usually is associated with aging (usually in persons over 50 years old). There is an "early form" and a more serious "later form" in which essential blood vessels in the back of the eye are destroyed which is vision-threatening. Usually the visual deficit is loss of central vision (can't see well what is straight ahead). Research is showing that certain nutrients are helping to prevent or lessen the problem including zinc supplements, Omega-3 fatty acid intake, and eating eggs regularly. As always, the decision to supplement is made between the person and their medical provider.

## Youth Building

As of press time we are expecting the power to be turned on in the new youth building within a day or two. After that, following a few minor adjustments the final coat of paint will be applied, the building will be cleaned, and we will be ready to furnish it. Thanks to all who continue to supervise, plan, purchase furniture, and wait expectantly.

Let's pray for our youth and their families in this opportune time.

## 2009 Business E-Waste Day

Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
MS Farmer's Market  
929 High Street  
Jackson, MS 39202  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Businesses can bring any unwanted electronics to the Mississippi Farmer's Market on Wednesday April 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Doing so will lighten the electronic waste from their offices in an environmentally friendly way!

Acceptable Items:

All Computer Components, Desktop Copiers, Fax Machines, Radios, Televisions, Cell Phones, Desk Phones, VCR Players, DVD Players, Electronic Games, Monitors, Keyboards, Printers, Laptops, Scanners, Stereos/Radios, Microwaves, Vacuums, Smoke Alarms. There is a \$1 charge per monitor and \$10 charge per television.

For more information on this event, please contact Kellye Smith at (601) 948-7575, ext. 234 or email

[ksmith@greaterjacksonpartnership.com](mailto:ksmith@greaterjacksonpartnership.com).

## Extended Session

### February 28

Infants  
Toddlers  
Preschool

Lida Stark  
Cliff Johnson  
Ellen Brewer

### March 7

Infants  
Toddlers  
Preschool

Frances Chisolm  
Missy Jones  
Buddy Wagner

## Sunday School for Babies

February 28  
March 7

Deborah Fry  
Daphne Myers

## Sympathy

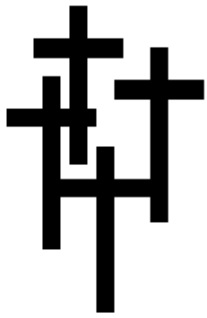
Christian sympathy is extended to Jerrell and Martha Hutson, Ellen, Quentin, Hutson and Joshua Brewer in the death of Jerrell's mother, Itaska Wood.

## Caregiving Concerns

Larry Barnes, recovering from surgery, at home  
Anna Buckley, sister of Wilma Hemphill  
Antonio Dillon, student of Andrew Meaders', at UMC  
Brina Gutierrez, granddaughter of Ann and John Marquez  
Carol Morali, Judy Yates' sister  
Virgie Murriel, recovering from knee surgery  
Ben Randman, caring for his mother  
Bill Strum, recovering from surgery

## On-Going Caregiving Concerns

Helen Breedlove, aunt of Jackie Wright  
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks  
Wanda Caldwell, sister of Bill Stark  
Shirley Campbell, sister of Jo Ann Pope  
Bill and Charlotte Causey  
Howard Cohen at home  
Callie Cole, in a coma, friend of Sara Campbell  
Jamie Franks, daughter of Lynda Cook, with Crohn's disease  
Marjorie Gore  
Becky Harrison, aunt of Beth Dickinson  
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy  
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw  
Karen Holland, friend of Beth Dickinson  
Lake Jones  
Matthew McCartney, nephew of Anne Powers  
Diane Meadows  
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook  
Clayton Powers  
Chrys Ray  
Margaret Stephens, John Marquez' sister  
Merle Thomas  
Jennifer Tucker  
Betty Gordon Watson, sister of Emily Fokeladeh  
Freddie Weeks, cancer, friend of Graham Carner  
Johnnie Williams, mother of Roxie Parks



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