

Fourth Facts

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Pastor's Letter

In a copy of the *Joyful Noiseletter*, Dennis Fakes tells of the time little Johnny, on his way home from a special Lenten worship service, asked his mother:

“Is it true, mommy, that we are made of dust, like the minister said?”

“Yes, dear,” his mother answered.

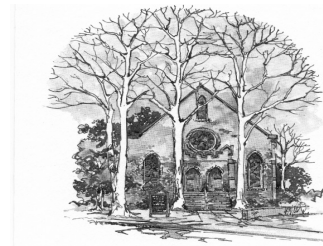
“And is it true that we go back to dust again when we die?”

“Yes, dear,” his mother replied.

“Well, mommy,” Johnny exclaimed, “when I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I saw someone who is either coming or going!”

Whether you are coming or going or just hanging around for awhile, we're about to begin the season of Lent, when we reflect on our own deep needs for God's redemption as well as contemplating the mystery of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. This year instead of giving something up for Lent may I suggest we give our self up to God and plan to include something different each week in our ordinary routine. Strive to be involved in at least one activity each week that will help you reflect upon God's love and purpose for you, and, of course, ultimately prepare you to truly commit yourself to the Risen Christ, claiming the promise of New Life when Easter arrives.

For those who would like some help in planning something special, here are a few suggestions. Be sure to participate in our Adult Education Lecture Series on “Faith & Literature” currently underway and continuing through Sunday, April 3rd, at 10:00 am. Or, NEW THIS YEAR, take in Fourth's Lenten Luncheon and Taize Meditation Series on Wednesdays during lunch time. It's a wonderful



way to bring some peace and meaning into the hectic work week. (See article in this issue for further details.) Give a few hours each week to help build our 5th Habitat House. And remember to pray! Pray for our church. Particularly through these forty days of Lent I am asking everyone to pray every single day for this church,-- for its ministers and staff, for our elders and deacons and for the dozens and dozens of leaders who are implementing and directing our programs; and for the life that flows out of our work and worship. I ask you to pray for the people that are a part of this great family of faith-- for the little people, the infants and babies, the children and youth, and for the grown-ups too, especially for those who are hurting, for the many who need our Lord in their lives (and who amongst us does not). I ask you to pray every day that this church will remain faithful to carrying out the teaching, preaching, healing and caring ministry of Jesus Christ in this community and throughout the world.

Whether we come from dust, return to dust or just let it gather under our beds, would you understand if I concluded by saying: “Don't let the dust gather around you this Lent.” Seize the opportunity and use these days to nurture your faith and reclaim the gift of New Life in Jesus Christ

Faithfully,
R. Bruce Meyer

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

PRESCHOOL CLASSES

18 mo-2 Yrs. will study Bible stories about the teachings of Jesus, from God Loves Me, from the Christian Reformed Church. The teacher in this class for March is: **Addie Hunnicutt**

3&4 Yrs. will study from the Walk With Me series, from the Christian Reformed Church. This month they will be learning stories about Jesus. The teacher in this class for March are: **Vonnie Vance**.

5&6 Yrs. will study lessons from our "We Believe" Curriculum, from the Presbyterian Church (USA). This month's topic will be: "Stories of Jesus" The teacher in this class for March is **Kathy Woodson**.

GRADES 1-5! These grades will participate in the **Workshop Rotation Model (Crossway)**. This month, we will study "**Jesus Calms the Storm**" and will use the '**4th.com**', '**Thou Art**', '**Acts**', and '**Mission Possible**' Rooms. The memory verse for this study will be from Mark 4:41b "*Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!*" Don't forget to bring your Bibles! Come join us in the excitement! Check the bulletin board in the elementary hallway each Sunday when you arrive to know which class you will go to and to get your name tag.

We want to thank those who helped teach the February rotation: Amy Clauss, Elliott & Justin Grow, Shannon Cole, Leslie Larue, Karen & Jack Turpin, and Judy Robertson.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERINGS

The 2011 Pellett-Wearn Endowed Lecture Series

FAITH & LITERATURE

With Professors from Presbyterian College

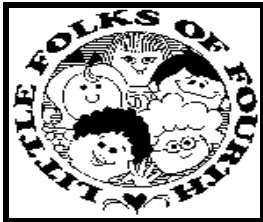
(10:00 am Sunday Mornings in the Graham Fellowship Hall)

Examining the impacts of Christian theology on Literature and Literature on the Christian community.

February 27	The Inklings: C.S. Lewis	Dr. Peter Hobbie, Professor of Religion
March 6	The Inklings: J.R.R. Tolkien	Dr. Peter Hobbie, Professor of Religion
March 13	Medieval Literature: Dante Alighieri	Dr. Justin Brent, Associate Professor of English
March 20	Southern Literature: Flannery O'Connor	Dr. Molly McGehee, Assistant Professor of English
March 27	Poetry as Devotion	Rev. Lindy Vogado, Interim Director of Campus Ministry & Services
April 3	Literature in the Church	Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins, Dean of Religious Life

Upcoming Inquirers' Class: April 10- May 15

This six-week class meets in the Session Room during the church school hour and is designed to introduce the Presbyterian Church and its history, form of government, and Reformed Theology to those who are seeking to know more about this expression of the Church of Jesus Christ. Persons feeling the call to unite with this congregation of God's people (or those exploring the possibilities) are highly encouraged to attend these sessions. Please know that participation in these sessions communicates no expectation to join.



Little Folks News – March 2011

March is a significant month in our Little Folks calendar. The first big event is **Summer and Fall sign-ups for families currently enrolled in Little Folks**. This is from March 1 through March 31. Sign-up sheets will be in your child's classroom. Tell the teacher what days you prefer for both the summer and fall. You do not need to attend in the summer to reserve your space in the fall program. This is also the time to sign up siblings so that we can do our best to have a spot for them when they are old enough to attend. Be sure to double check that your child is listed in the correct classroom and for the correct days. You have the whole month to change, add, or drop days, so don't panic that you won't get on the list soon enough to get the days that you need. The class lists are in a constant state of change throughout the month. That's why we use a pencil with a **BIG eraser**. **I do need for you to finalize your needs by March 31 because open enrollment for new people begins Tuesday, April 5.**

The second big event is the **RUMMAGE SALE**. Katie Rabe and Trina Benson have the daunting task of organizing the Rummage Sale. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and by far the most labor intensive and complicated to get together. The money that we raise goes to buying equipment for the playground and classrooms, funding teacher appreciation activities, and providing money for Little Folks' scholarships. We need volunteers to help organize, price, and set out donations. We need people to take shifts to supervise the sales, man the cash box, and help people find the perfect items to purchase. Since Katie and Trina divide these tasks among many volunteers, things run smoothly and no one is run ragged from long hours. Contact Katie or Trina to sign up to help out.

As donations are being dropped off and the merchandise organized, it's wonderful to see church members working side by side with Little Folks parents. The gym is full of laughter and energy as everyone does their part to make the Rummage Sale a success. The **Rummage Sale** is not just about the amount of money made for Little Folks. All of the items not sold are donated to **GAIHN** and **A Child's Haven** to help with the needs of their families.

For the first time, for the convenience of church members, we will have an early drop-off on the Sunday before the Rummage Sale (March 13) from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

The other drop-off days are Wednesday March 16 and Thursday March 17 from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bring your items to the gym and we'll have receipts for you since all of the items donated are tax deductible. We take just about everything, but, give me a call at 235-1754(w) or 233-5003(h) if you're unsure if we need or accept the items that you plan to donate.

The sale days are **Friday, March 18, 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 19, 7:30 a.m. – Noon.**

Thanks for helping out. I'll see you there!

Sally

NEW LUNCH HOUR LENTEN SERIES

(3/16, 3/23, 3/30. 4/6, 4/13)

Each Wednesday during the season of Lent, we invite you to join us for a light lunch served **at noon**, followed by a brief (20 minute) time of worship in the Taize tradition. The Taize Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic order in Taize, France. It is composed of about 100 brothers who come from Protestant and Catholic traditions. The brothers come from 30 countries across the world. The monastic order has a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. It was founded in 1940.

The usual Taize service is based upon the Service of the Word with some variations. Singing, silence, Scripture and prayer are the elements of Taize. It is a style of worship drawn from contemplative roots where silence and reflection are central to worship and cyclical music allows the participants to center their thoughts on prayer. The music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated. To the average Protestant worshipper in the US, prayer in the Taize style with fewer words and periods of silence may be at once disturbing and refreshing.

We invite you to slow down, pause, quiet your spirit and rest in the presence of the Lord. The cost of lunch is \$5.00. No reservations necessary.

Announcements

WORSHIP PACKS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5 – 5th! Be sure your child in these grades picks up a pack each morning as he or she enters the Sanctuary.

We appreciate our Worship Pack Families for the month of March

3/6 Riley, Hallam, Bryce, & Teresa Cottingham 3/13 Ashe, Cole & Merritt Ray
3/20 Eva, Mac & Elliott Grow 3/27 Mattie Blake, Walker & Whitney Ramseur

OFFERING ENVELOPES for **PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY GRADES** are being given out in the Church School classrooms. Please see that your child has picked his or hers up to use for the year 2011.

HEIFER PROJECT: We are again this year participating in this worthwhile project during the Lenten Season. This program enables churches to help others help themselves. In previous years, we were able to collect enough monies to purchase several animals – a heifer, a water buffalo, a flock of chickens, a goat, a sheep and a trio of rabbits! Heifer Project works in 31 countries and gives not only the animal or animals, but also the training to help families become self-reliant. The children will be given banks (let us know if your child doesn't receive one) during the Lenten Season and all money will be collected on Easter Sunday. Our paper mache version of a heifer will be in the Sanctuary beginning March 13 with her feed bucket so that our adults (who are very necessary donors to this worthwhile project!) will have a place to put their contributions! Our goal is to be able to purchase one \$500 heifer and as many other animals as we can. We appreciate everyone's help with this great project.

CAMP BUC REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

HALL. You can register online at www.bucoutdoorcenter.org/summercamp.htm. Foothills Presbytery offers a \$15 discount for members of Foothills Presbytery. An early bird discount of \$15.00 is also available for campers who register before April 15. Fourth Church will pay \$40 toward the cost of children of member's to attend. Please make sure to register soon to take advantage of this discount as funds are limited. If you have any other questions regarding camp, see Donna.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



Basketball Camp – Once again we will be welcoming back Chad Lister and his assistants, July 18 -21, 2011, 9:00-12:00. This is always a very popular camp and the children learn so much that helps them later when Church Basketball season starts. The camp is for children 5K – those who have finished 6th grade. If you are interested in this fun camp, please call the church office to sign up. Cost is \$55.00 and includes a t-shirt.

Church-wide Retreat will be held at Bonclarken on **September 17-18, 2011.**

Share your love for learning! **Greenville Literacy Association** needs many volunteers to help other adults improve their reading, writing, and math skills, prepare for the GED or learn to speak English. Commitment is normally one hour per week, and no prior teaching experience is required. Greenville Literacy provides training. For more information, please call 467-3456 or visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org. Hurry! Our next training workshop is Saturday, March 12.

“Ring in the Spring” with a most unique and enjoyable partnership of the Carolina Bronze and InDwellings. Whether you are a loyal fan or newcomer to their talents, you will have an opportunity to be the first to hear Carolina Bronze's spring concert program. InDwellings will be hosting this spring concert on **April 10th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of 1st Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg.** The Upstate community of South Carolina is blessed to have this talented hand-bell ensemble. InDwellings, a ministry of Foothills Presbytery, and Carolina Bronze are partnering to share the message about the need of homes for adults with developmental disabilities. There will be no admission fee, no reservations; simply join us for an afternoon filled with the glorious sounds of spring and hope for special-needs adults. There will be a love offering received, which will benefit the InDwellings building program. For additional information on both groups and directions to 1st Presbyterian Church, visit www.indwellings.org or www.carolinabronze.org.

FOURTH FACTS

SESSION

Class of 2011

Brad Majors
 Bill Pitman
 Anne Propst
 Ruth Roper
 Kathy Thomas
 Robert Thomas

Class of 2012

Candy Colquitt
 McCrady Gwinn
 Dan Hunt
 Gene Krcelic
 Allison Lipsey
 Mary Monahan

Class of 2013

Connie Carson
 Suanne Hall
 John Marshall
 Lynn Mitchell
 Marvin Quattlebaum, Sr.

Moderator of Presbyterian Women:

Whitney Ramseur

DIACONATE

Class of 2011

Talbot Carter
 Rob Cole
 Mary Fran Crosswell
 Linda Doherty
 Heather Gatchell
 Hector McLean

Class of 2012

Justin Grow
 Don Jackson
 Hugh McVeety
 Katie Rabe
 Kristie Tennent
 Michele Wilson

Class of 2013

Trina Benson
 Hall Bickmann
 Kevin Greene
 Carol Harrison
 Tommy Lattimore

WEEKLY PRAYER TME— A time for prayer is still on Friday's at 11:30 in the sanctuary. Please feel free to stop by for any part of the hour for a quiet moment of prayer.

***MARCH
 BIRTHDAYS***

- 1 Don Jackson
- 1 Joe Thomas
- 1 Grace Quattlebaum
- 2 Jane Richardson
- 2 Helen Ferguson
- 2 Beth Meyer
- 2 Lee Haynsworth
- 3 David McCauley
- 3 Lauren Janarella
- 3 Ellen Kilby
- 4 Finch Vergnolle
- 5 Joe Lee
- 5 Katherine Rogers
- 5 Tyler Amey
- 5 Reid Poole
- 5 William Harrison
- 6 Nancy Perry
- 6 Trey Meredith
- 6 Wellesley Robinson
- 7 Sally Flinn
- 7 Jackie Fitch
- 8 Langdon Mitchell
- 8 Judy Alewine
- 8 James Murdock
- 8 Sarah Westbrook
- 9 Carl Whitmer
- 9 Robert Foster
- 9 Jack Wright
- 10 Charles Tennent
- 11 Carol Perrin Cobb
- 11 David Wilburn
- 11 Keith Lloyd

- 11 Kathryn Stephenson
- 12 Talbot Carter
- 12 Gordon Hartman
- 12 Max Benson
- 12 Shirley Tulp
- 13 Chrissy English
- 13 John Wilburn
- 13 Ashley Grant
- 13 William Watson
- 14 Bradley Freeman
- 14 Jack Freeman
- 15 Robb White
- 15 Steven Hunnicutt
- 15 Bill Pitman
- 15 Doug Gregory
- 15 Thomas Cottingham
- 15 Mary Cottingham
- 16 Bee Jay Spann
- 16 Beth Lipsey
- 17 Randy Duncan
- 17 Michael Pratt
- 17 Harold Huffman
- 18 Margaret Praytor
- 18 Rosa Douglas
- 18 Chad Martin
- 18 Bret Underwood
- 18 Adam Shoun

- 18 Luke Cash
- 18 Hampton Lominack
- 19 Alex Martin
- 19 Craig Young
- 19 Jimmy Wright
- 19 Grace Greer
- 20 Ted Arnold
- 20 Patty Walker
- 20 Mary Alice Smith
- 20 Chuck English
- 20 Libby Wallin
- 22 Marie Sheldon
- 22 Janet Williams
- 22 Steve Seman
- 22 Britt Vergnolle
- 22 Julie Woodson
- 23 Dani Inglesby
- 23 Curtis Wallin
- 23 Wesley Armstrong
- 24 Ruth Roper
- 24 Heather Gatchell
- 24 Dan Hunt
- 24 Davis Ferguson
- 24 Grant Ferguson
- 24 Lindsay McPhail
- 25 Tim Taylor
- 25 Teresa Cottingham
- 25 Sandy Keys
- 25 Barrie Alewine
- 25 Stuart Wyeth
- 25 Madison Bylenga
- 25 Emma Heller

- 25 Spenser Payne
- 26 Frankie Watson
- 26 Ben Clauss
- 26 Forrest McPhail
- 27 Robert Thomas
- 27 Chelsea Taylor
- 28 Robert Stenhouse
- 28 Sims Propst
- 28 Conoly Ellefson
- 28 Grayson Fore
- 28 Sarah Campbell Smith
- 29 Steve Watson
- 29 Stephanie Walters
- 29 Ronald Johnston
- 30 Grace Kisner
- 30 Mac Tippins
- 30 Carol Farnsworth
- 30 Kathy White
- 30 Suanne Hall
- 30 Margaret Gustavson
- 30 Jessica Odom
- 30 Anna Pulliam
- 31 Betty Greer
- 31 Rosalind Reynolds



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS AND MENUS FOR MARCH

March 2- “City of Greenville K-9 Unit Demonstration” Menu: Breakfast for Dinner - Kids: Waffles

March 9- “Ash Wednesday Service” Menu: Meatloaf, Fried Okra, Rice Casserole, Salad Bar, Dessert and Kids: Chicken Tenders & Tater Tots

March 16- “Dinner Forum V – Worship” Menu: Italian & Mexican Night

March 23 – “Lenten Series” Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

March 30- “Lenten Series” Menu: Casserole Night

March Wednesday Night Program Activity Leaders:

Nursery- Two Years

March 2 Dianna Schmid
 March 9 Paid Staff
 March 16 Rebeckah & Jeff Macfie
 March 23 Cathy Taylor
 March 30 Cathy Taylor

Grades 1-3

March 2 STAY FOR PROGRAM
 March 9 STAY FOR PROGRAM
 March 16 Andrea Leland (Games/Gym)
 March 23 Craig Young (Gym)
 March 30 Amie Owens (Crafts)

Two Years – Five Years

March 2 STAY FOR PROGRAM
 March 9 Paid Staff
 March 16 Jeanette & Andy Goldsmith
 March 23 Janelle Thomas & Hall Bickmann
 March 30 Rhonda Watson & Amy Dishner

Grades 4th & 5th

March 2 STAY FOR PROGRAM
 March 9 STAY FOR PROGRAM
 March 16 Becky & Larry Boyd (Games/Gym)
 March 23 Tyler Amey (Gym)
 March 30 Amy Quinn (Crafts)

March Wednesday Night Fellowship

March 2
 March 9
 March 16
 March 23

Set-up &

Edith Patterson & Margie Taylor
 Heidi & Jimmy Wright
 Joyce & Joe Bearden
 John & Linda Marshall

Clean up helpers:

Ron & Helen Werntz
 Susannah, Julia & Sean Hogan
 Andria Leland, Wanda Adams
 Jared & Renee Davis

WNF MONEY COLLECTORS FOR MARCH: 3/2 Katie Bolt, 3/9 Hall Bickmann, 3/16 Need Volunteer, 3/23 Hall Bickmann, March 30 Need Volunteer

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE is beginning to plan our programs and menus for the 2011-2012 season, if you have any suggestions, ideas or contacts for speakers, please fill out a form either in the office or one that is on your table on Wednesday nights. The suggestions from the congregation were very helpful last year as we planned. Also, if you would like to be a part of this committee that has so much fun planning the great programs that you see on Wednesday nights, please contact Hall Bickmann, hbickmann@charter.net, 271-5071 or Donna Foster, donnafoster@4thpres-grvl.com, 232-8123. Thanks!



Fit for Life

When the Bible speaks of our need to be spiritually fit, it is referring to our entire being - mind, body and soul. Today's emphasis on holistic health care comes from this concern for the whole being. If you've been stressing one part of the fitness equation over another it may be time to redirect your focus. With this in mind, Barbie Meyer is leading a low impact, chair exercise class for men and women on Wednesday mornings beginning February 2, 2011 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Here is a wonderful opportunity to expand your fitness by lightly stretching and strengthening the body in the attempt to bring all parts into balance. Wear loose clothing, and bring a water container for use during the class. The group meets downstairs in the Crymes Room. Come join us on Wednesday mornings for some "healthy" fun and fellowship.



BASKETBALL NEWS

**Sunday, March 13th
6-7:30 p.m.**

**Let's celebrate a great season by honoring
all our players and coaches!**

**We will enjoy a slide show of pictures
and have the trophy presentation.**

Coaches and Players eat for free!

Adults: \$6.00

Children: \$4.00

Please call Jan to help with decorations, serving and clean-up.

Thank you for your support.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Circles will meet on Tuesday, March 8th. Circles 1, 2, and 3 will study the 2010-2011 Horizons Bible Study entitled Journeys Through Revelation – Apocalyptic Hope for Today by Barbara Rossing. Books will be available for \$6. Bell Mebane Circle will study If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat by John Ortberg.

Bell Mebane Circle will meet at 9:30 am in the Junior High Room. Childcare is available through Little Folks of Fourth. Teresa Cottingham and Kathryn Johnson are the Circle Leaders. The Bible Moderators are Jackie Fitch, Heather Gatchell, Suanne Hall, and Mary Krcelic.

Circle 2 will meet at 10:30 am in Classroom 24. Wanda Adams is the Circle Leader, and the class will be taught by members of this Circle.

Circle 3 will meet in the Mildred Crymes Classroom at noon and members bring a bag lunch. Shirley Sova will lead this Circle, and the class will be taught by members of this Circle.

Circle 4 will meet at 6:00 pm in the Mildred Crymes Classroom. Mary Beck is the Circle Leader, and The Reverend Beth Templeton is the Bible Moderator.

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

NURSERY HELPERS FOR MARCH

11:15 service:

Sarah & Harris Robinson

PRESCHOOL HELPERS FOR MARCH

4-5 Yr. Olds: (8:45) Amy & Jeff Dishner

(11:15) Jared & Renee Davis

NURSERY COMMITTEE FLOATER FOR MARCH:

Rebeckah & Jeff Macfie

Greeters and Ushers for March

8:45

Greeters: Joe & Frieda Brown

Ushers: Joyce & Brent Grove

Church Host: 3/6 Rob Cole, 3/13 Mary Fran Crosswell, 3/20 Linda Doherty, 3.27 Heather Gatchell

11:15

Greeters: Frieda Brown

Joe Brown

Ushers: Bob Doherty

Linda Doherty

Elisabeth Quattlebaum

Elsie Bickman

UPCOMING GOFOURTHER EVENTS

MONTH	EVENT
March 17	Memoir Lady and Pot luck Lunch at the Church– <i>Please bring a notebook, pen and a dish for our lunch at noon.</i>
April 13 - 17	Beach Trip: Joanna and Clint Edwards are graciously opening their Litchfield home to us for our annual beach trip. Space is limited to twelve people so please call the church office to make your reservation. (232-8123)
May 19	Mystery Trip
June 9 (NOT our usual Thursday)	Flat Rock Playhouse: <i>Chicago</i>
July 21	Antique Road Show and Lunch at the Brick Street Café
August (date to be determined)	Senior Superlative Luncheon
September 17-18	Church Retreat at Bonclarken
October 20	Bus Ride on the Parkway and Lunch at the Pisgah Inn
November 17	Speaker and Lunch at the Church
December	Christmas Luncheon

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

- March 6th- Jr. and Sr. Highs: G4 Bible Study
- March- 13th- March Madness Youth Basketball Game
- March 18- 20th- Sr. High Presbytery Retreat @ Montreat
- March 20 - Jr. Highs Only: Regular Youth Group
- March 27th- Jr. Highs : Special Speaker
Sr. Highs: Youth-Led Bible Study



A HUGE THANK YOU
TO AMIE OWENS
FOR PLANNING THE WOMEN'S RETREAT THIS YEAR.
IT WAS A TERRIFICALLY FUN AND MEANINGFUL EVENT.

GET OUT YOUR APRON AND PUT ON YOUR CHEF'S HAT!

WE ARE SHAKING THINGS UP THIS SUMMER AS WE BRING KITCHEN FUN TO THE CHILDREN AT VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL WITH "SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ" WHERE KIDS CARRY OUT GOD'S RECIPE! ... July 25-July 29 from 9:00-12:00. This year our curriculum will be "Shake It Up Café" from Cokesbury. We will follow the recipe that includes *heaping helpings* of Bible fun, *special servings* of creative crafts, *hands on* mission work, *fun* with food science and great music.

VCS is a highlight of the summer at Fourth and we look forward to sharing the Bible stories, crafts, songs and fun with the children. Along with sharing VCS with all of the children, we want to share the opportunity with all of our teenagers and adults by inviting **YOU** to get involved. We are in need of volunteers to help teach and shepherd, lend/donate/paint props, as well as volunteers to help with set-up on the Sunday prior to VCS, clean-up after and/or provide food for our teacher's lounge. If you know that you are not available that week but want to help, we have many volunteer opportunities that can be done prior to the week of VCS.

If you are interested in sharing your gifts of time and talent, please call or e-mail one of our Directors: **Amy Quinn, (235-7987), amymquinn@bellsouth.net** and **Kathryn Johnson (271-4340), katcj26@yahoo.com**. Or our Assistant Directors: **Heather Purtle, 360-4388, hpurtle@bellsouth.net**, and **Rhonda Jackson, 242-5143, rzjackson@charter.net**.

We are very excited about sharing the stories of Biblical festivals that link the Old and New Testament and our lives today. So come join us in the kitchen as we explore and experience recipes for living out God's word.

Registration will be available online and details will be in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

DEVOTION AND FAITH TIP FOR MARCH

This month we begin the season of Lent. Lent is 40 days, not counting Sundays and always begins on a Wednesday called Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is on March 9 and we will have a special service in the sanctuary that night. The ministers will place, if you want them to, a sign of the cross with ash on your forehead as a reminder that all things come from the earth and that Jesus died on the cross as a sign of love for us. Since the ash is of the earth it wipes off later at bath time. In the Bible 40 is a special number. With your parents, look in the Bible at Mark 1:12-13 and read it together.

As you begin to prepare for this Lenten season as a family; think of ways that you can share this time together with family devotions, prayers, and/or activities. Try to find a place in your home that is a special place, light a candle or hold hands in a circle and say the following prayer which is a paraphrase of Psalm 16:5;

You Lord, are all we have.

You give us all we need.

Our lives are in your hands.

How wonderful are your gifts. Amen

Devotions, Prayers, Ideas and activities for each day in Lent are available for your family on the table in the foyer outside of the church office.

Food **4** thought

Each month the pastors are suggesting an article to you that we have discussed and think will peak your interest and spiritual growth as well. The article this month is "On Palin's Reading List, C.S. Lewis" by Michael Flaherty. You may pick up a copy at the Hospitality Desk.