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The Calvin Commentary

March 2015
John Calvin Presbyterian Church
Metairie LA

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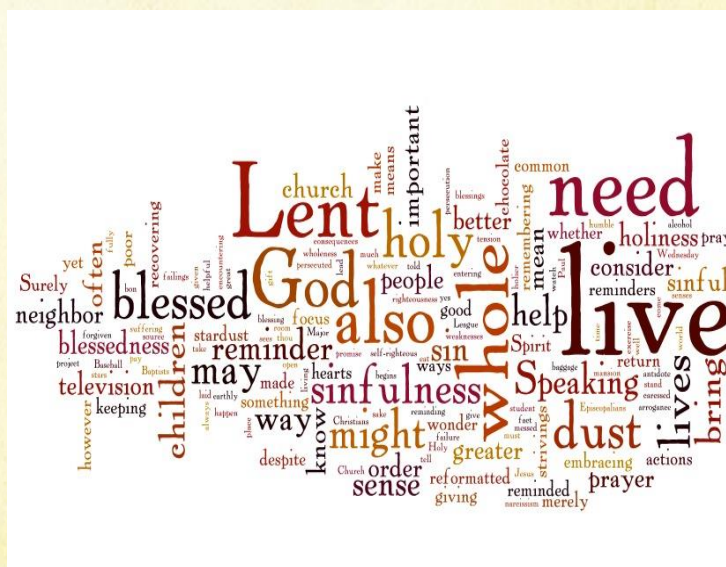
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12:00pm Luncheon

Every Wednesday's through March 25
In the fellowship hall

6:30 Bible Study





The Pastor's Pen

LENT

Lent is a forty day season of the Christian Year preceding Easter in which we focus on simple living, prayer and fasting in order to grow closer to God. At Jesus baptism the sky split open, the Spirit of God, which looked like a dove, descended and landed on Jesus, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am pleased." Afterward, as told in Matthew 4, Jesus was sent into the wilderness by the Spirit where he fasted for forty days. During his time there he was tempted by Satan and found clarity and strength to resist temptation. Afterward, he was ready to begin his ministry.

Lent is great time to repent to turn to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a time to work at changing our lifestyle and in the process letting God change your heart. Your might benefit from of these practices:

Fasting: you can fast by cutting things out of your life that distract you from God. For example you can cut out TV and soft drinks as a way of purifying your mind and body. You might skip a meal a day and use the time to pray. What can you do to simplify our life and focus more on God?

Service: You can take something on for Christ. You can collect food for the needy, work for justice in the community, or commit to help a different stranger each day of lent. Serving others is one of the ways we serve God.

Pastor's Pen Continued ...

The following list of suggestions for deepening our walk of faith was put together by Rev. Penny Ford:

Try an electronic fast: give us TV e-mail and all things electronic on day week and use the time to read and pray.

Start a prayer rhythm: say a prayer every time you get out of chair, hear and ambulance or check your email. Before you text someone pray for them.

Read a chapter in the Bible each day. Matthew is a good place to start.

Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it, maybe even yourself.

Give up soft drinks, fast food, or caffeine. Give the money you save to the poor.

Create a daily quiet time. Spend 30 minutes in silence and prayer.

Cultivate a life of gratitude.

Write a thank you note to someone each day of lent

Be kind to someone each day.

Pray for others as you commute to work or exercise

Volunteer at least one hour each week to help in a local shelter, nursing home or school.

My prayer is that you will find your faith deepened during this Lenten season.

Rev. Harry Brown



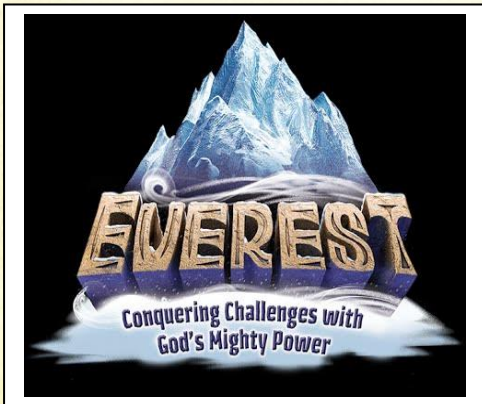
New Orleans Pelicans and Denver Nuggets

March 15 at 5:00PM

**We have a block of tickets that are available
on first come, first served ... signup early!**

**Come enjoy the event as a family. Chaperones
are available for with T'weens and children.**

**See Laurie Robinson after worship to reserve
your tickets or email:
ler@johncalvinchurch.org**



**At Everest Vacation Bible School, kids experience
God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways!
Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible
truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember
and apply to real life!**

**Save the date June 22-26 and please consider
volunteering for this great rewarding event in a
child's life.**

**Let Laurie Robinson know if you can assist with
VBS by email ler@johncalvinchurch.org or by phone
504.888.1375 church office**

Sanctuary Flowers
Please check the Sanctuary Flower
Chart for placing flowers in memory
or honor of someone or in
celebration of special dates.



March Birthdays

2	Joshua Hebert
2	Sue Crawford
5	Betty Sundmaker
6	Andrew Crawford
6	Megan Lauland
13	Brian Fish, Jr.
18	Kelly Laporte
19	Alex Prince
21	Benjamin Bone
24	Brian Fish
25	Lee Mundell
28	Beverly Ross
30	Ron Marler
31	Carson Perret



PROGRAMME OF HOPE: Homeless Meals Program

MESSIAH TO BE PERFORMED AGAIN AT JCPC

Seriously, music from George Frideric Handels' masterpiece, "Messiah," was last performed in our sanctuary in 2009 (six years ago). We will sing excerpts from this hallmark composition on Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m. with strings, harpsichord, soloists and trumpet. A unique feature will be the use of a recently discovered score from the Harvard University Music Library reflecting how it was originally composed and performed (accurate use of eighth notes, for instance). Not only are we excited to present his music in this form, but also to present a prelude and postlude from his Fifth Organ Concerto (one he used himself back in 1741 when "Messiah" came to Dublin for its first performance).

To add to the excitement, we shall revisit a tradition in America that goes back several generations, that of "audience participation." I'm sure some of you remember "Messiah Sings" in the past. We're not going to be ambitious enough to have the congregation sing everything, but we are going to have copies of the "Hallelujah Chorus" for everyone to use when we stand -- another age old tradition going back to King George standing at the first performance. So, whether you accept our invitation to sing along or just stand, be a part of the glorious worship experience that this music provides.

It is reported that Handel spent only 24 days to compose out this remarkable work. We've spent more than that in preparing the music for our worship. All this and luncheon too! Bring your family and invite friends -- and we'll have palms to wave as well.

Soli Deo Gloria

William Memmott

Volunteers:

Thank you for your participation during the month of February. I was impressed with how smoothly everything came together. Also, impressive was the turnout of our clients despite generally inclement weather conditions. None of the 125 sandwiches/lunches (per month) went wanting. Through our special offering, we collected \$2200 -- and, with about \$300 carried over from prior year, we have accumulated \$2500, which will mean that we will be able to finish the year (even with participating 3 months this year -- July and December to follow), without another special offering. I would also note that it was a real pleasure serving our guests at First Presbyterian in February -- they were a very pleasant group. Thanks, again for your continuing support -- see you in July. Richard

P. S. Thanks, also, to Richard Ashmore, Kyle Cranfill, and Fran Miles.

SAVE THE DATE...

TABLECLOTH GROUP DINNER

**Thursday, March 26
Bistro Orleans
W. Esplanade Ave.**

6:30pm Social 7:00pm Dinner



**SATURDAY
MARCH 21
10:00am – 3:00pm**

To make this year's "Kid's Art 'n Fun Festival" a great success, we need everyone's help and participation.

Please read over the different categories where help is needed.

Come enjoy this fun day while sharing your time and talents.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

OR PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE

Name: _____ Phone: _____

___ Set-up/decorate booths

___ Work with face painting

___ Secure Silent Auction items

___ Sale/cook for outside food booth

___ Work at drink booth

___ Clean up/take down (3 PM)

___ Donate baked goodies

___ Work in kitchen

___ Donate Silent Auction Items

___ Work at ticket booth

OTHER: _____

If you can't volunteer, we hope you will join us for a fun day and great food!



FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Do you own a company or are you looking for a great advertising opportunity?

Our Art & Fun Festival is just around the corner and we need your help finding some sponsors...

We are looking for several Game Booth Sponsors. For a donation of **\$25**, game booth sponsors will have a sign posted by the game with their company's name and contact information, as well as a small write-up in our Festival Brochure.

We are also looking for sponsors to help defray the costs for us to have ZOO2U's petting zoo. The petting zoo will take place in the grassy area from 10 am- 2 pm and will allow our little ones to hold and pet a variety of animals. **We are seeking Petting Zoo Sponsorships** at **\$100** each, and this sponsorship will include a sign with the company's name and contact information by the petting zoo, a larger write-up in the Festival Brochure, and unlimited petting zoo entrances for the playschool child that gets a petting zoo sponsorship.

Sponsor's Contact Information:

I would like to be a:

- o **Game Booth Sponsor at \$25** o **Petting Zoo Sponsor at \$100**

Please attach a business card, company information, or exact wording that you would like included on the sign and in the Festival brochure.



10:30AM Sunday March 29, 2015
Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ from "Messiah"
The Oratorio by George Frideric Handel

*After worship, please join us for a
Congregational Luncheon prepared by the Presbyterian Women.
The PW request the congregation to bring a dessert to share.*



We are accepting orders for Easter Lilies at a cost of \$13.75.

Deadline to order: March 22, 2015

To the Glory of God _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given By _____

Please attach payment with your order form. Ck _____ Cash _____

Office Use: _____ paid ck _____ cash _____

John Calvin Presbyterian Church Secretary Search

We are searching for a part time church secretary. The job description is as follows. If you or someone you know is interested in the position please email your resume to:

johncalvinsearch@gmail.com.

Position Title: Church Secretary

Position Description/Requirements:

The Church Secretary will perform all the duties of the church receptionist and secretary to the Pastor. Skill requirements include Microsoft Office Suite/Publisher using the Windows operating system. College education preferred. The Church Secretary is employed on a part-time annual basis. Working hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Benefits include paid vacation and medical leave.

Church Secretary Responsibilities

Receptionist Duties

- Act as receptionist to all people coming into the office, calling by telephone or receipt of emails.
- Greet all people who come into the office giving them the appropriate help as required or referring them to the person most able to help them.

Assistant to the Pastor

- Handle all correspondence at the request of the Pastor. Prepare any special or form letters required.
- Maintain and keep up to date the Master Church Directory.
- Maintain a list of all pastoral concerns that need the Pastor's attention. Include all new hospital admittances, illnesses, deaths, new births and other information of a pastoral nature in a memo form to the pastor.

General Duties

- Receive and distribute all incoming mail and email.
- Process incoming bills for financial staff.
- Maintain a schedule of events for all church activities.
- Interface with Outreach Groups and Outside Groups.
- Maintain Food Pantry assistance program.
- Print and fold weekly Church Service Bulletins.
- Assist with Sessional and Committee needs.
- Maintain address information for church membership, visitors and concerned parties.
- Prepare the annual telephone yearbook/directory.
- Compile church attendance figures and maintain records.
- Maintain all office equipment and supplies.
- Manage Custodian as required.
- Manage maintenance and service calls for church property.