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Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Thelma
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Continuing The Journey

My dear friends, it has been quite a challenge over the last few weeks for me in more ways than one. However, the discipline of surrender could not have come at a better time for me. With the myriad of issues-work, community, ministerial, and personal challenges, I have found that I had no choice but to surrender. As much as I would like to be in control, and as difficult as I find the discipline of surrender, I have had no choice but to let go. God has proven faithful. I continue to feel the support of your prayers and the peace that surpasses all understanding. I pray that you too have joined with me in the practice of surrender.

As we continue our Lenten Journey, I submit a second spiritual discipline for you to practice. That is the discipline of Solitude-intentional isolation. We lead such busy lives and amid the hustle and bustle of work, family, ministry, and commitments that each brings, we sometimes find that there is little time to spend with God. Squeezed from any place of prominence in our lives we find that we lack the sustenance that God provides because we have no time.

As we continue the Lenten Journey I present to you several Scriptural passages to focus on and that will help support and remind us to plan intentional time alone so that God might meet us and commune with us. Whether you choose to read all at one setting, stretch them out through the week or however you feel led. Read, reflect and respond to the following:

Luke 6:12-16, 12-16, Matthew 14:22-23,
Mark 6:30-33

Luke 5:15-16, Mark 1:35-39, John 6:14-15

Jesus not only practiced the discipline of solitude, he taught or constrained his disciples to do so also (Matthew 14:22.) Not only

did Jesus set the example of "going out" to be alone, his time alone was often followed by prayer and following prayer, prevailing manifestations of His power were made known.

Perhaps you are one of those who regularly carve out a time of solitude with God. You already know the strength of a relationship built on a foundation of intentional time alone with God. If you are, Bravo! You already know the benefits and you can anticipate the promise of what spending even more time with the Master might mean in your life. Prepare for a time of prayer, and the manifestations of the power of God following your time of solitude.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE SPECIAL SERVICES

6 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL, APRIL 17

12:00 NOON GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 18

SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Harold Hatt

Liturgist: Vera Porter

Elder: Charlie Jones

Diaconate: Linda Bair and Leaza Green

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

APRIL 6 IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Bobbie Mardis

Elders: Kay Fortson and Laurel Arnold

Diaconate: Raquel Jacobo and Jackie Egelston

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

APRIL 13 IN WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

Easter Special Offering

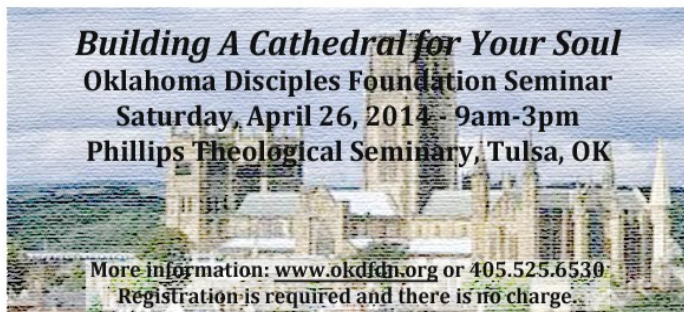
Worship Leader: Vera Porter

Liturgist: Martha Hatt

Elders: Vera Porter and Charlie Jones

Diaconate: Dottie Harkin and Valarie Zaloudek

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11



Oklahoma Disciples Foundation (ODF) is pleased to announce its sponsorship of *Building A Cathedral for Your Soul*, a seminar scheduled for April 26, 2014 at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK. This unique seminar, presented in collaboration with Lake Institute on Faith & Giving at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, will feature Rev. Dr. William G. Enright as the keynote speaker. In an interactive framework, Dr. Enright will explore the practical, spiritual and emotional aspects of faith and generosity.

“Americans are among the most generous people in the world. Our seminar will allow attendees to consider how their values relate to giving both money and talents,” said Eric Gray, Executive Director of ODF. “We are gratified to engage a theologian of Dr. Enright’s caliber.”

Rev. Dr. Kyle Maxwell, ODF’s Minister of Faith & Giving noted, “Generous people are reflective people who take inventory of their souls by considering how they are who they are. ODF is offering a venue for the exploration of how one might align spiritual values and giving priorities in a way that will make a difference.”

There is no charge for the seminar, which is open to persons of all faiths; however online registration at www.okdfdn.org is required.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S APRIL MEETING
7 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014
AT THE HOME OF BOBBIE MARDIS
1125 NORTH OAKWOOD

Max Tromblee, former professor of Phillips University and UPCC member, died Saturday, March 15, at his home in Marietta, GA. Dr. Tromblee taught music at PU from 1967 to 1987 and was conductor of the Enid-Phillips Symphony. He and his wife and two sons were very active in UPCC.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; their sons, Martin Tromblee, Portland, Oregon and Mason Tromblee, East Point, GA; and sister Carol Rodgers of Edmond, OK.

A memorial service was held Sunday, March 23, in Georgia. Arrangements were by Sandy Springs Chapel Funeral Directors, Sandy Springs, GA (<http://www.sandyspringschapel.com/>). In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the charity of one's choice.



3/28: John Sayre
3/29: Herwana Sayre
4/08: Leland Reed
4/09: Bea Simpson
4/12: Katy Fishback
4/15: Rebecca Trebilcock

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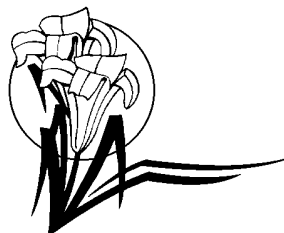
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
NEXT LONG-RANGE PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING ON MEMBERSHIP
10 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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Health Concerns: Thelma Chambers-Young; Sue Preuss; Darlene Elliott; Lee Trung; Geraldine Chambers Sands (Pastor Thelma's sister); Joyce Lewis; Dick Duckworth; Bud Puckett, Commons; Sue Duckworth; Deby Scott & Laura Keefer

Other: Gary Duckworth; Christian Church in Oklahoma Regional Pastor Search; Holy Temple Baptist Church Pastor Search; Yorshia Houseal, South Korea; First Christian Church, Gage, Garber Christian Church, Garber, and First Christian Church, Hennessey, Northwest Area Churches Praying for Churches



Sundays —
9:00 Church School
10:00 Worship Service
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