



# Journey to Bethany XII

April 10, 2009

April 17, 18, 19



The "Country Place" Christian Retreat Center awaits Lindenwood Group of 60-1000 adults.

The grounds are beautiful! The food is great! The fellowship and opportunities for spiritual growth are unsurpassed! Don't miss three informative and inspiring talks by Rev. Johnny Wray on Saturday, April 18.

Sign up TODAY! Registration forms are available in Easterwood Gallery at The Journey to Bethany table. Last day to register is Sunday, April 12.

Friday-Sunday - \$87 per person

Saturday Only - \$40 per person - 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## Holy Week at Lindenwood

April 9 – Maundy Thursday Worship  
6:30 p.m., H.T. Wood Chapel

April 10 – Good Friday  
5:30 p.m. The Service of the Cross with The Lindenwood Chancel Choir, Chamber Orchestra and Soloists singing John Rutter's "Requiem". Preceding each movement will be a brief meditation from local clergy on the Seven Last Words of Christ. The guest clergy are:

Father Valentine Handwerker  
Rector, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

The Reverend Ollie V. Rencher,  
Associate Rector, Pastoral Care and Social Outreach  
Church of the Holy Communion (Episcopal)

The Reverend Valerie Bridgeman, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible/Homiletics Founding Director, Return Beat Theology and Arts Institute  
Memphis Theological Seminary

The Reverend Dr. Ron DelBene  
Interim Rector, Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church

The Reverend Dr. Stephen R. Montgomery  
Pastor, Idlewild Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Rick Kirchoff  
Senior Pastor, Germantown United Methodist Church

The Reverend Denise Bell  
Senior Associate Pastor, Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church

April 12 – Easter Sunday  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise - Rev. Harold Goodwin preaching, breakfast following  
8:30 a.m. Chapel - Rev. Judith Reese preaching, The Gary Beard Chorale and string quartet  
9:30 a.m. W.O.W. - Rev. Judith Reese preaching, Bethany and Kevin Paige and the W.O.W. Band  
11 a.m. Sanctuary - Rev. Judith Reese preaching, The Lindenwood Chancel Choir and Orchestra

## Disciples Women's Ministry

Everyone is invited to join Disciples Women's Ministry for lunch and program on April 14 in the Bell Conference Room. Lunch will be served at 11:30 followed by an interesting program by Ms. Virginia Blanton who will give a historical review of the American flag since 1776. Lunch is \$6.00 and reservations should be made by calling Roberta Schwarz at 386-2543.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

Dear Lindenwood Family,

During Holy Week we experienced in a special way the “generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ” about which Paul wrote to the Christians at Corinth. On Maundy Thursday, we gathered with him in that upper room, where we watched as he humbly washed the disciples’ feet and prepared them for life without him. He gave them a way to remember and commune with him by the power of the Holy Spirit in the holy meal that we call the Lord’s Supper. And then we followed him into the darkness of betrayal and arrest. On Good Friday, we grieved as we once again heard that wondrous story of how he gave his life for us on Calvary’s cross. Yes, it was a generous act like none other.

But, God’s Light could not be extinguished, the tomb could not hold him and now we look to our Easter celebrations with joy. With great glad voices we will exclaim: “Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” And we will continue to ponder this great mystery of divine generosity throughout the Easter season. Our Easter celebration does not end on Easter Sunday but continues for fifty days—until Pentecost, which is on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

And during this Easter season, we will hold in our hearts and minds “the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ” as we focus on our own stewardship. As we rejoice in Christ’s generous act, we also consider our own generosity. This year, with all of the economic difficulties that we are facing, we have the opportunity to expand our understanding of stewardship beyond merely the giving of our money. While stewardship includes the giving of our financial resources, it also includes the giving of ourselves in mission and ministry to God through Christ Jesus. We are so fortunate to have the Reverend Johnny Wray with us this year. With a true heart for mission and a wealth of experience working with people all over the world, I believe that

we have the opportunity to see stewardship in new and exciting ways. Rev. Wray, along with Joe Filipiak, the chair of our Stewardship Team, have put together a great group of folks to lead us through our Easter considerations of stewardship. They’ve chosen as their theme for this year “A New Coat of Faith: Giving Toward Wholeness;” and, thanks to David Brown, they’ve developed a colorful logo. Our theme continues our Lenten reflections on the new beginnings that we are experiencing here at Lindenwood—and the Stewardship Team will be helping us to dream with God about those new beginnings.



As part of our stewardship season, the Stewardship Team also will be working with the Community Outreach Advisory Team (COAT) to develop a “Day of Service” where we will go out into the community to do hands-on ministry to those in need. On the following Sunday, the special day of mission will be followed by a big celebration of stewardship.

Yes, resurrection is breaking out all over Lindenwood this year and we will celebrate Easter with great gratitude and love for the One who so generously gave of his life, so that we might have life and have it abundantly.

May God bless us richly as we follow the Risen Christ into generous acts of self-giving and love.

*Judith*

## “Hope” Receives Expressions From Our Hearts

It was a real thrill and an eye opener to deliver our dresser full of baby goodies for one of Memphis’ newest additions today. The dresser of course is the project that the bookstore and the Power Verses class and many other members and staff have worked on together for about a year.

The brand new dresser was filled with beautiful

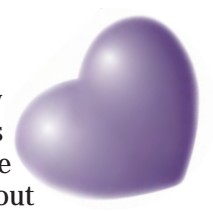
brand new clothes and baby items and was donated, dresser and all, as an anonymous gift to a new single mother. The new mom faced a tough choice to keep her baby in light of the recent rejection she endured and yet she has no real means to provide for her child. This was our small way of putting some feet (and booties) on the

happy and sobering choice of choosing life.

Hope, our much prayed for, much anticipated little eight day old baby, so sweet, yet an almost ghostly quality to her, difficult to explain, an ethereal, somewhat underwhelming muted look to her little lank arms and face. Though she was asleep when we arrived and she

barely stirred as we made our way out a few brief minutes later, I do think she knew we were there for her. She wanted to wake up and say hey.

She had just been showered with little shoes and booties, socks, adorable dresses, sweet onesies,



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# Great Teachers for our Lindenwood Children



We are very lucky to have many dedicated Sunday School teachers, shepherds, and Children Church directors. Pictured are just some of the many dedicated adults who work each and every Sunday with our children. Left to right: Vickie Wright, Sharron Johnson, Sarah Cloud, Jenny Montague, Wanda Thornton and Marsha Seahorn

## Life Saver Softerball

STARRING OUR THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEAR OLDS!

Teams will consist of a minimum of six players and a maximum of eight players. Soft bats and balls are still used to teach our kids skills such as batting, catching, and throwing. Just like in regular tee ball a coach will have his or her own team. The teams will practice together while preparing for the big games.

Just as before we strive to teach, instruct, and motivate in ways that are fun and exciting for each child. After the last game we will throw a major party for the kids. Each registered player will receive a medal this year.



Life Saver Softerball is every Tuesday and Thursday starting on April 23 and ends on May 28.

**FEES: \$70 PER CHILD - Price includes uniform and medal**

**Practice Time: 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM  
IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PRACTICES  
AND GAMES WILL BE HELD IN THE LINDENWOOD GYM.**

For more information or to register contact David Johnson at 327-5433 or 832-6978.

## Life Saver Basketball



The 2009 Lindenwood Lifesaver basketball teams are off to a great season. The first games took place with all the teams winning their games. WOW!! One of our players, Peter Weirich, finished his game with a 360 Phi Slam Jamma dunk to end the game.

## Tennessee Disciples:

I returned February 19, from a two week visit to the island of Hispaniola to visit and see, the ministries we Disciples support and the missionaries we have in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

One of the ministries we support, Caminante, located in Boca Chica was very impressive. Erin McKinney is a Global Mission Intern serving in there. Erin is filled with energy, loves what she is doing and works hard.

In Haiti, we are a part of the CONASPEH National Assembly and we visited House of Hope. They have a school, a medical clinic, a nursing school, and a seminary. The House of Hope reaches out to young people who have been given to another family to live in the city. These children lead a terrible life and sometimes find themselves living on the streets. Patrick and Kim Bentrott are the two missionaries we have in Haiti. Patrick is a pastor and teaches in the seminary. Kim is a medical doctor and teaches at the nursing school and serves in the clinic.

I am more impressed with the ministries you and I support not only on Hispaniola but around the world. The ministries I saw and the missionaries I met are but a few of the ministries and missionaries we Disciples support around the world.

Your gifts to the Tennessee Disciples Mission Fund or the Disciples Mission Fund supports these overseas ministries and missionaries.

Glen Stewart  
Regional Minister and President

# A Big Thanks to Bob!

All the staff knew of the need to reorganize the 2nd floor for today's needs. It was an insurmountable task that no one could see how this project could be added to our workload. It was Bob who volunteered to lead the project. He organized, coordinated with staff and church members. Not only did he find a way to turn junk into cash by creating our first in-house yard sale, he even made the junk's junk pay off for the church.



**Bob Kyle**

Bob also led our youth's first involvement with the Food Packing Ministry. The youth have not only been introduced to a long-term ministry and hopefully will become the new generation for this ministry, but he created a bridge between the youth and the adults.

Because of Bob's love for his church and willingness to serve our youth have a permanent home and involvement in ministry. The youth love their space, our adult Sunday school classes are encouraged with the new "life" on the second floor, and the church has benefited. We are blessed because of Bob's service.

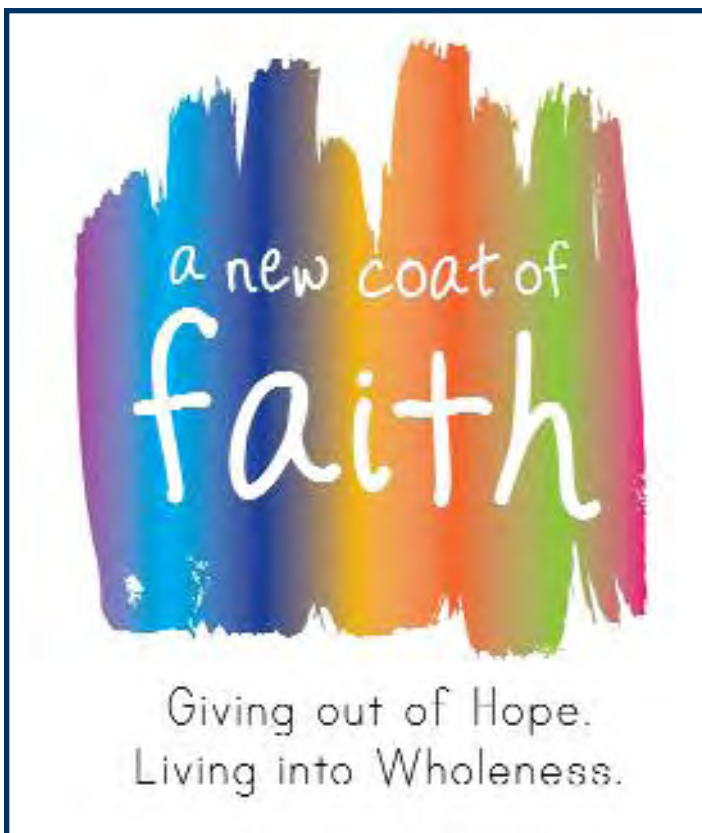
# April Birthdays

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| 4/1 - Robert Bishop, Lily Scott                                  | 4/18 - Leslie Byard, Eli Moore, Erica McKissack, Mary McGory, Judy Arnett, Barbara Williams |
| 4/2 - Sheila Martineau, Michelle Hilgeman, Shelly Vaughn         | 4/19 - Jack Skyles, Caroline Sadler, Andrea Minner, Margie Morris                           |
| 4/4 - Heather Hunter, Michelle Flake, Zachary Burks, Mike Taylor | 4/21 - George Wood  |
| 4/5 - Jessie Lind, Elinor Reed, Annabelle Heim, Darlene Fike     | 4/22 - Gary Cox   |
| 4/6 - Bill Herington   | 4/23 - William Bodily, Gail Mallery, Joy Coleman, Steven Snyder                             |
| 4/7 - Abby Knight, Mary Pleasants                                | 4/24 - Samuel Kitsinger, David Kenny, Mac Hury, Stephen Swords                              |
| 4/8 - Suzy Rogers  | 4/25 - Scott Duke, David Sloan, GiGi LaBehrens, Bonnie Sheridan                             |
| 4/9 - Juliana Rutschman  | 4/26 - Carol McKee, Barbara Harris  |
| 4/10 - Brooklyn Andre, Jeff Brown                                | 4/27 - Sallye Dillard, Samuel Hurst   |
| 4/11 - Tim Netherton, Shawn Tillman                              | 4/28 - Nelle Lewis, Gary Beard  |
| 4/12 - Rylie Duke, Charles Dando                                 | 4/29 - Bill Tuttle, Angie Brittain, Jan Jemison, Jordan Aulfinger                           |
| 4/13 - Laurie Hall   | 4/30 - Fred Boone   |
| 4/14 - Joshua Walden, Amaya Marlow                               |   |
| 4/15 - Jim Allison, Reeves Callaway                              |   |
| 4/17 - Gloria McCain   |   |

## New Stephen Ministers Commissioned Sunday, March 29, 2009



Rev. Harold & Dot Goodwin, Judith Harris, Rebecca Sullivan, Virginia Stanley, Cleolyn Young, Katherine McGory, Barbara Harris, Rachel Taylor, Barbara McConville, Angie Parks, Tammy Snyder, Janice Lamer, Frank Hemphill, Stan Head, Morgan Parks, Beth Hilgeman and Katherine Kyle.



# A CORNER FOR PRAYER

What Does Your Prayer Life Look Like?

Do you ever evaluate where you are in your prayer life? Do you compare your prayer life today to what it was like, say one year ago, or ten years ago? If you keep a journal or if your memory is unusually good, you can make such a comparison. It is a helpful thing to do from time to time. Perhaps the following check list will be beneficial for you in determining what your current prayer life is:



- A quiet time with God each day that includes a time for prayer.
- Saying a simple thank you prayer for each meal; morning, noon and night.
- Intercessory prayers for others including a written list of their names and needs.
- Quick, spontaneous prayers for someone in a crisis. (When you hear or see an ambulance or police car going to help someone.)
- Spontaneous prayers of praise/thanksgiving to God for some serendipity like a sunrise, a sunset, a beautiful flower or a child's laughter. (Thank God for simple things.)
- Reading of selected prayers from a prayer book or collections of prayers.
- A written record of your prayers of petition that have been answered by God (even when they were not answered the way your wanted them to be.)
- List other ways in which you engage in prayer.
- Sit quietly and allow God to speak to you concerning strength and weaknesses in your prayer life as it is today. Conclude by thanking God for always being available to you through prayer.

# LIFE IN FAMILIES

Our love and sympathy goes to Wondreith Wilson-Gragg in the recent death of her grandmother, Celia Wright.

Dear Lindenwood Family,

I want to thank everyone for the visits, phone calls and prayers during my stay in the hospital and since I returned home. I also want to thank the Prayer Shawl Group for the beautiful shawl. It means alot to me.

Cher'rie Neely

## New Important Book for you

A new book was recommended to me this week authored by Mark White entitled, *May I Call You Dad, Why Fathers Are Needed In The Home*.

*"There is a crisis in our homes, Mark writes. In the US half of our children grow up without a father in the home. Value and morality are losing their impact. Around the world, one out of every six children lives in poverty. Teenage girls are being bought and sold. Teenage boys are being targeted by gangs and violence. Children are being abandoned. What we need are fathers in the home.*

*"May I Call You Dad is a book for anyone looking for practical solutions to the ruins of broken homes. It is a book every parent should read. May I Call You Dad demonstrates the difference one person can make in the life of a child. "That person is you," so says Mark.*

Come by the bookstore and see what else he's said *and done!*

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## "Hope" Receives Expressions From Our Hearts



blankets, diaper bag, bottles, books, lotions, clothing, a swing, too many things to list. These wonderful tangible things were an expression of our hearts of encouragement and good will to her and her Mom, *Lisa*, and she said, "Thank you!"

We purposefully chose a single mom because they have to try harder yes? I asked *Lisa*, this little 16 year old Momma, if she was able to go back to school. She said yes that her homebound teacher was due any minute and she can return to class in 6 weeks. YAY!!

How did we find *Lisa* you ask? Eva Dye pointed me in the direction of The Exchange Club of Memphis and Ms. Alma Simpson assisted me. In this particular case, *Hope's* great grandmother, *Deborah*, is raising all of these children, including *Lisa* and her new daughter, as well as *Lisa's* brother and sister. *Deborah's* own daughter, lost to drugs, abandoned some of these very same children at the hospital at birth. These children who are now mothers themselves.

Our gift which now resides less than two miles from the church is just a tiny seashell on the deep and wide seashore of need. The limitless seashore of need that is relentlessly lapped bare by wave after wave of shortage and want. While we pray fervently that she, *Hope*, can break the cycle of poverty and fatherless homes and underage pregnancy we acknowledge that's a tall order for such a tiny little thing.

# LIVES & MINISTRIES WE HONOR AND REMEMBER

## REMEMBERING

Benevolent Fund  
Mary Taylor.....Mike Taylor

Minister of Music Discretionary Fund  
Bill Harris.....Mr. & Mrs. Allen Helms  
Bill McKnightMr. & Mrs. Allen Helms

Mission and Ministries  
Martha Gatchell.....Glen & Valerie  
Brown, Henry & Lynn Ellis, Jim,  
Debbie, Megan & Kevin Fly,  
Employees of the Universal Asset  
Management Inc and Universal Air  
Repair, George & Cathy Wood  
Bill McKnight...George & Cathy Wood

Music Fund  
Martha Gatchell.....Sue Eubanks,  
Jeanette Hettinger, Mrs. W. D.  
Jemison, Mildred Lundy, Earlean  
Sudbury

## HONORING

Benevolent Fund  
Ken & Mary Beth Harlan...Carol  
Deaver, Ellen Rolfes

LifeQuest  
Ken & Mary Beth Harlan.....Vicki  
Koehn

Mission & Ministries  
Ken & Mary Beth Harlan.....Grace  
Brown

Music Fund  
Dotty Harriman & Mike Carter.....  
.....Steve & Lura Turner  
George & Dare Estok.....Doreen  
Blewett & Bill Muldowney, Jim & Joy  
Coleman, Marjorie Estok, Michael &  
Cathy Kyle, Chris Hudson, Kim &  
Jessica Hunter, Jim & Donna  
Huntzicker, Carlos & Sharon Smith,  
Sue & Tony Smith, The Herman  
Stallings Family, Steve & Lura Turner,

Jeune Johnson Wood

Pantry Fund  
Ken & Mary Beth Harlan.....Sharon  
Hodge

Special Worship Activities Team  
(SWAT)  
Shirley Ostrander.....Barbara Williams

Wellness & Fitness Fund  
Coach Chris Caldwell...3-6 Grade  
Boys Basketball Team

W.O.W. Worship  
Ken & Mary Beth Harlan.....Jack &  
Dottie Blake

## DONATIONS

LifeQuest.....Debra Taylor  
Minister of Music Discretionary  
Fund.....Grace Crisman

SamSal.....Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hough

