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CLARION



APRIL, 2009

A Dangerous Prayer

An old friend shares a simple prayer.

Lord,
make me
according to your heart.
Brother Lawrence

Brother Lawrence was a simple, humble man. He lived in a monastery in the 1600's. Told you he was an "old" friend. Lawrence is best known for a book called, Practicing the Presence of God. Several of you have read this book. Several more of you need to!

Brother Lawrence was a man of prayer, but not as you might think for being a monk in a monastery. He did not pray in a hermitage, tucked in the woods where he could pray uninterrupted through the day. He was not free to go to the chapel and pray. Lawrence's assignment was the kitchen. He prayed among the pots and pans. Some of you know that it can be hard to find God in a kitchen. Some of us need to.

So, Lawrence prayed. Maybe there has never been a kitchen that became such a sanctuary. Several more kitchens may need to be so transformed. There is his book.

Now, consider his prayer. "Lord" is a wonderful way to address our God. When the Bible was first translated into English, "lord" was a common word. Lords were people in charge. The Lord of the Manor was the one to whom the people of the manor were responsible. To address God as "Lord" is to say, "I am under your guidance and direction. This is your place, not mine. I am remembering who I am." Come to think of it, a good prayer would be to simply say, "Lord. Amen." You may not want to rush this prayer, so be still for a few minutes between the words, remembering who the Lord is, and who you are. Some of us need to do this.

Some of the best of the Good News is that the Lord is still in the making business! His work did not stop after Genesis 2. The Lord can "make" us. Jesus called his disciples into a new life with, "I will make you..." And he did! So, to ask the Lord to make you can actually be done. So, you could pray, "Lord, make me. Amen."

Now the dangerous part. Lawrence was not afraid of being like God. He was not afraid of loving like God, forgiving like God, giving like God, holding to truth like God. We get all concerned about that, but what better prayer could there be!

But what I really need to do is change the title to this thought. It is not dangerous at all to have a heart like God's. What is dangerous is to have a heart that is not like God's.

Lord,
....
Amen.

Easter is a time of remaking. It is not dangerous to enter the tomb of Life.



Coming up in April



The First Baptist Church
Sanctuary Choir Presents

The Seven Last Words of Christ

A Sacred Cantata by Theodore Dubois

PALM SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 5, 10:30 AM
FIRST BAPTIST SANCTUARY

Guest Soloists: Marion Russell Dickson, Soprano.
Brian Hasse, Baritone, and Todd Miller, Tenor

Devotional Music on CD's is available in the foyer. Songs for children, spiritual songs in contemporary mode, and traditional hymns are included. Prices are set at a cost recovery basis for this ministry. Please ask someone at the Visitor's Center if you need assistance. If you have suggestions of CD's that have blessed you, please write those down and give them to Mark Borum.

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...
as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God."*

YOUTH CORNER

Brisket Sale
\$40 EACH

Reserve your Brisket today!

Pick up your brisket on Saturday, April 4, between 9:00 a.m. and noon in the kitchen. If you are going on the Museum Trip, come by the church before you go home to get your brisket. Sign up in the foyer or in your classes or call Matt @ 281-342-8664.

Sunday mornings	Youth University	9:00 am
Sunday Nights in April:		
5	Parent Meeting	6:00 pm
12	No Evening Activities on Easter	
19	Party at the Bills' Home	5:00 pm
	1803 Standing Oak Ct., Richmond	
26	Richmond Coffee Station,	6:00 pm
	Book Discussion	

Wednesday nights - Supernova 6:00 pm
Senior Recognition Day and Banquet, Sunday, May 17!

Summer events:

Mission Jerusalem	June 7-13	Cost \$30
Youth Camp	July 13-17	Cost \$190

Questions? Contact Matt@fbcrichmond.net.

HOLY WEEK

- April 5 Palm Sunday, Sanctuary Choir Presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ", Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:30 am.
- April 8 Passover Supper, Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. Reservations are needed.
- April 9 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. This is built from John 13. Jesus gave us the new commandment to love one another.
- April 10 Six Hours One Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Sanctuary and Prayer Garden will be available for prayer.
Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m. This is a candle-light service remembering the Cross.
- April 12 SONrise in the Prayer Garden, 8:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast in the gym at 8:45 a.m.
Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.
Easter Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. *

*Note the time difference!

PRE-TEEN CAMP - Kamp K.H.A.O.S

Kids Hyped About Our Savior

Texas Baptist Camp, Palacios, Texas

June 15-18, Cost \$135

Completed 3rd - 6th Grade

Please let us know if your pre-teen will be attending. Registration forms and additional information is in the foyer. Sponsors: Sandy Bills and Matt Higginbotham.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, LADIES!

A couple from Kaufman, TX, friends of the Kruegers, are going on a mission trip to Pretoria, South Africa, this summer, working at a children's camp, visiting refugee camps/villages and doing some medical missions. It will be winter in South Africa in June, with temps of 30 to 60 degrees, with no source of heat.

The team traveling is trying to get together 500 hand-woven caps to distribute on this trip, and we would like to help—but we need your help! The caps are VERY SIMPLE to make—and require NO KNOWLEDGE of knitting or crochet. They are fast to complete and we have the looms. If you would be willing to help with this project, please contact Donna Krueger at 281-342-3397, or join us Tuesday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 208 at FBC for a loom and easy instructions to make caps at home.



Dear Folks at First,

It was so good to see so many familiar faces and know you also felt the loss of our Grandma. We thank you for the luncheon you provided, and for all the love you showered on Zella over the years. She spoke of you often and loved you all, her church.

The Family of Zella Townsend

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			April 1 9:00am MDO 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable* 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	April 2 James Pine Jennifer Turner Mark Childs 9:00am MDO	April 3 8:00am Trip to Museum of Natural History 9:30am WINGS-Women in Godly Service Craft Jam (Room 208) 10:00am Youth Brisket Sale (Fellowship Hall) 4:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	
Palm Sunday Seven Last Words of Christ 9:00am Mary Martha Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 4:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 4:30pm Missions Committee Mtg. 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal* 6:00pm Youth 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study*	Justine Huseiton MacKenzie Finlayson Quinn Bartsch	Reba Wade 9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm 10 Poems to Last a Lifetime (Richmond Coffee Station)	*Passover* Matt Higginbotham Truman Powers 9:00am MDO 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Passover Supper 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	*Maundy Thursday* Jim Stephenson 9:00am MDO 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	**Good Friday** Elizabeth Carlson John Hugo Linda Pate 9:00am Prayer Time (Sanctuary and Prayer Garden) 7:00pm Tenebrae Service	Betty Clark Katrina Clark
Easter 8:00am Son Rise Service (Prayer Garden) 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am Worship	Kelsey McCarson 5:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting	9:00am MDO 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Business Meeting* 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	9:00am MDO	Nicholas Allison	9:00am VBS Training (River Bend Baptist Church) 9:30am WINGS-Craft Jam (Room 202)
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Michelle Gardner 8:00am Family Ministry Committee Meeting 4:00pm Shut-in Lord's Supper 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal* 6:00pm A Study of Islam* (Room 202) 6:00pm Youth 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study*	Reuben Smith Terri Mikeska Virgie Jeske	Elizabeth Hensley 9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting	9:00am MDO 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable* 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Jane Yell Shane Howard 9:00am MDO		

Sunday mornings:
 9:00 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship*
 *Childcare Provided

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