



The Mustard Seed

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...Matt. 17:20

February 2022

LENT WALKING WITH CHRIST

Ash Wednesday, March 2

- ◆ Imposition of Ashes
- Drive-by, 4-5:30pm
- ◆ Service, 7pm

Labyrinth Open, March 2-April 14

- ◆ Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday Service

- ◆ April 10, 10:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Service

- ◆ April 14, 7pm

Good Friday

- ◆ April 15

Easter Sunday Service

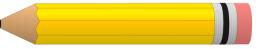
- ◆ April 17, 10:30am
- Flowers for the Living Cross

Masks are no longer required at CPC but are strongly encouraged as recommended by the CDC. They will remain available at the entrance for any that wish to wear one.

Sunday, March 13



From the Pastor's Desk



A friend from all the way back in my high-school days messaged me this week. We have kept up with each other and each other's families for many years—in our younger days with the joys of marriage and the births of our children. We keep up these days sometimes by sharing certain struggles with our kids. So I knew she was in town because her mother was very ill. She messaged Ashley and me on Wednesday saying that her mother was at the end, and they were going to be discontinuing the machines that were keeping her physically alive.

She said that her father and brothers couldn't bear being there. Her husband was driving in from the D.C. area, and she would be there alone. I won't go into any more the story except to say that I always find it a great honor to be with people through life situations like this.

Before we left that evening someone from the Baptist Centers for Good Grief stopped by and gave her a little book called "Grief Sole Work." (I asked for one too.)

Not to minimize anyone's experiences of grief, but they based their discussion of the process on the metaphor of painful shoes. It begins with a quote from a nurse. The first sentence is: "Grief is like wearing a very tight pair of shoes you cannot take off." It talks about the experience of grieving from the perspective of children, then teens, and finally adults. It focuses on the grief of the death of a loved one, but there are many other experiences of grief in our lifetimes. They are almost always about our loss of relationships. I think the little book can be helpful for us through any relationship loss we might have. A few of the shoe metaphors they use for our grieving process and the ways it often affects us are:

"My shoes hurt: physical symptoms." I mean, grief really hurts! And it can manifest itself in our mental, emotional, spiritual, even physical selves.

"Kick off your shoes: emotional pain and the importance of support." Two of the sentences I like best are: "Hurt is a sign of the extent of



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~ PASTOR

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love in the relationship." And, "Grief is a burden that is too heavy to bear alone."



"I hate these shoes! Anger." Some people are brought up to believe that anger is always a bad emotion. But sometimes it's not. It needs to come out, hopefully in ways that do not hurt ourselves or others.

"Walking barefoot: Spirituality." "One's spirituality is almost always changed in some way," they say. I had never really thought about this. Sometimes there's a deepening of faith, but there can be questioning or even loss of faith through our grieving. I think that we should be careful to not force a type of spirituality on someone as they work through their grief. Instead we should just be there to love them and support them and let God do the other work.

"Just when I think my shoes are getting looser..." Grief burst and re-grieving. Again, I think that the depth of our love in the loss of relationships, however that happens, is a wound that never quite heals. It gets better, but it's always there and will sometimes bleed again. It's always a reflection of how deep our love was and remains. Honestly, I don't want my wounds to heal completely. Get better, yes, but I think they are a part of the way I cherish the relationship and love we shared.

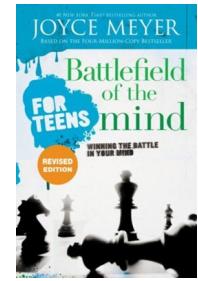
Sorry that this is so long, but I know they are things that I need to remember, and most likely you do too.

Blessings <>

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

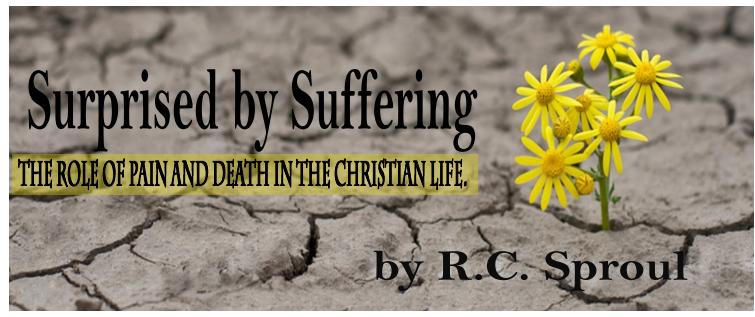
YOUTH STUDY

Led by Ashley Wright and Amanda and John Gurney, this class for middle/high school students is currently studying "Battlefield of the Mind for Teens" by Joyce Meyers. This study takes an honest look at what teenagers face every day.



SURPRISED BY SUFFERING

Led by Kevin Robinson, this class continues to meet in the After Dave room next to the church office. This study by Dr. Sproul helps us deal with the topic of suffering that we face in our life. The study uses videos as well as some book materials and our Bibles as needed. Join us at any time!



by R.C. Sproul

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

*In Memory of Jo Hall
by
Her loving daughters,
Meredith Hall, Terri Cunningham,
and Melanie Ortega*

STEWARSHIP UPDATE

as off February 18, 2022

YTD Income: \$13,078

YTD Expenses: \$22,441

YTD Net Ordinary Income: (\$9,363)

Parenthesis indicate negative number.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:17

~ PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Coordinating Team: The next meeting is Sunday, March 6, immediately following worship.

PW Bible Study: The next class is Sunday, March 13, following worship. We will be studying Lesson 3 in *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair.

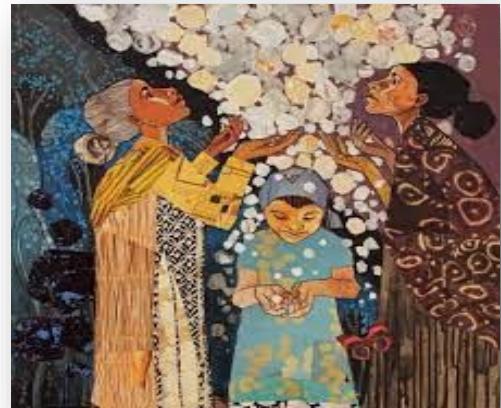
Lesson 3: "Rahab" found on page 29.

Scripture: Joshua 2; 6:22-25

Focus: Rahab is a socially unacceptable outsider who is intelligent and strong. A marginalized woman, she recognizes the power of God of Israel. When God's own people are melting with fear, her wit and presence of mind allow God's plans to come to fruition.



Questions? Contact [Mary Ann Epperson](#).
All women are invited to attend!



Lisieux Community

The CPC Presbyterian Women have been long-time supporters of Lisieux. Check out the excerpts from their daily posts. You'll understand just how special this organization is and the vital role it plays.



INVITATION TO PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Presbyterian Women, Presbytery of the Mid-South
Vivian Pauley, Chair

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 ANNUAL GATHERING
April 2, 2022

LOCATION:
First Presbyterian Church
1573 North Highland Avenue
Jackson, Tennessee 38301

More details to come!



March 2, 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY

COLLIERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Churches will be come together for Ash Wednesday. All are invited as we begin our Lenten journey.

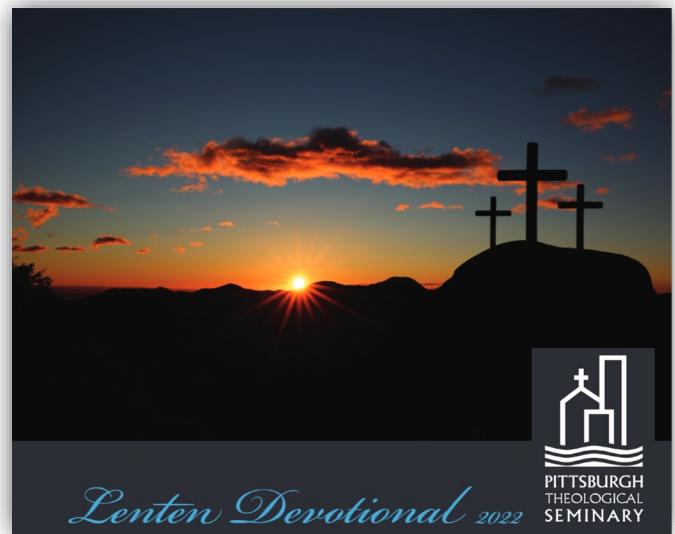
Imposition of Ashes, 4:30-5:30pm

Drive-by in church parking lot

Worship Service, 7pm

LENT DEVOTIONS

AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE
CHURCH OR DOWNLOAD
YOUR COPY AT
WWW.COLLIERVILLEPRES.ORG



MARCH | APRIL | MAY ISSUE

Pick up the current issue of Our Daily Bread. Copies can be found on the cabinet outside the sanctuary, the coffee counter, or on the side table outside the Fellowship Hall.



March 2-April 10 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:13-14

How precious is the life that God creates! Let's join to speak on behalf of our unborn during the spring campaign of 40 Days for Life, an internationally coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigils. There are many ways to get involved:

- **Pray:** Prayer keeps us rooted in the sanctity of life as a gift from God. He loves mothers, fathers, and children. His love, forgiveness, and healing are available to all.
- **Fast:** Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help.
- **Learn:** Learn more about the services available for mothers & fathers in crisis, foster & adoption services, and post-abortion recovery ministries.
- **Give:** Donate to, or purchase merchandise from, 40 Days for Life or our local Life Choices & Shelby County Right to Life. Contact these organizations to volunteer your time to serve as the Spirit leads.
- **Vote:** Hold your representatives accountable for protecting the most vulnerable of our society.

- Melanye Lunsford





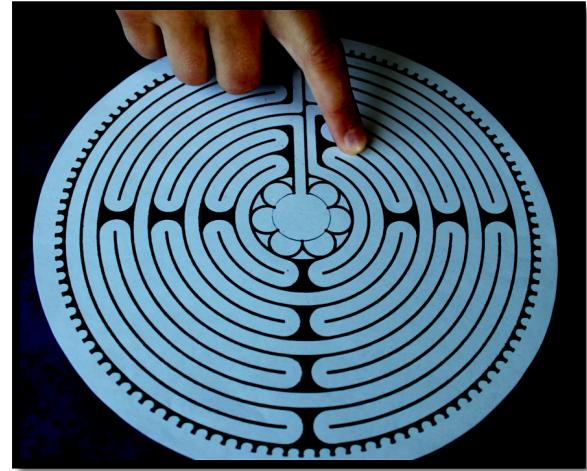
LENT

A journey that moves us toward the cross.

The prayer labyrinth is open to all and will remain in the Fellowship Hall through our Lenten Journey. Lent is a time for reflection, for the letting go of regrets and stepping into renewal. Walking a labyrinth can facilitate this journey by providing a spiritual path for prayer, reflection and meditation. Whoever you are and wherever you are you are welcome to walk the labyrinth. Set aside time to visit. Embrace the labyrinth path. There is no right or wrong way to walk. You only have to enter and follow the path. Play music or sing. Pray out loud. Walk alone and with a crowd. Listen to the sounds. Most of all pay attention to your experience.

In this newsletter you will find an insert with a **finger labyrinth**. Finger labyrinths are “walked” by tracing the path with a finger of the non-dominant hand. Print this out. Keep it with you. Use it often. Here are some general guidelines for walking a labyrinth:

1. Before you start any finger labyrinth “walk,” take time to breathe and relax. If you keep a journal, have it ready for recording any insights after your walk.
2. Set an intention or question for the walk. Without an intention a finger labyrinth walk can become an exercise in hastily and mindlessly moving your finger along the circuits and wondering why at the end of the walk you even bothered. Say a prayer for guidance.
3. Place a finger from your non-dominant hand at the entrance to the labyrinth. As you trace the circuit, stay open to whatever presents itself: feelings, sensations, memories, images, or just “knowings.” Pause at any time to breathe, be with a memory, work with an image, or simply relax into the labyrinth.
4. Remain a while in the center continuing your prayer or silent contemplation. Be open to God's influence and be willing to receive. The center is a wonderful place to relax, pray, or sing.
5. When you are ready, trace your way out continuing on the pathway.
6. As your finger leaves the labyrinth, give thanks and close with a prayer.



Experiment and play with your labyrinth. Try using a word, phrase, or scripture. Repeat it slowly in your heart as you “walk.” You may also walk with questions such as, “In what way do I most need to grow spiritually right now?” or “What most blocks me from fully receiving and living God’s love?” You can also walk the labyrinth in intercessory prayer for someone else, sending them the fruits of your walk.

If you are experiencing a difficult feeling such as anger, grief, or bitterness, walk with the intention for healing and release.

If you are struggling with a problem or illness, ask for insight and guidance: What must I release in order to allow healing? What am I not feeling or acknowledging to allow healing? Whom do I most need to forgive, and for what? What part of my life (or me) am I neglecting that needs attention?

The labyrinth is available daily for any wishing to walk. If you'd like to walk the labyrinth after hours, contact the office to check out a key. Walk, pray, reflect.

FINGER LABYRINTH

We're all on a path...precisely where we need to be.



~THE MEANINGFUL SERVICE COMMITTEE~



LISIEUX COMMUNITY

The Meaningful Service Committee, with your help, will be providing support to Lisieux Community through some of our current programs: clothing, manna bags, and mats. Their need is for women's clothing with an emphasis on XS-S and XL-XXXL and the current season. No dressy clothes but casual, daily wear. We have had several large loads of clothes sent to Constance Abbey. We are still looking for the below. There is a great need for gloves and socks.

Manna Bags

Grab one or two
to keep in your car!



It is soon time to make up more manna bags. These will not only be kept at the church but some donated to the Lisieux Community. While shopping consider grabbing an item for our manna bags. Below is a list of suggested items. Of course, save those hotel size shampoos, soaps, etc! Drop items in the baskets by the entrance and kitchen.

- Vienna sausages, jerky, tuna and chicken salad
- peanut butter crackers
- protein bar
- fruit bars
- Raisins
- fruit cups
- Insect repellent
- lip balm
- Wipes (sanitizing wipes, body wipes)
- Kleenex
- travel size hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, soap/body wash
- **SOCKS! Lots of socks!**

Collierville Food Pantry

Collierville Food Pantry can use your help restocking shelves. Items needed:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Corn
- Beans
- Fruit
- Soups

Items can be left in the gray bins provided for manna bags. Leave in bag and/or place a note for Food Pantry.



Mats for the Homeless

To date, we have donated 6 mats to Constance Abbey. It seems like so few but that is 6 people no longer sleeping on the ground. If you can help by crocheting, please let Linda Stamps know. There is a great need for sleeping mats.



**Do you crochet? Do you want to learn?
Let Linda Stamps know!**

Watch for details about assisting at the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen!

Daily Life at the Lisieux Community

Monday, 31 January 2022, at the Drop-in Center

We have lockers for each woman to store her belongings. Women can use a locker for the day or they can keep items in their locker throughout the week. Many of our clients keep extra clothing in their lockers because theft happens so frequently on the streets. They also keep important documents in their lockers because they have no safe place elsewhere. Miranda* came to the drop-in center for the first time today with a friend who has been a client for a while. After she had eaten and received the clothing she requested, she caught me at one of the lockers and asked what she had to do to get one. I told her she was welcome to use one. She said that she would like one to keep her clothing in and that she anticipated visiting us frequently. She looked at me and said, "Thank you so much for doing this," and gave me a huge hug. Miranda didn't strike me as the type to show her feelings easily, so that moment of vulnerability really caught me off guard and blew me away. Another one of the women, Claire, exclaimed that we were helping her gain some weight since she's been stopping in on Mondays. I thought to myself, "That's only one hot meal a week, how could it make that much difference?" which really gave some perspective to what her regular diet must look like. Both of those interactions today made me take a step back and think about how much difference a shower, clean clothing, a hot meal, and laundry services can make in a person's life—basics that are standard for most of us.



Thursday, 03 February 2022, on the streets

Today, Whitney and I went out on the streets earlier than usual, hoping that we would have more of an opportunity to pass out blankets, coats, and handwarmers to our women. We were especially hoping to see the ones who will be staying outdoors tonight in the icy, freezing temperatures.

Before we loaded the van with care bags and other essentials, I heard from one of our women who is housing insecure. Becky* had just lost power in her boarding house and asked me if I could bring a blanket and a coat to her. Becky has become a regular at the center on Mondays over the past couple of months. She is in the process of trying to find her own apartment, and as a step in that process, Becky was able to get her state-issued ID the other day. It is really a blessing to walk alongside our women as they take steps like these.

After about 20 minutes or so of Whitney and I driving this afternoon, we finally spotted one of our regular women. (There were very few people out today.) Andrea* was making her way from a friend's house up to the local store. After talking to Whitney and me for a minute, Andrea wanted to double check the time of one of her upcoming doctor's appointments.

The final woman we saw this afternoon is one who typically huddles up at night in the alcove of an old building. Hariat* is a woman we see on a regular basis on Thursday nights. This afternoon, she was tucked inside her alcove behind two shopping carts, with blankets draped over the carts to act as a shield against the cold. Whitney and I were able to give her some food, a blanket, and extra hand and foot warmers to help her get through the next few days. We gave out seven care bags this afternoon, along with bus passes, blankets, gloves, and hats.

As Whitney headed home from the center tonight, she gave a care bag to another one of our women who was walking down the street with a blanket wrapped around her shoulders. Beth* told Whitney that she was out trying to get gas for a propane heater so that she could stay warm.

As the city is covered in ice and the temperatures continue to drop, please keep all of the women in your hearts tonight.

~Rachel

*Names changed to protect identities

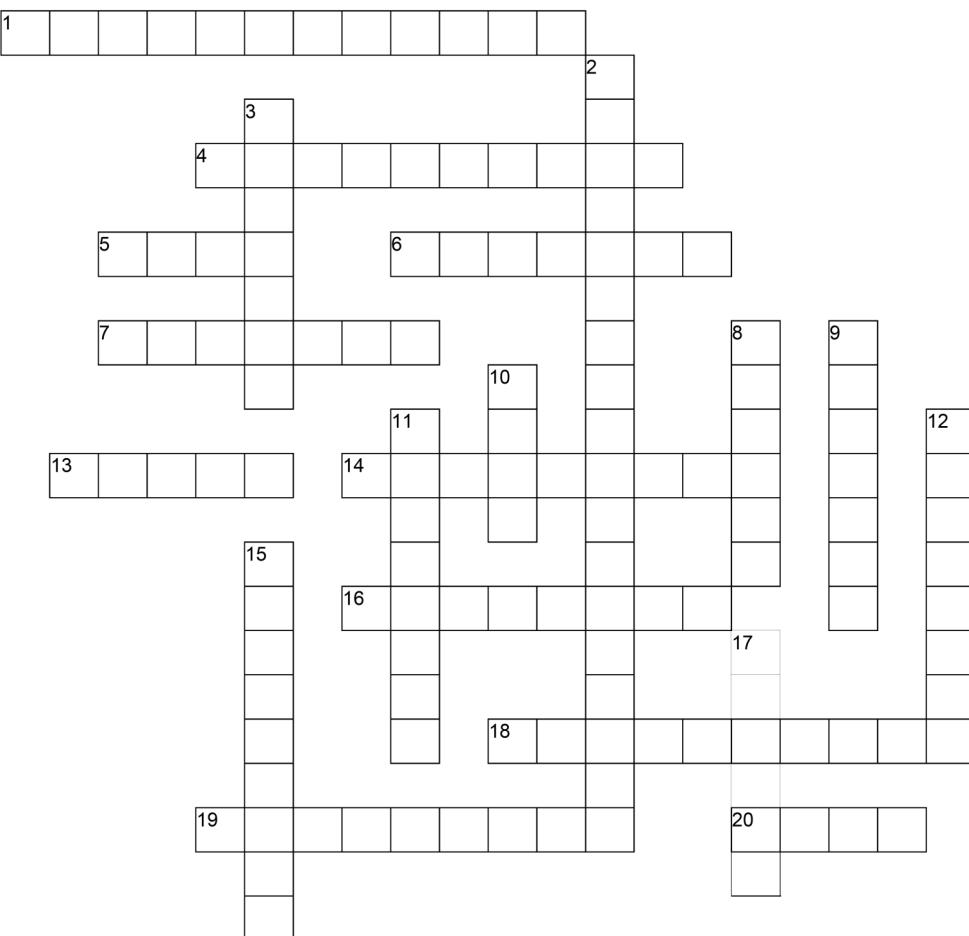


Click on the links above to purchase items from Lisieux's wish list or make a donation directly to them.



What a fun and unexpected visit by Dave and Julie Parks! A few people were able to gather for a meal this past week: (L to R) Dave Parks, Randy Harris, Jim Barkley, Tingting Davis, Mary Ann Harris, Julie Parks, and Warner Davis.

Lent



Across

- Day we recognize we came from dust
- Day when green branches are waved
- Jesus was buried in a
- No eating
- To stay away from something
- What Jesus was nailed to
- To give up something or act of offering
- Last week of Lent
- Happy day
- Jesus' crew
- Easter Season

Down

- Series of 14 pictures or items that represent Jesus' road to crucifixion
- Holy day of worship
- Sorry for sins
- Speaking to God with thanks or concerns
- Jesus' mother
- Commemorates when God freed the Israelites; 'Pesach'
- Put to death by nailing to cross
- Person who believes in God
- Color of lent

*Test your knowledge!
Answers below.
No peeking until you finish!*

- ASH WEDNESDAY
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- SABBATH
- FASING
- TOMB
- CROSS
- ABSINTH
- SACRIFICE
- HOLY WEEK
- GOOD FRIDAY
- DISCIPLES
- CRUCIFY
- CHRISTIAN
- MARY
- PRAYING
- PRESER
- PURPLE
- LENT
- COLOR OF LENT



☺ Birthday ♡ Anniversary

MARCH 2022

Collierville Presbyterian Church



LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 First Sunday in Lent ♦ Sunday School (9:15am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ PW Coord. Team (11:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ② David Williams	7 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ② Alyssa McArthur	8 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♦ CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) ② Alyssa McArthur	9 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♦ CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) ② Alyssa McArthur	10 ♦ CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) ♦ GS Troop 13141 (6:45pm) ② Alyssa McArthur	11 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) ② Kevin Lacy	12 ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) ② Don & Heather Vohner
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