

MARCH RESPONSIBILITIES

	<u>6th</u>	<u>13th</u>
Infant Nursery		
SS	B. & K. Beardsley	M. Hunter
Worship	G. & L. Kiser	C. Swink & E. Couch
Children Worship		
Preschool	M. Kiger	K. Middleton
K-2	R. & C. Swink	E. Mooneyham & J. Hunter
Children's Time	Bells	J. Estep
Flowers	I. Harris	M. Moore
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	<u>20th</u>	<u>27th</u>
Infant Nursery		
SS	L. Winfrey	W. & H. Shelton
Worship	M. Kiger & J. Cooke	M. & P. Stone
Children Worship		
Preschool	A. Cardwell	B. Patterson & T. Culler
K-2	E. Mooneyham & J. Hunter	E. Mooneyham & J. Hunter
Children's Time	Children Sing	E. Mooneyham
Flowers	Open	G. Cardwell

Acolytes: Ross Cardwell, Audrey Cardwell, Allison Denny, Dylan Griggs, John Middleton, Lucas Middleton, Tyler Patterson, Hadley Swink

Safe Sanctuary Monitoring: Carolyn Cooke, Maxine Kiger, Mike Stone, Pat Stone and Davis Thompson

Wild Cards: Jeanne Holcomb

Luke's Group: Sharry Davis

Ushers: Youth

Bereavement: LuAnn Winfrey chair, Glenda Brown, Carolyn Cooke, Cindy Hunter, Betty Kapp, Mary Kay Thomas, Lisa Williamson

Crisis Control Gift for March
Laundry Detergent & Dish Washing Liquid

Samaritan Ministries Gift for March
Canned Vegetables & Disposable Razors

Please place items on the table downstairs.

Dear Kingswood,
You really welcomed us with open arms. Our love for dancing was enhanced by your generosity. The meal was absolutely wonderful and the monetary donation was "icing on the cake."
Great experience, great group!

Ernestine Watts, Snappy Tappers

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The Messenger

March 2011

Third Thursday

Be sure to mark Third Thursday, March 17 at 5:30 pm. Come and share a delicious meal prepared and served by our youth, and a program presented by Hospice. Be sure to complete your meal reservation form in Sunday's bulletin.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN

Highlights from February included a very fun candlelight spaghetti dinner on February 12, followed by teaching (trying, anyway!) Miss Jo to do the Cha-Cha Slide. Thanks to Miss Trudy Cox and Miss Kim Beardsley for helping us! On February 13, we enjoyed lunch together at Dairio, then played the Krystal Bells for children at Horizons Care Center. Thanks to the parents who brought your children and made this outreach possible.

We are continuing to prepare for our "David and Goliath" puppet show. And we're using part of our offering to create a "coat closet" for students at Mineral Springs Elementary School next fall.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar:

Sunday, March 13 following the worship service we will have a special Lenten Fair in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are invited to check out the various stations that will be set up, and share a light lunch.

Sunday, April 10 will be our children's Easter event, starting at 3:00. We'll have activities, refreshments and an Easter egg hunt. Invite friends!

Parents: As you are planning vacations, remember that **VBS will be June 27-30.**



Spotlight on Safe Sanctuary

There will be a Safe Sanctuary training worship on Sunday, March 13 during the Sunday School hour. The workshop will begin at 10:00 am in the parlor. If you are working with children or youth and have not previously attended a training session, please plan to attend. Contact Carolyn Cooke, 768-3161, if you have questions.

Our children will practice a tornado drill with their Sunday School class on Sunday, March 20.

We would like to offer CPR/first aid training to church members. If you would be interested in participating in a CPR course, please contact the church office, 969-5437, or Carolyn Cooke, 768-3161.

PlaySchool News

February was a very busy month at Kingswood. We thank Leslie Bowman for coming and sharing about good dental health.

We have lots of things planned for the spring. Spring portraits will be taken in April. If you are interested in an evening appointment on April 7, contact LuAnn at 969-2458.

We are now enrolling for the fall and have openings in all classes. Please help us spread the word to your friends and family.

Kingswood Youth

Thanks to all who helped and supported the annual Spaghetti Supper. It was the biggest one yet - we made \$1,000.

- ⇒ We are attending Battle Cry March 18 & 19 in Greensboro.
- ⇒ We will be hosing the Third Thursday meal in March, please come out and join us for a great meal.
- ⇒ March 26 we will be working at the Samaritan Kitchen.
- ⇒ We are hosting another soup and salad luncheon following Worship on March 27. Please stay and join us.

We appreciate all of the support we receive from Kingswood and are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church.

In Christ,
LuAnn

March Birthdays

3 Mark Moorefield
3 Kim Middleton
3 Ben Redmond
4 Becky White
4 Lora Smitherman
5 Geraldine Paschal
8 Mary Beth Smith

9 Jerry Williamson
9 Elizabeth Volinski
10 Shirley Clemenson
11 Julia Edgeworth
12 Sharyn Chandler
13 Missy Moore
14 David Brown

15 Sarah Beth Moore
21 James Hoots
23 Pat Stone
24 Barbara Ziglar
25 Richard George
25 Judy Revels
26 Brandon Denny

27 Elizabeth Deal
28 Mike Stone
28 Tara Love
29 William Estep
31 Stephen Boyles
31 Jason Williamson

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent the Season of the Cross

Lent begins on March 9 and goes until April 24. It is the 40 days preceding Easter, not counting the Sunday's during the season. It is symbolic of the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross. The cross is a reminder that there is no eloquent, rhetorically savvy way by which we can ascend to God. All of our attempts to climb up to God are our pitiful efforts at self-salvation. God descends to our level by climbing on a cross, opening up his arms and dying for us.

Christian theology has always affirmed that the cross is not only a window through which we see the true nature of God as the embodiment of suffering love, but also the truthful mirror in which we see ourselves.

Lent is the season in which we are called to look at ourselves honestly. Jesus was nailed to the wood on the basis of a whole host of otherwise noble human ideals and aspirations like law and order, biblical fidelity, and national security. After all it is only by the grace of God that we are brought back into the fold of God's love. After Calvary we could no longer argue that we are, down deep, basically good people who are making progress once we get ourselves organized and enlightened.

For Paul, the cross is not only something that God does to and for the world, unmasking the world's gods, exposing our sin, forgiving our sin through suffering love, the cross is also the pattern for Christian life. We will focus on the cross and the love and sacrifice of God during this season.

So we will proclaim Christ and his crucifixion, death and resurrection during this season. We are challenged to turn once again to his love. Every time we are confronted by the cross of Christ and we hear and believe and respond we are being obedient unto God. Let us turn to God and cast ourselves upon His grace for our lives during this season. Let us focus on what God has done for us.

See you Sunday at the place which reminds us of God's Love for our Lives. See you at Church.

His Servant,
Pastor Sid

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doug Butler

Ava Ferguson – Julia Edgeworth's sister

Diane Jessup – Julia Edgeworth's daughter

Eva Kiger

Helen Lanier – Pastor Sid's mother

Tina Leehr – Redmond family friend

Valerie Minturn – Kim Beardsley's sister

Ella Mae Myers – Dora Lee Shouse's sister

Nancy Plunkett

Vicky Saunders - Lib Kiser's daughter

Judy Wall

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the families of
Max Baker & Carol Whitaker.



We Pray For All Our Military

Sgt. Alfonza Harris, Afghanistan

Friend of Janet Andrews

Senior Airman Taylor Marion, Iraq

Grandson of Bob & Peggy Marion



Consecration Sunday

This year we are going to be involved with Sharing the Gift Consecration Sunday. We ask each of you to plan to attend church on March 6. This will be a special Sunday for Kingswood.

We focus our Christian Stewardship on sound biblical foundations for spiritual growth. This experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development.

We believe that you are concerned enough to attend on Consecration Sunday and make your financial commitment as an act of worship in the church sanctuary.

No one will call on you at your home for a pledge. A packet of information has been mailed out to individual homes which includes an estimate of giving card along with other information. We ask that you fill out an estimate of giving card and bring it with you on Sunday, March 6.

Please begin to prayerfully consider your commitment on this opportunity for spiritual growth.

PARSONAGE KITCHEN OPEN HOUSE

The kitchen has been completed and is beautiful! We thank the committee who worked so hard to make sure the work was completed. New cabinets, a new arrangement of the kitchen cabinets, new appliances and new utility room cabinets were added. Come and see for yourself. March 13th 2:00 - 3:30pm.