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Sermons for the Month of March

The month of March concludes the Lenten season with the joyous celebration of Easter. One wonders if Christians



have come to take the majestic mystery of the Resurrection for granted. That is why the Lenten reminders of sin's ugliness and power and ubiquity are necessary, and why the drama of the cross is so compelling. One reality makes its forceful impression only to give

way to a gracious new reality open to faith. The first Sunday of March, the 6th, we will celebrate Communion as a refreshing meal in the midst of our Lenten journey and listen to 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 and Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32 and hear of God as *The Waiting Father*. March 13th opens Philippians 3:4b-14 and John 12:1-8 to see grace as a call for *Extravagant Devotion*. March 20th is Palm Sunday, and the traditional story of the triumphal entry as recounted in Zechariah 9:9 and Luke 19:28-40 might be seen in a different light as a *Crisis Provoked*. Don't forget to join us Thursday night, March 24th, for a Maundy Thursday Communion service at 6:00 p.m., where we will look at 1 Corinthians 10:16-21; 11:23-26 and John 13:1-17; 31b-35 and discover *What is Given*. The culmination of it all is Easter Sunday, March 27, when we gather for our traditional Easter breakfast and then join in worship examining Isaiah 65:17-25 and Luke 23:54-24:12 for *A Dream Too Great, A Reality to Amazing*. Join us, won't you, for all of these important remembrances of the reason for our hope and the source of unassailable joy!

It Happened in Session

The Session met for its regular meeting on February 16, 2016.

The Session approved receiving the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering on Easter Sunday.

Eleanor Garvey and Zana Byers were elected as Elder Commissioners to the March 5th Presbytery meeting at Austin College.

Zana Byers, on behalf of the Worship Committee, proposed a change for the flower arrangements displayed at Sunday worship. Instead of the two arrangements currently used, they plan to change to using only one arrangement which will be placed in front of the communion table, the cost of which will be \$20. The plan

was approved and this change will go into effect on Sunday March 6th.

June Ragan advised that the February 28th potluck will celebrate, the once in four years, "Leap Day" which is the next day.

Eleanor Garvey noted that several members have been hospitalized recently, with assistance offered to each. Betty Robinson, who had been in rehab, has returned to Prestige Estates, where Irene Cundiff now also lives. Easter lilies will be taken to shut in members.

According to Jerry Ragan, the contractor who is building the new building next door, has removed a stump near our property line and may remove some others. They will install a fire hydrant near our property line, which is a benefit for the church. The lawn sprinkler system has been repaired and brought up the current city code.

Change is Coming

Effective March 6th there will be only one floral display at Sunday worship. The Worship Committee proposed the change and the Session agreed. The display will be placed in front of the Communion table (as seen in the photo) where it can be easily by the congregation. The cost of this arrangement will be \$20. If you have already signed up to pay for flowers on



some future date, be aware of the change. Others may want to take a look at the flower calendar and sign up for an open date or two.

Jonah's Shawl

We have been praying for Jonah Daily as he continues treatment for leukemia. Jonah's dad works at the same Whitehouse School where Becky Davis is employed. Becky recently visited Jonah at the hospital in Dallas, carrying with her greetings and donations from the school, as well as a shawl made by the ladies of Highland. Jonah is shown here with his shawl.



JESUS' CLOSET DONATIONS

Thank you again, to those who have brought winter clothes, boots, sleeping bags, blankets, etc. for homeless people who meet Under a Bridge on Saturdays and Sundays for meals, worship and to receive your donations. If you have more donations, please leave them in the church nursery, and I will continue to deliver them to "Jesus' Closet," the group that distributes them.

Sara Cannon

Ladies, Please Read:



Tuesday, March 1st: Prayer Shawl Meeting will be at Deb Lowrance's house at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies' Evening and Morning Circle meetings will meet the third week of March instead of the usual 2nd week of the month:



Mon., Mar. 14th, 7:00 p.m.:
Ladies' Evening Circle
Tue., Mar. 15th, 10:00 a.m.:
Ladies' Morning Circle



Tuesday, March 15th: Ladies' Out-to-eat at PotPourri House at 11:30 a.m.

Irene Cundiff

Will be

Celebrating her

91st birthday

On Easter Sunday, March 27th

NEWS FROM JORY BAYNE IN SOUTH ASIA

Prayer requests from Jory from his January 2016 newsletter and an updated photo, from his Facebook page, that I thought showed his joy and love for his mission of sharing Jesus' love to others. When I receive his next newsletter, I'll include information and/or prayer requests in the April 2016 Highland Herald newsletter. In the meantime, here are his prayer requests:



1. Praise God for the 23 students we have seen make significant decisions to trust Christ. Pray that many would begin multiplying their faith if it's genuine and that movements would be launched.
2. Pray for two specific events/outreaches this month. One is for a particular university. The other is for students whom we have already met to encourage them towards Jesus. Pray for fruitfulness.
3. Pray for our team. Next month we will be in Thailand for the Mid-Year Conference and a short vacation. Pray we may finish the first half of the year strong not only ministry wise, but relationally wise as friends and family.
4. Pray for me personally that I may continue to seek intimacy with the Lord despite weighing responsibilities. Pray that I may appropriately boast in my weaknesses as a leader, and not feel like I have to have all the answers.

For those of you with Facebook accounts, you can view more updates of Jory's South Asia mission stories, progress, and photos at <https://www.facebook.com/jory.bayne>.

Also, the newsletters that we have been receiving from Jory, are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church. Dorothy "Dotty" Ragan



Becky's Music Notes

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I was so elated following the service on February 21. The bells played three pieces and they did such a wonderful job. I can't thank them enough for their hard work and dedication. Thanks to Tori, Kay, Deb L., Sara, Deb T., Mom (Eleanor), June, Scott, Ed, Ron and Mike for all your hard work...I appreciate each and every one of you.

For those that had not heard, we had a small incident on Saturday, the 20th, while Mom and I were practicing for the service on the 21st. Apparently a squirrel decided to take out the transformer across the street from the church. The transformer won. It caused the power to go out which affected the electronics in the sanctuary, as well as the elevator. We called Jerry Ragan immediately and he came to the church to handle the situation. Fortunately, power was restored and, with the exception of the elevator, all was well on Sunday morning. Special thanks to Jerry for taking care of that situation.

Now that the bells have played for Christmas and the Lenten season, it is time to start thinking about something to play in April or May. We have been working on a few things and by then we'll be ready to perform again.

In the meantime enjoy the music for the Lenten season. And, as promised, Mom and I will play The Palms on Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. We will have a Maundy Thursday Communion Service on Thursday, March 24. We hope you will join us for this special service as well as Easter morning.

Love and Prayers,

Becky Davis



Highland Highlights for March 2016:

Sunday, March 20th:

Palm Sunday

Wednesday, March 23rd:

April 2016 Newsletter Submission Deadline!

Thursday, March 24th:

5:30 PM – Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Sunday, March 27th:

8:30 AM – Easter Breakfast

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday:

9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service
11:30 AM - Fellowship Time

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THE APRIL 2016 HIGHLAND HERALD SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE is Wednesday, March 23rd!

Please submit your articles, information, etc., for the March 2016 newsletter before the end of this month. Please email your information to the church:

highlandprestyler@att.net or bring a typed or hand-written submission to the office. **Dorothy Ragan**



Fellowship Snacks

Blessed are those who share FELLOWSHIP in CHRIST, for GOD lives in their FRIENDSHIP.

Please join together each Sunday after Worship for some conversation, laughs and to welcome our guests. Refreshments will be provided by the Fellowship committee.



Please continue to pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces: Please keep the Christians, Kurds, and Jews in your prayers in N. Iraq.



The items for March are Toilet Paper and personal items (shampoo, soap, etc.). Blankets will be collected for the remainder of winter until the end of this month. Monetary donations are always welcome.



The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16b NLT

Cancer Patients: Jonah Daily, Mike Burrow, Joy Carreno, David Garvey, Jeff Hedges, Rita Kelly, Jan Park, Donna Richardson, and Carl Trent; **Continuing Concerns:** Sue Masters, Betty Williams, Janet Mackey, Ann Gstohl, Ron and Nancy Gillonardo, Jory Bayne, Bonnie Cottrill, Sally Ferrell, Mark Garvey, Joan Heck, Jean Hedges, Leslie Hortman, Sue McCool, Sue Sharp, and Michael Williams. *(In the spirit of getting the best out of our prayer ministry, please submit names for the Prayer list, a brief reason and then a subsequent update to the request, by the monthly deadline for the Highland Herald. This will enable us to keep the list current and to give thanks for God's answers. Also submit updates for the prayer list.)*

Thank You!

For the prayers for my mom, Sue Masters, and for sending her cards. She is still receiving Hospice Care (as I am typing this). She appreciated the cards she has received. Please continue prayers for her that we (her family) will continue to enjoy the time we have to spend with her until the day that God takes her home to be with Him.

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Dorothy Ragan



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The View from the Back Page

I will have to admit, I am not sure what to make of the growing confusion of our times. It is not that the headlines are that different, unfortunately, from any other age of recent or far distant memory. Sin does not surprise me. What does surprise me is the popular, yet somewhat irrational, enthusiasms in our body politic. In some ways, it is refreshing to see the American people rejecting a more and more apparent corruption in the status quo. In other ways, it is a surprising choice to go running after a bombastic narcissist like Donald Trump or muddleheaded “socialist” like Bernie Sanders.

For all the change they both seem to offer, the changes would only seem to be a reassertion of the corruption and problems on an even greater scale! Trump, the ultimate crony capitalist would no doubt only make that greater. Sanders, averse to true socialistic state ownership of everything would nevertheless make the state a partner in everything! In a dangerous world, would either (or any of the other candidates for office) be adequate to the task of dealing with forces bent on building imaginary worlds in the face of apparent contradictory realities?

Economic calamity, war escalating to perhaps another global scaled conflict, and spiritual division and confusion all seem to be buds potentially waiting to bloom. Now more than ever we need the wisdom of Scripture, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, greater practice in love and forgiveness, and the hope signified most greatly on Easter Sunday. A risen Lord, victorious over our worst existential enemies in death and the devil, has promised to return and complete the victory. May God give us wisdom to act wisely and witness boldly in this time of confusion, but let our eyes and our hopes be focused on Jesus.

Scott Mackey



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Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 8:30 AM till Noon
 Sunday School 9:30 AM—Sunday Worship 10:30 AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Meeting	2 6 PM - Bell Practice	3	4	5
6 Holy Communion	7 H. K. Park	8 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast	9 6 PM - Bell Practice	10 10 AM - Pastor's Bible Study	11	12
13	14 7 PM Ladies Evening Circle	15 10 AM - Ladies Morning Circle 11:30 AM - Ladies' Out to Eat 6 PM - Session Meeting	16 Janet Mackey 6 PM - Bell Practice	17	18 HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	19
20 Palm Sunday	21	22	23 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Highland Herald Deadline!!</div> 6 PM - Bell Practice	24 10 AM - Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service	25	26
27 Irene Cundiff	28	29	30 6 PM - Bell Practice	31		