

FEBRAURY 2010

# Grace in the Desert

E-News Updates from the Community Presbyterian Church of Littlerock



## “Lord, teach us to pray Series”

During the month of January Pastor K.C. and James, our pastoral intern from Fuller Seminary began a series of sermons on the Lord’s Prayer and the theme, “Lord, teach us to pray.” Our hope is that as a church we will come to know what it truly means to pray and the importance of prayer in the life of a follower of Christ. We invite you to come and join us every Sunday morning at 10:00am for worship. Don’t forget to join us on the first Sunday of the month for evening prayer at 5:00pm at the church. The format is simple; *pray for the world, pray for the community, and pray for one another.* What a great way to come together as a church family in prayer as we walk through this sermon series.

## Season of Lent

The season of Lent begins on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm with an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. Lent is a 40-day liturgical season that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Easter Sunday. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of Jesus’ resurrection. Though not biblical, Lent has long been a tradition in the Christian Church, and it is thought that the tradition of the 40 days recalls the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and being tempted by Satan Matthew 4:1-11. Lent is considered a time of penance and discipline. We invite you to come join us as we look at the journey Jesus made to the cross throughout Lent. Stay tuned for additional Christian Education opportunities during Lent which we will announce in church or via this newsletter update.

## First Sunday Fellowship

Don’t forget that the first Sunday of the month communion meal meets following the worship service. We invite you to come and join us as we continue to meet in fellowship together and model what it means to be the church. We invite you to bring a friend and if you are able bring a food dish to share with the meal. Contact Lyn or Rose for more information.

## Sunday School News

We are reminded each and every Sunday of the importance of being in God’s Word by gathering together for our Christian Education hour at 9:00am led by Denece and Terry Parsons. Come and join us as we continue to study I Thessalonians. Just a reminder we have child care and Sunday school for children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, for more information contact Pastor K.C. or Rose Banfield.

## New Elders and Deacons

We want to welcome the following new Session members; Lois Michael, Dan Yanofchick, and Terry Parsons to our current leadership team of Michael Banfield, Bob Wise, Barbara Morris, and Pastor K.C. Our new Deacons are Alan Richardson, Nancy Valdez, and Jackie Yanofchick who will join our current team of Deacons, Barbara Garcia, Annie Kahramanian, and Debbie Wahe. Please keep your leadership teams in prayer as they listen to God’s leading in ministering to the people in our church and in our community. The Session meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after church. The Deacons Board meets as needed.

## Office Volunteers

We are in need of a few good folks who would like to volunteer in the church office 1 day a week for approximately 4 hours. You would answer the church office phone for people who call the church and you would help with other simple office tasks. For more information please contact Pastor K.C. or Gail at 661-944-3231. Our hope is to be available at least 4 days a week to the community around us here in Littlerock.

# E-News Update

## Cal-Trans Update

As some of you know we have sold a portion of our property at 7854 Pearblossom Highway to Cal-Trans. Cal-Trans is scheduled to begin highway expansion in front of our church in April. We are now waiting for escrow to close on the sale of the property and will let you know when this happens. For more information about this please contact Pastor K.C., Michael Banfield, or Bob Wise for more information.

## New Church Treasurer

As many of you know Richard Graham has expressed a desire to retire from being our church treasurer. Richard has faithfully served in this position as a volunteer for over 25 years. We give thanks for Richard and his service to our church and welcome Sarah Dockus as our new church treasurer. If you see Richard please do say thank you to him and make sure you welcome Sarah as she has volunteered to help serve in this very important area of our church.

## Food Bank Needs You!

Please contact Gail in the church office if you would like to consider helping serve in our food bank. We are always in need of volunteers in helping make sure this very valuable ministry continues to care and serve our community on behalf of Christ. The Food Bank is twice a month on Tuesdays at 5:00pm.

## Make a Joyful Noise!

Every Thursday our choir meets in the sanctuary at 6:30pm. All are welcome to participate. Please talk Jan Wise if you are interested.

## Mariners Fellowship

Just a reminder that our Mariners Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm, come join us as we share a meal together as the body of Christ. Contact the church office for more information.

## Presbyterian Women

Some of the women in our church meet for regular prayer and fellowship on a bi-weekly basis. The next meeting of the PW group is on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. For more information contact the church office or talk with our group leader Barbara Morris.

## Weekly Bible Study

Come and join us every Thursday evening at 5:15pm for our weekly small group Bible Study. We are currently walking through the Book of Revelation. Hope to you see you there and don't forget to bring your Bibles! 😊

## Prayers for Pastor K.C. and Family

On February 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor K.C. will be having foot surgery. Due to the nature of the surgery K.C. will have to be off of his feet for at least 2 weeks. James our pastoral intern along with our elders and deacons will be providing care for our ministry at church. If there are pastoral care emergencies while K.C. is away please contact the church office at 661-944-3231 and leave a message or contact James at [jrmitch85@gmail.com](mailto:jrmitch85@gmail.com) or Gail at [gailag@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gailag@sbcglobal.net). Pastor K.C. can still be contacted by email while he is away at [revkcwahe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revkcwahe@sbcglobal.net).