

# Pikeville United Methodist Church

*"Committed to Christ, Dedicated to Serve"*

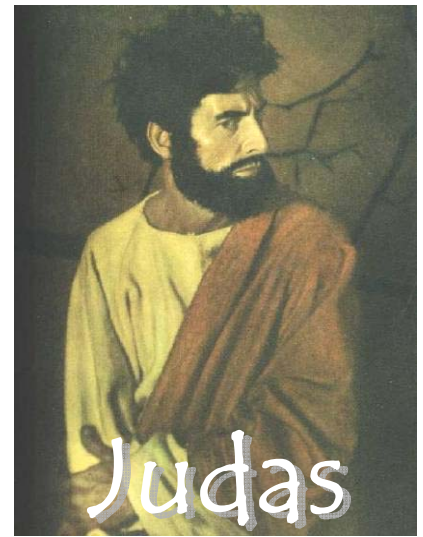
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## *Sunday, March 1, 2009 - First Sunday of Lent*

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

*"Man of Sorrows"*

Chancel Choir

### Symbols of Lent

*"The Bowl"*

Kathryn Burke

### \*Hymn of Praise

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

UMH 400

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*"Apostle's Creed"*

Traditional

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

### \*Passing the Peace

### Receiving Prayer Requests

The Prayer Team

### Call to Prayer

*"Close to Thee"*

UMH 407

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me, all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee. Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be; gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee. Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.

### The Morning Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:10-20

The Lord has made me very grateful that at last you have thought about me once again. Actually, you were thinking about me all along, but you didn't have any chance to show it. I am not complaining about having too little. I have learned to be satisfied with whatever I have. I know what it is to be poor or to have plenty, and I have lived under all kinds of conditions. I know what it means to be full or to be hungry, to have too much or too little. <sup>13</sup>Christ gives me the strength to face anything. It was good of you to help me when I was having such a hard time. My friends at Philippi, you remember what it was like when I started preaching the good news in Macedonia. After I left there, you were the only church that became my partner by giving blessings and by receiving them in return. Even when I was in Thessalonica, you helped me more than once. I am not trying to get something from you, but I want you to receive the blessings that come from giving. I have been paid back everything, and with interest. I am completely satisfied with the gifts that you had Epaphroditus bring me. They are like a sweet-smelling offering or like the right kind of sacrifice that pleases God. I pray that God will take care of all your needs with the wonderful blessings that come from Christ Jesus! May God our Father be praised forever and ever. Amen.

## Special Music

***“High and Lifted Up”***

Hall and Hall/arranged by McDonald

Chancel Choir

## Message

***“Being Content with What You Have”***

Rev. Dickinson

“You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor.” Exodus 20:16

**Covet - the \_\_\_\_\_ desire to acquire.**

### **The effects of wanting more**

• \_\_\_\_\_  
“The more money you have, the more money you spend...” Ecclesiastes 5:11

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“A working person...can get a good night’s sleep. But the rich person has so much that they stay awake worrying.” Ecclesiastes 5:12

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“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from the desires that battle within you?” James 4:1

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“You will never be satisfied if you long to be rich. You will never get all you want.” Ecclesiastes 5:10

“It’s foolish to think wealth brings happiness!” Ecclesiastes 5:10 (LB)

### **Learning steps on how to be content**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **comparing myself to others.**

“We do not dare classify or compare ourselves...it is not wise.” 2 Corinthians 10:12

“When we long to be rich, we are a prey to temptation. We get trapped into all sorts of foolish and dangerous ambitions which eventually plunge us into ruin.” 1 Timothy 6:9

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **in what I do have.**

“If God gives a person wealth and property...they should be grateful and enjoy what they have...it is a gift from God.” Ecclesiastes 5:19

“It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always want something else.” Ecclesiastes 6:9

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **what I have to help others.**

“Tell those who are rich, not to be proud and not to trust in their money which will soon be gone. Tell them to use their money to do good...to give happily to those in need always with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven – it is the only safe investment for eternity!” 1 Timothy 6:17-19

“There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.” Acts 20:35

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **on what is going to last.**

“We fix our attention, not on the things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.” 2 Corinthians 4:18

**Response to the Word**

**“Seek Ye First”**

**UMH 405**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Holy Communion**

You will be invited to come forward and kneel to receive Holy Communion. An usher will direct you. You may place God’s Tithes and your offerings in the plates located on either side of the Sanctuary.

**\*Parting Hymn**

**“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”**

**UMH 298**

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

**Postlude**

**\*If you are able, please stand.**

**Worship Notes**

The rosebud on the altar is presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of **Braylon Allen Wagner** to Kevin and Kay Wagner. **Braylon** was born on February 23, 2009. His proud grandparents are **Toby and Kathy Wagner**.

**Volunteers Assisting With Worship**

Greeters \_\_\_\_\_ Susan and Royce Mayo  
Worship Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry Bishop  
Sound \_\_\_\_\_ Don Hall  
Acolytes \_\_\_\_\_ Members of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Class

**The Sonshine Circle will meet on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Anita McCoy will serve as hostess. (Note the time change)**



Musical Rehearsals  
**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
4:30 p.m. - Rehearsal for Lent and Easter  
5:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Ringers  
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**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
7:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

The Worship Team has made copies of “The Holy Habits of Lent” available at each entrance. Please take one to use in your personal worship during the Lenten Season.

**Don't forget that daylight savings time begins next Sunday, March 8th.**

*Incllement Weather Policy for Wednesday Activities*



If the Pikeville Independent School District does not have school, **all Wednesday activities** will be cancelled. There will be no GROW classes or music rehearsals.

## Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, March 1, 2009	
8:45 a.m.	Early Encounter
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
4:30 p.m.	Easter Music Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Ringers
6:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2009	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
5:30 p.m.	Praise Team
8:00 p.m.	NA
Tuesday, March 3, 2009	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
6:00 p.m.	Jr. and Sr. High Girls Bible Study
8:00 p.m.	AA – Power Bldg
Wednesday, March 4, 2009	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
6:00 p.m.	Made to Praise
6:30 p.m.	GROW Classes for all ages
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 5, 2009	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
1:00 p.m.	Sonshine Circle
Friday, March 6, 2009	
8:00 p.m.	NA
Saturday, March 7, 2009	
7:00 p.m.	NA

## Children's Ministry News for Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>



3:00 p.m. Acolyte training in the Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Children's Council Meeting - Children's Church room



### Weekend Retreat

March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Bean Station, TN  
 Food, Fun & Basketball  
 with just the guys.

Contract Chris Bartley by March 11<sup>th</sup> to sign up.

**All GROW classes will be continuing this week at 6:30**

March 1, 2009

Dear Church Family,

This year has been full of growth and change. From our recent move to Memphis, to our new marriage, and to deep Biblical training, we have been challenged and pushed to grow deeper in our walks with the Lord. It has truly been an amazing year and we've been blessed beyond measure by our various experiences. As most of you already know, we are currently participating in a nine-month Biblical training and discipleship program called DownLine Ministries. During this program, we attend classes three days a week, complete volunteer hours in a specific ministry, meet one on one with a mentor weekly, and also re-teach what we are learning with someone else. It has been such a neat program for us as it has pushed us to dig deep in the Word of God and teach it to others. We are learning so much and we know God is going to use this experience in our ministry in the future.

DownLine Ministries has also provided us with the opportunity to serve overseas on a mission trip. March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be traveling to Madagascar, an island off the coast of Africa. It is a ten-day trip where we will spend our time teaching church leaders and Christians the Biblical models of discipleship, conduct intense Bible training, as well as share the Gospel with non-believers in the area. We couldn't be more excited about what God has in store for this trip!

Please begin praying for us as we ask God to prepare our hearts and minds for what will take place during our trip. Pray that God will burden our hearts for the people there and that we use the gifts God has given us to reach people for His kingdom as well as build up indigenous leaders to pour into their people once we are gone. In addition to prayer, we ask that you would prayerfully consider supporting us financially to go on this trip. We are required to raise our own funds to go which is \$6000. This covers airfare, food, and lodging. Since the beginning of the New Year, we have been trying to fundraise but we're still \$3500 short. We've watched God provide in every event in the past, and know He will again with this new endeavor. It may be that He provides through a giver like you! Please consider contributing to this cause.

If you do feel led to support us with a financial gift, please mail a check made out to DownLine Ministries, with Craig and Sarah Howard in the memo, and mail it to the following address:

DownLine Ministries  
 Attention: International  
 PO Box 770296  
 Memphis, TN 38177

Thank you so much for your love and support in the past and the future! We will write a follow-up letter to inform you on the amazing things God does in Madagascar.

Love,

*Craig and Sarah Howard*