

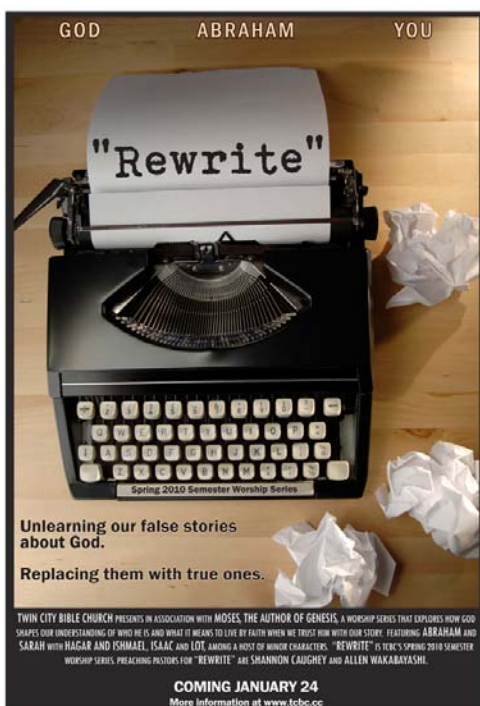
Rewrite

By Shannon Caughey
Senior Pastor

Have you ever wondered why your life as a Christian sometimes feels like “three steps forward, two steps back”? Or why it seems that even though we try really hard to change, we still tend to revert back to our old way of thinking or doing things? What is needed to help us take significant steps forward in deepening our faith and living for Christ? The answer may surprise you: *stories*.

James Bryan Smith wrote a book on spiritual formation called *The Good and Beautiful God*. One of Smith’s central premises for spiritual growth centers around the impact of stories on us—whether real-life, non-fictional stories or fictional stories. Smith writes, “We are creatures who live by our stories. From early on we are told stories by our parents, which help us interpret how life is or how life ought to be.” Smith says these narratives come in different categories: family, cultural, religious, and Jesus’ narratives.

How do these various narratives impact us? According to Smith, “We are shaped by our stories. In fact, our stories, once in place, determine much of our behavior without regard to their accuracy or helpfulness. Once these stories are stored in our minds, they stay there largely unchallenged until we die. And here is the main point: these narratives are running (and often ruining) our lives. That is why it is crucial to get the right narratives.”



This semester we are looking at the first lengthy, detailed story of a person’s life that we find in the Bible—the story of Abraham. As mentioned above, by “story” I am not implying that this is fictional. Abraham was a real, historical person. Starting at the end of Genesis 11, we find the account of his life.

The life story of Abraham is about how God makes Himself known to a flawed person and enables him to respond with faith. Abraham’s faith journey is a roller-coaster ride; while he often trusts God in commendable ways, he also has plenty of episodes in which he fails and tries to take matters into his own hands. Abraham’s failures arise out of false narratives—inaccurate stories or understandings about what’s needed to make life work or how to

relate to God. Yet, God rewrites the story that Abraham lives by so that it increasingly reflects His story.

God is the hero of the Abraham story. As we’ll see in our study of Abraham, God acts and speaks again and again, graciously revealing Himself and powerfully unfolding His story. God faithfully grows Abraham so that the eventual summary statement of his life story is this: “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend” (James 2:23).

God continues to make Himself known to us today through Jesus Christ. As we respond to Him—as flawed as we are—God will grow our faith and rewrite the story of our lives. Life with God is a journey of deepening trust in Him. As with Abraham, the goal of this journey is to know the joy and wonder of believing God and being called his friend.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

“The Nurtured Heart” Adult Christian Formation Class

Feb 14 – March 7 at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Parents, here is an opportunity to learn how to build up your children with specific positive input to help them develop and become all God has designed them to be. I was so impressed with LaQuanna Sparkman's “Nurtured Heart” presentation to the Children's Ministry volunteers that I told her, “the parents need to hear this too, let's do this again.” She has graciously agreed to do a 4-week presentation of material from “The Nurtured Heart” program that is being used in the Champaign Schools. It will take place during the adult formation time at 10:45 a.m. beginning Feb. 14th. LaQuanna is a certified trainer of this method.



Spiritual implications of “The Nurtured Heart:” While “The Nurtured Heart” program is being instituted in the schools, LaQuanna and Torrence are using it in their home to help their daughters understand their unique giftedness and build their self confidence. LaQuanna's talk is sprinkled with practical applications for interacting with children—whether at school or at home and for children of any age. I'm trying to use it in my interactions with my granddaughters when I am with them also. And (sh-h-h, don't tell him) I'm even trying to use it with my husband, because we all still need to feel nurtured.

I highly recommend this presentation to parents, prospective parents, grandparents and those who invest in children in any setting to attend this 4-week class. Even if you have never attended a Sunday morning adult class, now is the time to give it a try. Even if just one spouse can attend because the other is involved in other TCBC ministries during that time, your home will benefit when the principles are put into practice.

♥ Donations Needed for Valentine's Day Nursing Home Trip ♥

You can help share God's love with the residents of the Champaign County Nursing Home on Valentine's Day. Once again Discover Zone families will visit the nursing home to present gifts of homemade valentines and small lotion bottles to brighten the faces and lives of the residents. This year the children are also practicing songs with a love theme to sing for them, which will really be a big hit. Many residents never receive visitors and young children are rare visitors to the home. Imagine not seeing any children for weeks on end. The residents always perk up with lots of smiles when they see the children in the halls and rooms and often reach out a hand to touch the children and share special words with them. You can help by contributing homemade valentines and sample-sized bottles of hand lotion for the children to distribute. Please bring your items to the Welcome Center by 10 a.m. on Feb. 14th. The trip will take place during the 10:45 a.m. class time on the 14th. We encourage the Discover Zone parents and siblings to join our trip so families can experience the joy of serving Jesus together. Please pray that God's presence will go with us to encourage the residents and help them understand they are still important to God and to us.

Please See CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONT. P. 3



Building His Kingdom One Life at a Time

“...In whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:21-22



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONT.

Children's Ministry Spring Semester

Volunteer Opportunities:

Our student volunteers love serving so much that they can hardly wait for break to get over so they can get back and see their 'kids'. As a children's ministry volunteer, you serve alongside others and ex-



perience the joy of seeing children learn spiritual truths, songs, memory verses and a love for Bible stories. But you don't have to be a university student to volunteer; we love having community people to help anchor our classrooms and provide some consistency when the students are gone. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions below and contact Kay Miller at the church office (kmliller@tcbc.cc or #344-0641) to learn more.

Lead teacher for 2-3 year olds at 10:45 a.m.: You will have the opportunity to share Bible stories and the love of Jesus with a great group of pre-schoolers who are just learning to have some structure in the classroom. Yes, even 2-year-olds can begin to grasp simple Bibli-

cal truths that will lay a foundation for their growing faith. This position requires a weekly commitment and prep time. We provide the materials and the pre-schoolers provide lots of smiles and hugs as your reward each week.

Volunteers-in-training: Several volunteers serving in our grade school and preschool classrooms will be graduating this spring. Here is a chance to learn the classroom routines and serve as substitute small group leaders or classroom assistants, depending on the age group. You'll get to know the kids and their families, too, which will help you connect more deeply with your TCBC family. Then next fall you will be ready to step in as a full-time volunteer.

Large group teacher for Discipleland – I am looking for someone willing to teach once a month in this K-3 class in order to share the teaching load. This position requires prep time but you could schedule when you would teach well in advance. We supply the teaching material, you bring it to life!

Kay Miller,
Minister of Christian Education

TREASURER'S UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2009

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>		
Giving	\$ 95,655	\$ 58,166	\$ 37,489	Opening Reserve	\$136,004
Expenses	\$ 76,398	\$ 58,166	(\$ 18,232)	Change	\$ 19,257
Excess (Short)	\$ 19,257		\$ 19,257	Reserve Remaining	\$155,261

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Make the most of your Sunday mornings by attending a Christian Formation Class. Enjoy genuine fellowship, study God's Word together, learn how live out your faith daily and develop a Christian worldview. For more detailed information on these classes listed below, please go to www.tcbc.cc and look for the Adult Christian Formation Classes under "What We Do."

Meeting at 9 a.m. ...

- **International Discipleship (continuing)** - This class is designed for internationals as well as those with an interest in having international friends. We will study various Bible topics that are helpful for the Christian life. This class is led by David Krehbiel, Samuel Carroll and others.

Meeting at 10:45 a.m. ...

- **Nurtured Heart (Feb. 14—March 7)** - LaQuanna Sparkman will teach you how to nurture the hearts of children so they understand their potential and seek to do their best. This class is a MUST for all parents not involved in other ministries on Sunday mornings.
- **Witness/Prayer/Apologetics (continuing)** - This is a class to encourage one another, sharpen our intellectual ability to defend and explain the Christian faith and stay prayerfully focused on the task of witness. We will study Tim Keller's book, "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism." Keller, of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, is considered one of the ablest communicators of the gospel to secular people in our day. John Roeckeman will facilitate this class. John is on staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and has taught a number of adult classes at TCBC.
- **Joshua, The Journey of a Faith Walker (continuing)** - Does the task in front of you appear daunting, frightening or even impossible? Try putting yourself in Joshua's sandals as he stood ready to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land without Moses and knowing 40 years earlier the Israelites had failed to enter. The book of Joshua reminds us that God often offers a second chance when our first attempts fail. Through this study Biblical principles and applications will be examined that can lead you to a stronger, more vibrant faith, to help you meet challenges in 2010. Join Kay and Denny Miller for this 8-week study from the life of Joshua.

Special Mission Adult Formation Class on Sunday, Feb. 7th at 10:45 AM

According to a 2009 Urbana Missions Conference speaker, the flood of refugees coming from poor and war-torn nations is going to impact how we think about missions work in the future. Regional conflicts and wars, natural disasters and other crisis have led to an ever-increasing number of refugees crossing international borders seeking a new life. And as a result, people who would not otherwise have access to missionaries are coming right to them. On Feb. 7, TCBC supported missionaries Terri and Donna Jeanne Schneider, who have served in Austria for over 18 years and have worked with refugees from many, many countries, will be sharing stories of what God is doing on this mission field based on their own personal experiences. Learn about the unique challenges of this particular mission field from a couple who are on the battle front when refugees from European and Middle Eastern nations cross the door step of their ministry. **All other adult classes will be suspended for this one Sunday so everyone can hear the Schneider's story. This class will also be counted as part of the Training-in-Missions series.**

TIM, Training In Missions (The first class will be at 10:45 AM on Feb. 7th. The following five classes will be held at 9 AM.) - If you want to learn more about missions and hunger to learn about what God is doing in missions today, this is the class for you. The dates for the TIM classes are Feb. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and March 7th and 14th. All classes will take place in the fellowship area in the lower level of the church. Each class will be taught by TCBC missionaries who will share from their hearts and years of experience on topics relevant to missions. **If you are planning to seek financial and prayer support for either long or short-term mission involvement, this class is required as part of the application process.** Please send any questions to Louise Walder. You can sign up for the class on the TCBC website or just come to the first class.

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difficult*

* study hard

YOUTH MINISTRY

PARTY FOR THE BIG GAME #44



SUNDAY, FEB. 7
LOCATION & TIME: TBA
FOOD THEME:
SUPER BOWL SUNDAES

The TCBC Youth Ministry is now on...

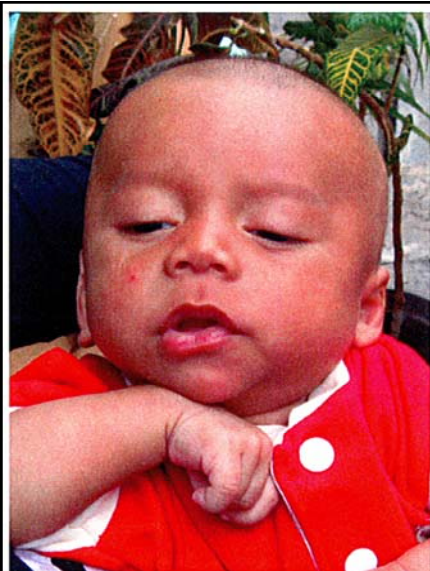


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Meet our World Vision Child, Moh Kevin...



As a youth ministry, we have chosen to sponsor a World Vision child. Our child is Moh Kevin Sumajianto, a boy from Indonesia who is just over a year old.

The cost of sponsoring Moh Kevin is \$30 a month. There are approximately 30 of us on any given Sunday night, so if everyone pitches in \$1 a month, we'll have enough for him. That's .25 cents a week. Surely we can all pitch in .25 cents a week...

The money we give provides Moh Kevin with clean water, food, health care, education and more. We'll be putting a box on the bulletin board in the coffee house where you can donate money. Until that box is up, give donations directly to Neil.

TCBC MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

Each month the Missions Committee will choose four TCBC missionaries to feature in the newsletter; three serving in cross-cultural ministry and one in campus ministry.

Rob & Jean Gill Serving with Church Resource Ministries (CRM) (excerpts from Dec. letter)



As 2009 draws to a close, we look back with gratitude at the people the Lord has brought into our lives, the opportunities we've had to learn and grow, and the joy of serving Him!

Rob

For Rob 2009 was a year filled with fruitful ministry opportunities with leaders in Cambodia and Japan. He spent the month of January in Cambodia providing leadership training and mentoring for a group of young Christian leaders. He also thrived in his role with the ReFocusing Leaders team, where his expertise in coaching and mentoring was a tremendous blessing to those in our leaders' networks.

Jean

Jean continues to thoroughly enjoy her dual ministry roles that allow her to focus on training and developing our CRM staff, as well as with a broad spectrum of cross-cultural missionaries in Cambodia and Japan. She enjoys using her education and life experience to bless and encourage others!

A Special Reunion

One of the joys of this past year has been for Rob and Jean to return to Japan to facilitate ReFocusing Leaders networks there. Last month, when we were visiting our former church in Tokyo, we had the joy of reconnecting with Keiko Komatsu. Twelve years ago this Christmas, one of Keiko's four sons saw a flier advertising our church's Christmas program, and he and his brothers all came to see what Christmas was all about. The next Sunday they brought their mom to church as well. Because Keiko and her family lived in our neighborhood, we invited them to our home and they then returned the favor. Thus starting a long-standing friendship where we saw Keiko and all four of her sons accept Christ and be baptized! What a joy to see Keiko again, to see her still strong in her faith, and to hear about her boys still following the Lord!

Paul & Nanci Erkert Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators



November Update

Thank you for praying Nanci through her trip to Asia. All went well. She was especially blessed by all of the strangers who helped her when they saw her arm in a sling. Tomorrow she leaves on a five-day trip to Ecuador, so thank you for continuing to pray for her and for the fruitfulness of that trip as well.

We have made some progress on the Cessna 207 project, but it is more work than I had anticipated, and it seems to go very slowly. Please pray that I would work efficiently and set the right priorities.

Yesterday Nanci had some tests to try to diagnose the nerve problem in her hand. We have now seen three doctors, all of whom disagree about the diagnosis. Please pray about this, because the neurosurgeon believes it to be a pretty serious, incurable condition (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy.) In the meantime, she is in constant pain and still has not recovered full use of her right hand.

January 13 Update

My (Nanci's) X-rays today showed that the bone has healed nicely. The pins are already starting to work their way out, so it seems right to remove them. The doctor says I have about a 70% chance that moving the ulnar nerve will help it regenerate to a greater extent than it would otherwise, and about a 15% chance that it will lead to full recovery. Those odds don't sound great, but I am willing to do anything that might help, and of course we know that God isn't bound by the odds, anyway. The surgery is scheduled for Jan. 15.

Haiti Earthquake Update from Ben & Lexi (Erkerts' daughter & son-in-law)

We have just had an e-mail from Ben. He said that it is intense and "insane" there and that they are in shock, but they want to stay to help the relief efforts for a while (as they have been doing nearly nonstop since the quake). Thanks for continuing to pray both for their safety and that the Lord would use them to bring glory to Himself.

You can access Ben and Lexi's blog at www.blexi.blogspot.com. It now contains a link to a rather moving interview with Ben.

TCBC MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH CONT. FROM P. 6



Erin Fuglestad
Serving with Campus Crusade at U of I
(excepts from January letter)

Praising God for what He's done and what He's going to do! I don't know about you, but for me, each new year brings a sense of renewal, anticipation, and an excitement in thinking about all of the ways in which God will work in the new year. Along with looking ahead, I love reflecting on and seeing God's hand on my life in the year past. Some things to praise God for in light of last semester: *1,100+ students have heard the gospel through our ministry; *24 students have responded to the gospel in faith; *400+ students are attending Bible studies; *Cru became a registered student organization at *Eastern Illinois U.*

IndyCC '09 (Dec 28th—Jan 1st) - Nearly 2,000 students from college campuses across the Midwest gathered in Indianapolis for IndyCC, an annual conference held by Campus Crusade (100+ students from U of I were in attendance!). The theme of the conference this year was "Wrecked into Redemption." It was all about God's redeeming work in the lives of those who would be willing to be broken by Him—completely taken apart, shattered, *wrecked*. James MacDonald, the founder of Harvest Bible Chapel, was the main speaker—he plunged into the topics of sin, our rebellion against a Holy God, and our need for genuine repentance. On December 30th, students got to share God's love with the Indy community. IndyCC students joined local church leaders to deliver boxes of food to poor neighborhoods and prisons, sharing Christ's compassion for the suffering and His message of love. 1,125 heard the gospel, 131 responded to the gospel, and 691 expressed a desire to connect with a local church. Praise God! The conference closed with the traditional "praying in" of the New Year. While many of their peers all over the U.S. were partying with their friends, these men and women were ushering in the new decade in worshipful adoration of their Savior, Jesus Christ!

Classes begin again on January 19 and I am excited for another semester of ministry! There will be a few changes, as two of the girls from my Bible study will leave us to study abroad, and we will start to equip students at EIU to really reach their campus! Please pray with me for a semester in which many more hear and respond to the gospel, and the students in our movement grow in their love and devotion to our Lord! Thank you for investing so much in the Kingdom and demonstrating God's care and provision to me! I would not be able to minister at U of I without you!



Rod & Jan Wetzel
Serving with Africa Inland Mission

The Wetzels have been a TCBC missionary family in Africa since 1976. They went to the field with Africa Inland Mission and served the Christian Education Department in Africa Inland Church until they accepted assignment for AIM and AIC personnel development. They have spent over 20 years training African church leaders and missionaries in several countries throughout Africa. They have had assignments to MAP International and to Mission Moving Mountains. In October 1997 they accepted a call to be on loan to Daystar University's Institute of Christian Ministries and Training. Rod taught management and did curricula development. After Jan's parents' health began to fail and they needed personal care, Rod and Jan returned to the States in 2000. Both of Jan's parents died in 2006. Rod continued to work for Daystar with distance learning programs and course construction through 2007. He also serves as curriculum development consultant for Scott Theological College in Kenya. From 2008, he is working exclusively for STC developing new programs in chaplaincy and church leadership. They also use their home as a retreat center for people in transition to or from mission countries. They are preparing for a ministry of long-term hosting for missionaries in need of spiritual healing.

[January 9 e-mail update from Rod] You may have received my email in mid-December about our daughter's heart problem. She spent 8 days in intensive care then one day in another room before being sent home. She is doing well and is working part time, although requiring frequent rests. Doctors are puzzled as to why a 39-year-old lady with no risk factors could have suffered such a problem. We suspect her near-death experience with malaria many years ago in Kenya did something to permanently weaken the heart. The present doctors could not confirm this but, then none of them are familiar with tropical diseases. Anyhow, we are praising God for his mercy.

A continued prayer request is for my curriculum writing - currently for a course on personnel management.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Steve Whited & Melanie Maass are engaged.
- Scott Turner & Alyssa Mielke are engaged.
- Speed skater Jonathan Kuck made the U.S. Olympic Long Track team.
- Erin Grace's ministry, YoungLives, was featured in "Central Illinois Families"
- Jim Kloepfel is retiring from the U of I News Bureau.

Contact the church office at 344-0641 to place an item in the "Did you know" section of the newsletter.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the plant in memory of my father's life. His passing was a sad time at the holidays but joyful knowing that our heavenly Father had a place reserved for him.

- Jan & Roger Grace

Thank you church family for the lovely flowers, and all the meals that were given to us after Mark was born. We are truly blessed.

-Brad, Katie and Mark Niemerg

Thank you to our church family for being Christ's hands and feet by showing love to us during my cancer treatments. Thank you for your many displays of love, support and encouragement through your prayers, cards & emails, visits, meals, and more. We greatly appreciate the way you all cared for us.

- Kris & Andy Hamblin

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

TCBC at empty tomb

Celebrate Valentine's Day a week early by sharing the love of Jesus with our community. Mark **Feb. 6** on your calendars and plan to volunteer at empty tomb, inc. from 8:55 a.m. to noon. We meet at empty tomb (301 N. Fourth Street, Champaign) to pray and then divide to do home maintenance, clothing work, or furniture delivery. Please contact Fred & Sandy Lu Newport to let us know you are coming. If you need a ride or directions — we can arrange that!

Baby Shower for Shannon Anderson

All women of TCBC are invited to a baby shower for Shannon Anderson at **10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb 6** in the Fellowship Hall. Shannon is registered at Babies R Us and Target.

2010 Missions Sunday—February 7th

February 7th will be Missions Sunday. We will have three guest speakers with us that day. Alan Lawton will be our keynote speaker. He and his wife, Ann, and their two children have been serving in Thailand since 1994. Alan will be sharing how God is reconciling people and nations to Himself. He will also share from his personal experiences of how he and his family have been a part of God's reconciliation plan. We will also have a special Adult Christian

Formation class at 10:45 a.m. to hear from some of our missionaries serving refugees fleeing from some of the most oppressed countries in the world.

Children's Musical Rehearsals begin February 7 for Full Cast

"GPS", the K-5 musical for this spring, will begin rehearsals for the **FULL CAST** on **Sunday, Feb. 7**. Our usual rehearsals are at 6:00 p.m., but we are moving this first rehearsal to **1:30 PM** because of the big game. **Rehearsal will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Discipleland that Sunday.** All children from K - 5th grade are welcome to participate! **Beginning February 14, all rehearsals will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Discipleland.** We will rehearse every Sunday evening except Easter Sunday in preparation for our performance on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.

Donations of Lotion, Valentines Needed

Help the Discover Zone (Pre-K) kids reach out to the residents of the Champaign County Nursing Home when they visit on Valentine's Day. Please bring your donations to the Welcome Center by February 14th.

2nd Sunday Fellowship & Prayer

On **Sunday, Feb 14** we'll share a Chinese dinner together (in honor of the Chinese new year) at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. After the meal we will gather in the sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. for an hour of prayer (*note earlier time because of the Justice Institute beginning at 7 p.m.). Children's Ministry classrooms will open at 5:40 p.m. with age-appropriate activities for infant through grade school.

Families—Please bring a Chinese main dish.

Couples/Individuals—Please bring egg rolls, rice, or dessert.

Students—You are our guests—just come to eat!

Ash Wednesday Service

On **February 17**, we will be having an Ash Wednesday service at **6:30 p.m.** Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins and occurs 40 days before Good Friday. The purpose of Lent is to prepare for the celebration of the central event of our lives—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also a time of spiritual examination and growth, considering what Christ did for us on the cross. Ash Wednesday begins this journey as it has for Christians since at least the 8th century. It is called Ash Wednesday because the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross. This symbolizes that the person belongs to Jesus Christ. The ashes are a Biblical symbol of mourning and penance, as well as our own mortality.

Baked Goods Needed

If you are willing to donate homemade muffins, coffee cake, breakfast casseroles or fruit for an International Women's Connection event, on **Saturday, February 20**, please contact Ruth Krehbiel.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING? (CONT.)

C-U Christian Women's Connection

The next C-U Christian Women's Connection lunch will take place **Tuesday, February 23** at the Round Barn Conference Center in Champaign. The cost is \$12 inclusive and reservations should be made by February 19 by calling #356-3186.

PRC Bottle Drive

If you have not yet picked up a bottle to fill with change for the Pregnancy Resource Center please feel free to do so. Please return bottles to TCBC **by Sunday, Feb. 28th**.

Calling Sopranos

The Adult Choir would love to have some more soprano voices! We welcome ANY voices who would love to sing with us, but we REALLY would like to see more sopranos! **The Adult Choir meets each Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 in the sanctuary**, and we invite you to join us! We sing every Sunday except the 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact Janet Watkins or just show up on Wednesday evening! We are planning a special event for May, so now is a great time to become a part of the choir.

Children's Choir Meets on Mondays

The Children's Choir for ages K-6th grade meets each **Monday from 4 - 4:45 p.m.** in Discipleland and sings the 2nd Sunday of every month for worship services.

New Moms, Save This Date...

Saturday, March 6, 9-11 a.m. for a New Moms Brunch. Details to be announced.

TCBC Women – Save this date!

The TCBC Annual Women's Retreat will be **April 9-10** at Camp Warren, Mt. Zion, IL.

New in the Library

ADULTS

Bible

New International Biblical Commentary: Jeremiah, Lamentations, Tremper Longman (220.7 NIBC 14)

Theology

Jesus Wants to Save Christians: A Manifesto for Christians in Exile, Rob Bell & Don Golden (230 Bel Gol)

Christology

For Us and for Our Salvation: The Doctrine of Christ in the Early Church, Stephen J. Nichols (232 Nic)

Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ, John Piper (232 Pip)

Apologetics

Can Man Live Without God, Ravi Zacharias (239 Zac)

Christian Living

The Insider: Bringing the Kingdom of God Into Your Everyday World, Jim Petersen & Mike Shamy (248.4 Pet Sha)

Holy Fools: Following Jesus with Reckless Abandon, Matthew

Woodley (248.4 Woo)

Prayer

A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World, Paul Miller (249 Mill)

Social Issues

Fields of the Fatherless: Discover the Joy of Compassionate Living, Tom Davis (261 Dav)

Missions

Today's Tentmakers, J. Christy Wilson (266 Wils)

Personal Finance

The Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness, Dave Ramsey (332.024 Ram)

Fiction

Father of Dragons, L. B. Graham (Fic Gra BB 4)

The Crossed Sabres, Gilbert Morris (Fic Mor HOW 13)

The Valiant Gunman, Gilbert Morris (Fic Mor HOW 14)

The Gallant Outlaw, Gilbert Morris (Fic Mor HOW 15)

Deep in the Heart, Gilbert Morris (Fic Mor LL 1)

The Yellow Rose, Gilbert Morris (Fic Mor LL 2)

The Eyes of Texas, Gilbert Morris (Fic Mor LL 3)

Fireflies in December, Jennifer Erin Valent (Fic Val)

DVD

Reflections on Psalm 23 for People with Cancer: A Personal Journey Presented by Ken Curtis, Vision Video (223.2 Vis DVD)

TEENS

Love, Liberty, Disco, Newsboys (CD News)

KIDS

David, Anne de Graaf (220.95 deG)

Jonah, Anne de Graaf (220.95 deG)

The Tower of Babel, Anne de Graaf (220.95 deG)

Bedtime Bible: Stories to Open Young Hearts to God's World, Rick Osborne (220.95 Osb)

Day by Day Devotions: 7-Minute Character Growing Devotions for Kids, Karyn Henley (242 Hen)

Trailblazers: Featuring David Livingstone and Other Christian Heroes, Dave & Neta Jackson (Fic Jac Tra 4)

Left Behind the Kids: The Vanishings, Jerry B. Jenkins & Tim LaHaye (Fic Jen LaH LBK 1)

Left Behind the Kids: Second Chance, Jerry B. Jenkins & Tim LaHaye (Fic Jen LaH LBK 2)

Left Behind the Kids: Facing the Future, Jerry B. Jenkins & Tim LaHaye (Fic Jen LaH LBK 4)

Left Behind the Kids: Death Strike, Jerry B. Jenkins & Tim LaHaye (Fic Jen LaH LBK 8)

Left Behind the Kids: The Search, Jerry B. Jenkins & Tim LaHaye (Fic Jen LaH LBK 9)

Marshmallow Clouds, Leslie Parrott (Fic Par c. 2)

February 2010 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Pray for spring sermon series on the life of Abraham that we all grow in faith as we come to know our God more deeply.	<i>2</i> Pray for Shepherding Council as they meet and evaluate our present Shepherding Council structure.	<i>3</i> Pray for the women's morning & evening Bible studies using Beth Moore's "Breaking Free" beginning this week.	<i>4</i> Pray for our speakers each Sunday as they meet with the Training in Missions (TIM) class.	<i>5</i> Thank God for His wonderful financial provision in 2009.	<i>6</i> Pray for the praise teams each Saturday morning as they prepare for Sunday services.
<i>7</i> Pray for Missions Sunday and the special offering for Haiti.	<i>8</i> Pray specifically for our church family members who are unable to attend services as they once did.	<i>9</i> Pray for the Ministry Board as they meet tonight. Pray they bring honor and glory to God as servant leaders.	<i>10</i> Pray for the Worship Committee as they plan for the many details of the worship services.	<i>11</i> Pray for students and faculty this semester. Pray it would be a great time for spiritual growth.	<i>12</i> Pray for the children as they plan to visit the Champaign County Nursing Home on Feb. 14.	<i>13</i> Pray for the Justice Institute as they meet on Sunday nights. Pray many people would take advantage of this opportunity.
<i>14</i> Pray for Pastor Shannon as he preaches on Gen 14 and for good turnout for 2nd Sunday Fellowship & Prayer tonight.	<i>15</i> Pray for International Women's Connection as they meet on Wed. mornings. Pray for good communication.	<i>16</i> Pray for Leadership Development session tonight that leaders would grow in understanding God's heart & practical leadership skills.	<i>17</i> Pray for the Ash Wednesday Service. Thank God for Janet Watkins and the choir in their faithfulness to minister to and with us.	<i>18</i> Pray for encouragement and wisdom for members of Missions Comm as they interact with our missionaries.	<i>19</i> Pray that funds provided in 2010 are expended fully in line with God's desires and for His purposes.	<i>20</i> Pray that we would prepare our hearts to be united in worship, giving glory to God with joy and reverence.
<i>21</i> Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as Pastor Shannon preaches on Gen 15.	<i>22</i> Pray for Janet Watkins as she leads the children's choir on Mondays.	<i>23</i> Pray for the staff retreat as they meet to pray and plan.	<i>24</i> Praise God for Pastor Neil and volunteers who serve with him, for their faithful care of our youth.	<i>25</i> Pray for wisdom for BA Comm about considerations of remodeling men's bathroom to be handicap accessible.	<i>26</i> Pray that we would each be sensitive to the spiritual needs of our friends & neighbors and that He would arrange chances for us to share.	<i>27</i> Pray for the Sunday night rehearsals for the upcoming children's spring musical.
<i>28</i> Pray for Pastor Allen as he preaches on Gen 16.	<p>"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."</p> <p>Romans 12:12</p>					

February Birthdays

Curtis Althaus	02/01
Kathi Rowell	02/01
Damaris Marino	02/02
Katie Haas	02/03
Matt Parkolap	02/03
Susanna Johnson	02/04
Brian Mann	02/04
Grace Miller	02/08
Emily Pickell	02/08
Christine Crago	02/09
Lee Galaway	02/09
Hannah King	02/09
Rich Lin	02/09
Alex Wallace	02/09
Jim Boughton	02/11
Josh Gorrell	02/13
Chris Jewell	02/15
Emmah King	02/15
Bruce Miller	02/16
Kaile Chen	02/17

Carlin Goudy	02/18
Louise Brown	02/19
Anne Schultz	02/19
Jim Miller	02/20
Doug Besch	02/21
Christina Stangarone	02/21
Angie Walder	02/21
John Krehbiel	02/22
Daniel Wong	02/22
Susan Zielke	02/22
Andy Forbes	02/23
Joseph Pickell	02/23
Shannon Potts	02/24
Caleb Kincaid	02/25
Judy Kolb	02/25
Matthias Rudolph	02/25
Audrey Elliott	02/26
Corby Rosset	02/26
Graceann Schmitt	02/26
Brittany Lawton	02/28
Chloe Hanson	02/29

February Anniversaries

Jim & Connie Boughton	02/10
Andrew & Sofiya Asher	02/14
Lee & Lee Ann Galaway	02/16
Bryan & Pam Bloom	02/20
David & Nancy Sides	02/21
Richard & Judy Olenik	02/22
Emanuel & Katie Martin	02/26



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