

A Place of
Grace



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THE JOYFUL NOISE

Leon Springs Presbyterian Church

Words from Wayne

Why are so many men, women and children too busy to stop and worship God on a weekly basis? Why do so many good people invest so much of their time, talent and money worshiping hobbies, entertainers and sports figures? Why does humanity prefer that which is temporary over and against worshiping the ONE who is eternal? The sad reality and the Biblical answer to these questions is deception.

What were those words Jesus said in response to the evil one who tried to deceive him by promising all the authority and splendor of the world if he would only change the focus of his worship? The fourth chapter of Luke's Gospel reflects our Savior and Lord responding to such deception with God's Word, "***It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.***" An essential element in the life of a disciple is a commitment to worshiping God. It is essential to a disciple's life because it was essential to Jesus!

Combating deception, the Presbyterian Book of Order maintains, "*Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God... In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world*" (W1.1001). Similarly, Pastor Michael W. Foss wrote, "*Worship is about the coming of God...In worship, people who long to connect with the Spirit can heal their heart's hunger.*" (Real Faith For Real Life, pg. 39). Yes, in worship people connect with God and they are transformed and empowered to experience life as God intended.

With these thoughts in mind, I wanted to encourage you to grow as disciples this Lenten season by being truly committed to worshiping God. On Sunday mornings come to worship with hearts open and ready to encounter the ONE who loves you like no other. Further, you can grow as a disciple by experiencing the worship that takes place during one of **LSPC's** Wednesday evening Soup Suppers, which begin at 6:30 p.m.

In closing, I want to remind everyone that **LSPC** is ***Living to Share the Peace of Christ*** because our mission is to help make and grow disciples. One way we help accomplish such an important mission is through a commitment to worshiping God! WOW, what an honor! What a privilege!! What a purpose!!!

Blessings,

Wayne

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Chairperson: Stevie Apple

There will not be a church dinner on the usual third Sunday after worship in March nor in April. Instead, you are invited to the Soup Suppers on Wednesdays March 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 6:30. Homemade soup will be provided followed by a short prayer service. The church dinner in April will be held on Maundy Thursday, 1 April, in Pfeiffer Hall, before the Maundy Thursday worship service. All food will be provided at the Soup Suppers, but members are requested to bring either a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to the Maundy Thursday supper.

There will be an Easter egg hunt for children ages 12 and under before the Easter worship service on 4 April. Children are requested to meet in Pfeiffer Hall at 10:30 and bring their own Easter baskets to collect their goodies.

Congregational Life meets on the fourth Sunday of each month in Pfeiffer Hall after worship. We need your ideas. Please join us.

PROPERTY

Chairperson: Bob Pisors

Please join us for our annual spring clean up around the churchyard on Saturday March 27. We have a number of inside and outside projects. So bring your tools to clean, trim, sweep, paint, shovel and join us about 8 on Saturday morning. With a lot of help, we should be finished by noon.

We would like to encourage and invite all who would like to help us take care of our property, to please join us at the next Property Commission meeting, which will be on Tuesday, March 16, at 6:15 PM in Aue House.

FLOWERS

Look for the New Flower Calendar in the Sanctuary. If you would like to give the flowers in memory or honor of someone special to you, please choose a date from the calendar and complete the information requested there. The cost is \$20. When you do provide flowers, please remember to take them home with you after church.



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WORSHIP

Chairperson: Cheryl Cisler

Lenten Soup Supper / Prayer Services will be held on March 3rd (minestrone), 10th (chicken and sausage gumbo), 17th (chili) and 24th (corn chowder) at 6:30 pm. A light soup supper will be served followed by a Prayer Service of Scripture, Litany and prayer at 7 pm. This Prayer service will conclude at 7:20 pm.

Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday**. The children can participate in the Parade of Palms. Our youngest disciples may need the help of their parent or an older sibling; but we urge them to participate in this part of the worship service. The Worship Commission will be practicing this process with the children at the end of the Sunday School (10:30AM) on March 21st. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Cisler for more information.

Maundy Thursday- The Monthly church dinner will be held on this special evening in lieu of the 3rd Sunday in April. Please bring pot luck food items to share. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.. The Maundy Thursday Communion Worship Service will follow the dinner in Pfeiffer Hall.

On **Good Friday** at 8pm, a Tenebrae Service will be held in the sanctuary. This “Service of Shadows” is a service of scripture readings and hymns remembering the death of our Lord Jesus on the cross.

Easter Sunday-Please bring a bloom from your garden to place on the Resurrection Cross during the worship service at 11am. The choir will be singing the Handel’s Hallelujah Chorus as our benediction. If you would like to join the choir for this musical opportunity to sing praises, you are invited to come forward at the time indicated in the bulletin.

Worship Commission - Meets the 1st Wednesday evening of every month at 7 pm in Aue House. Please bring your ideas about worship and join us for service and fellowship!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in Aue House at 6 PM. Please consider attending this opportunity for prayer, fellowship and service to others. For more information, please contact Victoria Beason.

Hand Bells/Choir – Bell practice every Thursday night at 6:00 PM followed by choir at 7:00 PM

Youth Choir/Chimes – Practice on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

WITNESS

Chairperson: Betty Cockrell



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

Our congregation will receive the offering on Palm Sunday



Habitat for Humanity work days for anyone in our church that wishes to participate are: Saturday, March 6th and Saturday, April 17th. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex if you wish to help with any of the above. For more information contact Marilyn Wells @ 830-249-8744



Please join us for the next Witness Commission meeting on March 28 after church.

A light lunch will be served.

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HOLY SMOKE

Sunday, April 11, 2010

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
211 Roletto (78213)**



Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Provided by Cluster pastors and/or their staffs

Entertainment 6:45 p.m.

Ashley Hamner, soloist

The Northminstrels Choir

Handbell Choirs from Cluster Churches

Tickets

(Checks payable "SA Presbyterian Cluster Habitat" with memo line "Holy Smoke")

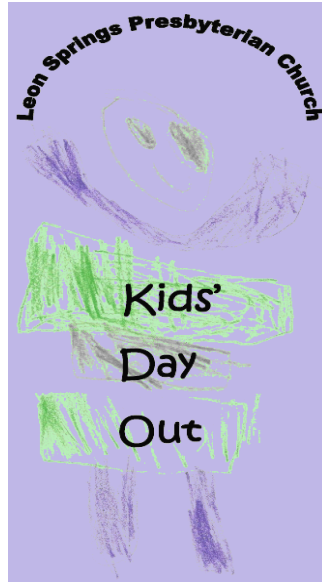
Adults \$20 in Advance or \$15 at the Door

Children under 6 Years \$5

3 and under Free

All proceeds benefit

The 2011 Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian Cluster House



You are invited to participate in our **Kids' Day Out** program at **Leon Springs Presbyterian Church**. We seek to glorify God by providing a quality, loving, Christ-centered education for your children.

Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for children 2-1/2 years to Pre-K.
Monthly Tuition = \$130.

We offer:

- Curriculum with monthly themes and posted daily lesson plans
- Certified CPR and First Aid-trained staff on duty
- Stimulating environment with low student/teacher ratios

Address:

23943 IH -10 West, San Antonio, TX 78257
Conveniently located next to Leon Springs Elementary School

Contact:

Phone: (210) 602-7897

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We are Living to Share the Peace of Christ!

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Chairperson: Cindy Bormann

Come Join Us at Sunday School at 10:00 AM

Pre-School aged children (babies through age 4) meet in the Nursery.

Kindergartens through 5th Grade students meet in Room 1.

Junior High students (Grades 6-8) meet in the Scout Building.

Adults meet in Pfeiffer Hall or Room 3.

March Adult Study:

Please join Nel Pisors as she leads us in a continued study about
The book of Samuel.

Programs of Religious Activities with Youths (P.R.A.Y.)

The program will continue through April.

Bible Study and Prayer Group

Please join Lois Meyer as she leads this group every
Tuesday from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

The current study is The Letter to the Romans.

Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in helping to teach adult Sunday School in 2010, please contact Cindy. A Christian Ministries meeting will be scheduled in March, so be thinking about how you want to help! Volunteer opportunities exist for both youth and adult Sunday School classes and VBS 2010!

NOTE: Please contact Cindy Bormann at 210-381-0750 or at cabormann@hotmail.com

If you are interested in assisting in Christian Ministries in any way.

FROM AROUND THE CHURCH YARD...

Marie L. Clements

Marie L. Clements, age 86, went to be with our Lord on February 17, 2010. She was a member of our church family as well as her daughter, Mavis Jones. She ran the nursery for us for a number of years. Graveside services were at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery on February 23, 2010 with Rev. Robert E. Horne, Jr. officiating. Our prayers are with her family at this time.



“LSPC Sunday Morning Singers”- from choir director Michael Gould

I want to invite you to participate in a new musical ensemble! This group opportunity is being formed to allow choir-member-wannabees and casual singers to participate and share the gospel while singing in a dynamic choral setting. This means a casual, minimal rehearsal format with a “come Sunday, sing Sunday” approach. This group will offer a no commitment approach to sharing the musical gifts of many in a worship setting.

Please join us on Sunday March 21st, April 18th and May 16th in the sanctuary anytime between 9:15 and 10:30 for a rolling rehearsal. Just drop in, rehearse and then do whatever you need to do: Sunday School, coffee, whatever. Then at around 10:30-10:35, we gather as a group to pull it all together and create a worship piece to share at the 11am service.

Praise God!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Gresham Urbanowski	4	Amanda Nelson	14	Christi Dolan	22
Pam Seideman	5	Sara Blevins	16	Lou Ann Horne	29
John Jasper	6	Autumn Dolan	17	Joe Bacchetta	30
Ryan Suckow	9	Everette Wagner	18	George Rapier, III (Skeets)	31
Tracy Navarro	14	Tyler Burkett	18		

Theme: Spring, Easter

March 1st, 2010 – April 2nd, 2010

March 1st -
Spring Is
Coming/ Baby
Animals

March 5th
Rain &
Umbrellas

March 8th
Fly a Kite Day

Please bring a kite.

March 12th
St. Patrick's
Day

**Please dress your
children as green as
possible ☺.**

March 15th &
March 19st
NO KDO

This month we will focus on the following main subjects:

Color: yellow

Mathematics:

Shape - oval/Numbers - counting above 10, 6 & 7 for the younger classes/Children will practice their estimating skills.

Early literacy:

Letter knowledge - Rr, Uu, Kk, Oo

Bible lesson:

Character growth: FAITH

Memory verse: I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. John 6:47

Motor skills:

Exercise of the month: Hop, Hop, Hop

Song of the month: God's Gifts

Classroom party: *Bunny Party* - March 26th

Special event: *Fly a Kite at LSPC* - March 8th

News and announcements:

Registration for Summer 2010 and 2010/2011 School Year
Registration is now open to the public. Please make sure you
reserve your child's spot.

March 22th
Easter Eggs

March 26th
Palm Sunday/
Easter Bunny

Easter Egg Hunt☺!

March 29th
Easter

April 2nd
NO KDO

For more detail see
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KidsDayOutConnection/>
or email
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