

Pastor's Ponderings from Rev. Trish

Just wondering.... Have you said you were going to do something and then wondered ..."why in the world did I say that? Now that it is out there....I have to follow through."

This happened for me recently. I was on the phone with Jeremiah, one of my boys, and mentioned that I wanted to walk the derby mini marathon on 30 April 2011. As we talked, I was online reading the information about the course and registration. I even went so far as to fill out the registration form. The topic of conversation changed and I simply closed the laptop. After we hung up, I opened my laptop and staring me in the face was the registration form waiting for me to fill in my payment information and hit send. Then I heard these words echoing in my ears... "Mom, unless you put money behind it, you won't do it. You will find all kinds of excuses not to follow through". I knew he was right; I had already mentally begun my list of excuses. I finished the registration and hit send. Done!

Panic soon set in...what have I done? Now I need to get ready for this walk. I am working on my training program and plan to cross the finish line of the mini marathon on 30 April 2011.

Will you join me on the walk?

Allow me to clarify; will you join me on the walk with Christ? It is a walk that takes as much discipline and training as any other. I am on a pilgrimage/walk to love Christ, learn of Christ and lead as Christ would lead.

We all have said things like: I need to improve my prayer life, I would like to spend more time reading the Bible, I wish I could give more to the church, I wish there was something for me to do at the church. I wish I had a small group where I could be myself and be held accountable.

What better time of year than now to follow through with our plans to become more like Christ. Spring is just around the corner (believe it or not). Lent will begin on 9 March 2011. There will be several opportunities to take that first step of living into our commitments, knowing that we are preparing to cross the finish line of God's preferred future for our lives.

Just wondering....how is your walk with the Lord? Think about it? Better yet, pray about it.



Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 23 @ 10 am
Donations of candy would be much appreciated!



Mark your calendars!!!!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- "Shake It Up!"
June 20-24, 6:30-8



Lydia Circle Inside Yard Sale
March 19, 2011
8 AM to 2 PM
Booth rental is available.



Worship Time
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Worship at 10:30 AM

Opportunities for Ministry

- Cards for Military and their families...contact the church office for more information
- Remember the weekly MISSION BOX! Be a part of outreach in our Cooper Community
- COMING THIS SPRING! Cooper has the opportunity to be a part of a Habitat for Humanity home. Plan to be a part!
- Interested in visitation? Contact Rusty Hudgell at 338-0381
- Cooper Memorial sponsors Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop, & Venture Crew 190. Any boy 1st grade through age 20 is invited to become a part of this vital ministry. Contact Rusty Hudgell 338-0381 for more information.
- Children's Ministry volunteers needed- contact Renee Hudgell

Sacred Stitches
Do you crochet, knit, or sew? Be a part of our prayer shawl ministry. Call the church office or see Vicki Basham for more information about joining this ministry!
Donations of yarn always appreciated!

Men try to fix problems with duct tape.
God did it with nails.

-Anonymous



Forever Young
Meets 4th Monday of the month.
AARP
Meets 3rd Thursday of the month.
Lydia Circle
Meets 1st Tuesday of March.

COME JOIN US!
Journey class started a new series in February. We are studying Daniel. Anyone not in a Sunday School class is certainly invited to join us as we journey together through the book of Daniel and discover God's word for our lives.



Children's Worship Ministry

Children ages 4 and up are encouraged to pick up a "Worship Bag" as they enter the Sanctuary. We are excited that you will be joining us for worship and look forward to seeing you grow in Jesus. All "Worship Bags" are to remain at church.



All are invited to Wesley Village Community club house for an exercise time on Tuesdays mornings at 10:00 am. Then on Thursdays, once a month, at 1:30 pm come for the Live Long, Live Strong. done with a DVD and then discussions.
For more info call 966-2959 or 931-3636

Ladies Night Out
Third Thursday of the Month at 6:30 PM
March 17th
O'Charley's 4801 Outer Loop.
April 14th
Chuy's at Oxmoor

We have two large, unplanned expenses coming up in the first half of 2011.

Air Conditioners:

The first expense will be the replacement of four air conditioning units that were stolen in November and December 2010. Our insurance will cover a portion of the replacement expense; however, we will be responsible for the deductibles and amount of depreciation. There will be two deductibles, as there were two separate thefts on two different dates. We plan to replace the units this Spring.

Backflow Prevention Valve:

The second expense will be a plumbing expense. We have been cited by the Louisville Water Company for not having a required backflow prevention valve. We were able to obtain an extension to June 2011 to have this device installed. Estimates have been obtained from several plumbing companies, and those estimates average approximately \$1500.

We do not expect to be able to pay for these two items out of normal cash flow, so we ask that you consider, if you are able, making a special gift to the church for these projects. Please do not divert or reduce your regular offerings in order to participate in this special project, as those regular offerings are necessary for normal church operations and ministries. Please indicate on your check that your gift is designated for "air conditioners/backflow valve".

Line Dancing
Each Tuesday night
Beginner level
6:15 PM walk-thru steps
6:30-8:30 Class
Cost \$3.00 per person
bigalofamerica@aol.com
or call 502-643-2786