

## The Lenten Journey

In many ways, the 40 days of Lent remind us that life is a journey toward the heart of God. Just as Jesus journeyed with God on his way to the cross, so we journey with God closer to what is God's best for us.

In my own life, I am glad that God continues to teach me. In other words, while I may think I know it well, in actuality, I am on an everyday journey. I Corinthians 12:12 says it this way: "We see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known."

The difficult part of the journey to God's heart is learning to wait on God! There are so many times when I simply want God to do it my way. But life is not about what I want, life is about learning to be content amid my human brokenness, and to yearn for God to do in me, what I can't do for myself. One of my favorite verses in scripture says it well: "But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31).

The question now becomes, what does it mean to "wait on the Lord?" In my own life, waiting means that I allow God to work his will in my life, not in my time but in God's time. That's why during Lent I find a discipline to help me in this task of "waiting." This Lent I have been memorizing Psalm 139. For me, memorizing has never been easy. I have to work at it on a daily basis. But this is what "waiting on the Lord" is all about. God desires that we journey closer and closer to the heart of God. Memorizing a Psalm or other scripture is a way of slowly opening our hearts to see what God has planned for us.

My prayer is that God gives all of us a glorious 'Lenten Walk' with Jesus to the cross. May we grow closer to the heart of God on a continuing, everyday basis. We won't ever completely get to God's heart in this broken world, but getting closer to God's heart is what the Christian journey of faith is all about.

Your Pastor in God's Love,

John

### **Prayer List:**

Donn McDaniel (and Judy and Thomas)

Perry Wright

Daniel Morris

### **Up-coming Events:**

On Sunday, March 23, join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a lunch in honor of Lisa Hammond, who is retiring as our Administrative Assistant at the end of March. All members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us.

On Sunday, April 6, join us in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our new Westminster Presbyterian Pre-school and Kindergarten director: Trisha Morris. WPPK is providing a lunch in honor of Trisha. All members, friends, and visitors are invited.

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Seder Meal at 6 p.m. As part of the event, we will walk the cross to the sanctuary and put a purple veil on it. All members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us.

Anna Ackerman will be performing a violin recital on April 19 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All are invited.

We are planning a special Easter Worship. Join us on Sunday, April 20. Our choir will sing with the accompaniment of organ, drums, and strings. And of course, there will be a special Resurrection Sermon! Jesus is risen from the dead! Hallelujah!

Men of the Church: The Mo Ranch Men's Conference is May 2-4 at Mo Ranch near Kerrville, TX. You are welcome to join us. See Pastor John for information.