



## FROM THE PASTOR...

Dazed, discouraged & defeated, the disciples didn't understand all that had happened or what they should do until Jesus appeared following His resurrection. From this most important and powerful reality came a new enthusiasm and a new understanding of what Jesus had been teaching all along. The resurrection makes the difference! It's no wonder Peter said, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Peter 1:3-5). The resurrection of Christ makes the difference! That's why we'll explore Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to His followers in the weeks following Easter.

God is blessing His Church. As you read this month's "Voice of Victory", give praise to God for His blessings upon us and pray that He will continue to build us up in His resurrection power!

Cregg

### APPEARANCES THAT MAKE AN IMPACT

*Exploring Jesus' Post-Resurrection Appearances*

Pastor Cregg Puckett begins a series of messages in April focusing on the appearances of Jesus following His resurrection. From crisis and confusion, Jesus appeared to many people and provided courage and inspiration for life. Don't miss it!

#### "Hearts Strangely Warmed"

(Luke 24:13-34)

Sunday, April 6 at 10:45 a.m.

#### "From Fear to Faith"

(Luke 24:35-49)

Sunday, April 13 at 10:45 a.m.

#### "Turning Doubts into Declaration"

(John 20:24-29)

Sunday, April 20 at 10:45 a.m.

#### "A New Day for a New Direction"

(John 21)

Sunday, April 27 at 10:45 a.m.

### DISCOVERY CLASS

*Sunday, April - May 18 at 9:30*

Pastor Cregg Puckett begins a seven part series of lectures based upon basic Christian beliefs and church history beginning Sunday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the church. This series is designed for anyone hoping to learn more about the beliefs and history of Victory Congregational Methodist Church. Anyone is invited!

### HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

*Karl Luman*

*Wednesday, April 16 - June 4 at 7 p.m.*

Rev. Karl Luman is the Professor of New Testament Studies at Wesley College in Florence since 1996. He begins a wonderful opportunity for learning to study the Bible inductively during the Wednesday Bible Study. This eight-part series will help anyone interested in developing an effective Bible study method. Everyone is invited!



### SIED RAZINOBAKHT TO SPEAK

*Sunday Evenings, April 6, 13 & 20 at 6 p.m.*

A native of Iran and former Muslim, Sied Razinobakht joins us for three Sunday evenings in April as he shares his perspective on the Gospel of Christ. These important times will be insightful and inspiring as Sied shares his testimony with personal insights on the mission of the Church. Don't miss it!

### FIVE-STAR CHURCH SEMINAR

*Saturday, April 19 at 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

Dr. Stan Toler pastors the Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City, OK. He will be at the Lakeshore Congregational Methodist Church in Byram, MS on Saturday, April 19 to present the "Five-Star Church Seminar". It will be a wonderful opportunity to explore effective strategy for church ministry. Anyone is invited to attend, but you must reserve a place with Mrs. Pamela Matthews. There is no cost to attend. Group departs by car pool from the Victory Worship Center at 7:30 a.m. Contact Pastor Cregg for more information!



## YOU ARE INVITED

**Where:** Sanctuary

**When:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Who:** Anyone who likes to sing and worship . . . anyone who can carry a tune . . . anyone who wants to let God use the gifts He's given them . . . anyone who is willing to commit a little time to serve the Lord through worship... anyone who is willing to learn a little about music, not just people who can read all the notes

**What:** Victory Worship Choir Practice

Try it out for a month and see if this might be an area where God would like to use you in ministry! For more information, please see Mrs. Janette Bock.



## KID'S KORNER

### MOVIE NIGHT

*Friday, April 25 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.*

Popcorn and drinks are provided for this fun-filled event for children on this Friday evening. The movie will be family friendly and everyone is invited! Please see Mrs. Meredith Tilly for details.



## STUDENT LIFE

Led by Pastor Michael Matthews

### BACK TO NATURE

*April 4th & 5th*

Jr. and Sr. High students leave the church at 6:00 p.m. for a camping trip. Guys will go to one campground & girls to another. Fishing, food, fun, fresh air, and... you get the picture. We will enjoy devotions & campfire gatherings as well. For information see Pastor Michael or Renee Churchill.



### REAL WEEKEND AT WESLEY COLLEGE

*April 10-12*

11th & 12th grade students will get a taste of college life at the Wesley College "Real Weekend". Students will experience dorm life, classes, chapel services, and even a Braves game. There is no cost & all interested will meet at Wesley College for registration (4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday). See Pastor Michael!



## NOTEABLES TO SING AT SENIOR LUNCHEON

*Tuesday, April 22 at 12:00 PM*

The Noteables are an auditioned choir from Florence Elementary School. The 2007-2008 Noteables includes twenty-eight students in the fifth grade. The Noteables are under the direction of Marilyn Tullos and will be our special guests at the April Luncheon. Everyone is invited!

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*thru Sunday, March 30, 2008*

General Income YTD	\$65,699.13
Budget YTD	\$ 66,755.00
Building Fund	\$78,995.52
<b>Average Attendance:</b>	
Sunday School	121
Sunday Morning	169
Sunday Evening	70
Wednesday	110

## SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Pastor's Prayer Partners	9:00 A.M.
Sunday School Hour	9:30 A.M.
Choir Practice	10:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Children's Choir	6:00 P.M.

### EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study	6:00 P.M.
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### EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY

Senior Luncheon	12:00 P.M.
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### WEDNESDAY

Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 P.M.
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 P.M.
Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	7:00 P.M.
Student Life Meeting (Youth Room)	7:00 P.M.
Bible Skills for Kids (Annex)	7:00 P.M.

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