



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

*“Growing Deeper in Faith,
Reaching Out in Love”*

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Announcements and Items of interest

March 8, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent, March 12; Worship—11:00 a.m., Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m.

Our guest preacher this Sunday, March 12, will be Rev. Pat Rabun, Pastor of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach, NC. We share in mission projects with this congregation. His wife, Marcia, will be joining him. Pastor Kathy will be preaching at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk.

We will have a Soup, Salad and Dessert Fellowship Luncheon following worship this Sunday, March 12. Please come and meet our guest preacher Rev. Pat Rabun and his wife, Marcia. They are very interested in getting to know us better. We have taken care of the soup. We do need salads and desserts, if you would like to bring something. Regardless, please come

and join us for fellowship and food after worship.

The mailing of Lenten Devotional has been delayed and will be mailed today. Keep an eye out for it. Pastor Kathy has been sick and appreciates your patience.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3:40 p.m. Bible Study is canceled this Wednesday, March 8 and will resume next Wednesday, March 15, with our focus on Hinduism as we continue our survey of world religions.

Three Habitat houses were dedicated last Sunday, March 5. One of the three houses dedicated was The Jones Family home which we helped sponsor.

We raised \$600 for our February mission project. This will provide 24 Military Bibles for active duty military or their families. Thank you to all who helped!

We have begun our Lenten



mission project. We are in partnership with El Libano Presbyterian Church in Los Cerros, Coatepeque, Guatemala. We are raising funds for elementary and secondary school scholarships to help keep students in school. A \$100 will help keep a child in school for a year.

We received our signed covenant agreement with El Libano this week, renewing our commitment to each other for another five years. A notebook from El Libano with information about and a picture of each child as well as how last year's scholarship money was distributed is in Pastor Kathy's office if you would like to take a look.

March Birthdays

- SUSAN HARTLEY—MARCH 1
- LOU MARTIN—MARCH 2
- JON KIDDER—MARCH 4
- LINDA DRIVAS—MARCH 8
- DAVID EHMIG—MARCH 10
- JOHN DELANEY—MARCH 14
- JIM HARLEE—MARCH 14
- BOB HARDEE—MARCH 16
- HEATHER JORDAN—MARCH 16
- BETTY FRANCE—MARCH 18
- LINDA BERKLEY—MARCH 21
- MARY NOBLE—MARCH 28
- LELISE RICHARDSON—MARCH 29
- BOBBY TAYLOR—MARCH 29
- CLAY BEATTIE—MARCH 30

Prayer Requests

- JANE GREENWOOD
- THE FAMILY OF BUD HOWELL
- TASHA REID
- BOBBY TAYLOR
- MARY ANN JOHNSON
- BILL PAUL & FAMILY
- LORRAINE ALLS
- CHARLES BERKLEY
- JOHN BERKLEY
- KAREN PHILLIPS
- SHIRLEY PRICE
- DEDIE ANDREWS
- BEN AND AMANDA FRAZIER

We love because he first loved us. ~1 John 4:19

The Spiritual Life

Listen to what God is saying to us:

You are my child.
 You are written in the palms of my hand.
 You are hidden in the shadow of my hand.
 I have molded you in the secret of the earth.
 I have knitted you together in your mother's womb.
 You belong to me.
 I am yours. You are mine.
 I have called you from eter-

nity and you are the one who is held safe and embraced in love from eternity to eternity.
 You belong to me. And I am holding you safe and I want you to know that whatever happens to you, I am always there. I was always there; I am always there; I always will be there and hold you in my embrace.
 You are mine. You are my child. You belong to my home. You belong to my intimate life and I will never let you go. I will be faithful to you.

The spiritual life starts at the place where you can hear God's voice. Where somehow you can claim that long before your father, your mother, your brother, your sister, your school, your church touched you, loved you, and wounded you—long before that, you were held safe in an eternal embrace. You were seen with eyes of perfect love long before you entered into the dark valley of life. . . . The spiritual life starts at the moment that you can go beyond all the wounds

and claim that there was a love that was perfect and unlimited, long before that perfect love became reflected in the imperfect and limited, conditional love of people. The spiritual life starts where you dare to claim the first *love—Love one another because I have loved you first.* (See 1 John 4:19.)

~Henri J. M. Nouwen
alive now!
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pages 26-27!