"A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in His Spirit; and sent in His name."

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# From Ofour Pastor ...

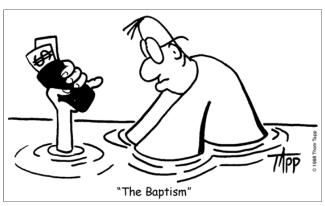
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We have been planning to show the preview/trailer/ Q&A with Mel Gibson for the movie "The Passion of The Christ" for several weeks now! By the time you get this newsletter, we will either have seen it on Wednesday night the 18th, or snow will have caused us to miss that time together. So...regardless of whether we get to show it on Wednesday night, I want to also show it this Sunday morning, February 22nd at 9:00am, in Smith Hall. Remember...we also have plenty of promotional materials to assist you in encouraging others to see the movie and then bring their questions to us! The first chance is our "Questions & Answers: Open Discussion Coffee House" on Saturday, February 28th @ 7:00pm in Smith Hall. Please understand that we would love for you to attend this event, but its purpose is pretty specific. We want to help those who are struggling to understand the nature of Jesus' sacrifice to have the answers they are seeking! Please pray for us as we seek to take advantage of the open door God has provided! Please take a chance...take a chance by speaking openly about the faith that you have in Jesus! As I mentioned last week, the timing of the movie is excellent since it will lead us straight into the season of Lent, and I will be presenting a sermon series entitled "God's Promises." We will be tracing God's promises as revealed in the series of covenants He made with His people. These covenants reveal a great deal about the nature of our relationship with Him, so they are critical to our understanding!

See you Sunday!

### Ramon

## In Touch...



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I hope you enjoy this as much as I did. Have a laugh! **Jeff A.** 

# ATTENTION! ATTENTION! HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & PARENTS

Please make plans to attend a very important...

Graduate Informational Meeting February 25, 2004 - 7:30 p.m. Youth Room



<u>Topics to be discussed:</u> *Youth Sunday, Graduate Sunday, Graduation Trip* 

# Jeff's Notes

This weekend I will be away with *Ainesis* and several other adults for a retreat in Blowing Rock. The choir is working on music for our spring break trip to Atlanta, where we will be participating in a large (500) youth choir festival and doing volunteer work at a local rebuilding ministry. In addition to spending concentrated time on music preparation, our youth choir will also be leading in worship on Sunday at Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock. This is the church that graciously offers its facilities to our Sanctuary Choir each fall for their retreat. Please pray for our travels, our worship experience, and for the musical and spiritual growth of our youth choir. Danny Lloyd will be leading our worship here in my absence. I am grateful for his willingness to serve in this way.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the day which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is the period of 40 days leading up to Easter and is set aside as a time for individuals to look inward to evaluate and strengthen their individual faith, acknowledging our own sinfulness and culpability in Christ's death. This kind of self-examination and realization is necessary to be able to truly celebrate and embrace the resurrection. The staff is committed to guiding our congregation in a more focused observance of Lent this year. We will have our own Ash Wednesday service next week and will have devotion booklets available to aid individuals and families in this reflective time.

*Speas School Volunteers Needed:* Our neighbors up the street need our help again this year for their annual Book Fair. We need morning and afternoon volunteers to assist the Media Center Director on March 8-11. If you can help, please give me a call.

*Channels Christmas Concert CD's* are available for order in the office. The cost is only \$5 and must be paid when you order.

Jeff P.

# Ministry Emphases

"Questions about the movie?"
Open Discussion
Coffee House
Saturday, February 28 @ 7:00 PM
at The Park

"God's Promises"
A special five-week series beginning
Sunday, February 29 @ 10:45 AM
Sanctuary at The Park

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS available beginning this Sunday, February 15th!

### Family Night Supper February 25

Baked Chicken

**Mashed Potatoes** Steamed Mixed Vegetables Dessert Yeast Rolls

#### **Sanctuary Flowers**

The following Sundays are available for sanctuary flowers:

February 29	April 18	May 2
May 23	May 30	June 20
June 27	July 4	July 11
July 18	July 25	Aug. 8
Aug. 15	Aug. 29	Sept. 12
Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3
Oct. 17	Oct. 31	Nov. 14
Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Dec. 5
Dec. 26		

Our prayers and support are offered to the following members of our church family who are, or have been in the hospital in the last week:

Lester Bovender, Vernon Howard, Al Kyle, Laura Lawrence

Thank You

Notes of appreciation have been received and posted on the bulletin board from the family of Julia Callaway and from the family of Fran Flora.

#### Crisis Control Gift for February: **Instant Grits**

#### N.C. Offering for Older Adults

Every dollar contributed is used to financially assist Older Adults who cannot pay for the quality of care they need and deserve.

Goal: \$3,000.00 Received to Date: \$1,049.00

### A sh Wednesday S ervice

Wednesday, February 25 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

REPORT FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2004		
Sunday School	289	
Worship	363	
Brookridge	42	
Budget Requirement To Date	\$89,186.16	
Budget Receipts To Date (118.19%)	\$105,407.57	
FULFILLING THE PROMISE		
New FTP Pledges	\$289,522.00	
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (49.88%)	\$144,401.68	
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$2,755,269.79	
Balance Due on Building	\$322,857.77	
Sound System to Date	\$15,650.00	

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 28

Members

Höspital

Sunday, Feb. 22 "The Passion" promotional video in Smith Hall 9:00 a.m. 9:15 Media Center Open 9:30 Sunday School Classes 10:45 Gathering in Sanctuary for Worship 12:15 p.m. Visitation Assignments 5:30 Channels Rehearsal Children's Discipleship 6:00 Adult Bible Study Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Monday, Feb. 23

10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

10:00 a.m. 6:00-9:30 p.m.

Monday Bible Study Boy Scout Troop 907

No Grace Notes Rehearsal

Basketball Practice - Smith Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 25

5:30 p.m. Media Center Open 5:30-6:30 Supper Line Open 6:00 Cherub Choir, Sing for God, and Psalm 8:2 Rehearsals Ash Wednesday Service 6:45 Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Challengers, Acteens Sanctuary Choir, EyeWitness Rehearsals 7:30 Seniors & Parents Meeting - Youth Area

Thursday, Feb. 26 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28 7:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. "The Passion" Coffee House - Smith Hall

Primary Basketball - Smith Hall

Workers in Worship Nursery: February 22, 10:30 a.m. Marla Andrews; Meredith Lloyd; Dianne Baker; Ann Keith; Lizzie Boyles; Janet & Doug Somers; Carolyn Matthews; Ann Heller

**Deacon of the Week:** Chuck Barbee (767-6679)

Russell Talley & Kate Thomas **Greeters:** Feb. 22 **Properties Comm. Member on Duty:** Lawrence Hudspeth

Larry Jones **Brookridge Driver:** Feb. 22 Wilbert McBride, June Crabbe **Information Center for Feb:** 



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD Sunday, February 22 10:45 a.m.

From All that Dwell Below the Skies As the Bridegroom to His Chosen -Sanctuary Choir

More Precious than Gold, Psalm 19 - Ramon Smith

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