

# the presbyterian epistle

march 11



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## seminary insights

The Lord be with you! Greetings from Iowa to all of our friends in Allen. We can now add 'blizzard' to the list of extreme weather that we've lived through (along with tornado and hurricane...no earthquakes or tsunamis yet). Ten foot snow drifts are quite impressive. Four foot snow drifts on the other side of the garage door are also impressive. Even the locals have declared that our blizzard a few weeks ago was a big one. The good news about blizzards, though, is if you lose power, none of your food will go bad. You have the world's largest freezer outside your front door! But enough of the weather. It's Iowa and winter and the way it is.

Sometimes you find what you're looking for in the strangest places. I was pondering what I would write about this month when I happened to glance at the back cover of a Smithsonian magazine laying around the house. As is typical with the back cover, it was a full-page advertisement. This one happened to be for New York Life. The top of the ad said, "Get rich slowly. Be protected instantly."

What does this bit of life insurance advice have to do with what you might expect would be in this column, you ask? Well, we have a similar approach to our salvation, believe it or not. The meaning, of course, changes but the thought behind it is the same. The fancy Seminary words are 'justification' and 'sanctification', but what those 50 cent words really mean is similar to that ad: "Grow over time. Be saved instantly."

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# our vision

reach seekers,  
grow disciples,  
send servants



### seekers

people who are looking for a relationship with Jesus Christ

### disciples

people who are learning to be more Christ-like

### servants

people who are caring for the world around them in the name of Jesus Christ

## sanctuaryflowers

Members are welcome to share special times (birthdays, anniversaries, other special days) with the congregation by providing flowers for Sunday services. They will be yours to take home and enjoy after the service! The cost need not be more than \$25 and is paid to the church with a note "Pulpit flowers" in the memo on the check. Please let Ida Hassler know the details and date, and special colors or types. E-mail: [ihassler@swbell.net](mailto:ihassler@swbell.net) Phone: 972-231-3017



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# our mission is to:

Glorify God through worship and prayer,  
Bring people to Jesus and into fellowship with His family,  
Develop disciples to Christ-like maturity, and equip them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world.



## fpc allen church staff

Rev. Kelly Yeager-Chadwick, Pastor

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Susie Severin, Preschool Director

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Joyful Beginnings Preschool

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# lil' lambs is back

Lil' Lambs is once again preparing for it's Spring/Summer Consignment Sale... on March 31st - April 2nd. Our Fall/Winter sale was the biggest one ever and we want to thank the First Presbyterian Church family for their ongoing support of this mission, through monetary donations for need based vouchers and food for the many volunteers. Because of you, we've been able to give back more than \$95,000 to our immediate community. Recipients have been charities such as Hope's Door (a women's shelter in Plano), City House (a teen shelter in Plano), Allen Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, McKinney Children and Family Medical Clinic, Allen Community Outreach, Samaritan Inn, and Plano Children's Advocacy Center. For more information and to register for the upcoming sale, please go to [www.Lil-Lambs.net](http://www.Lil-Lambs.net).

## save the date

# July 18-July 22



## Vacation Bible School!

## happy anniversary

- randy & nancy deshan – 03.01
- don & nancy jung – 03.12
- tom & cheryl dunn – 03.18
- mick & brooks mccorcle – 03.22
- wes & grace nail – 03.27

## men's fellowship breakfast

Men of the Church!! Join us on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30am at Allen Café for fellowship, conversation and networking. You order and pay for yourself and come and go as you need. Join us!

Who: All men of the church  
 When: March 1st and 15th at 6:30am  
 Where: Allen Café, 302 E. Main Street

If you have any questions, please call Rick Zinsmeister at 972-396-8728.

When we talk about being 'justified', what we mean is that we have been made 'just' or acceptable or even righteous in the eyes of God. Instantly. What instant was that? The instant that Christ recognized us as God's children. You see, we are made 'just' by Christ. It occurs instantly and without our own actions having any bearing on it. And this righteousness in Christ is enough for us. In First Corinthians, Paul says that "you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God" in the NRSV translation. The word 'belong' can have multiple meanings; however, think of it this way (which I think is truer to the original Greek): "you are of Christ as Christ is of God". How does this happen? By Christ's righteousness applying to us as well as to Christ! So, we are instantly brought to the same level of justification as Christ by the power of Christ! Instantly.

What about this growth over time then? That is what we refer to as 'sanctification'. I like to think of it as a necessary implication of our justification. If Christ has allowed us to partake of his righteousness, it seems a matter of course that his righteousness would be seen in us. How? By changing us and molding us more in Christ's image. This is the power of the Holy Spirit acting in our lives, folks! We have Christ within us, so we act more and more in a 'sanctified' manner as we live our lives in the presence of Christ. The Holy Spirit is that voice that directs and guides us on the path of our life. Will we ever become completely sanctified, you ask? Well, a good Presbyterian would say 'no' (but a good Methodist might disagree). I think I'd respond that it's not so important to know how sanctified I might become, but rather the important part is to know that we do grow in faith, in comfort, in good works, and in love as we walk with Christ.

So, just like our friends from New York Life would have us think...we can "Get rich slowly. Be protected instantly." We are justified by Christ, and we grow in Christ throughout our life. Be at peace and know that one greater than all of us is with us!

Loren, Lshellab@gmail.com

## logos sneak peek

- |            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| March 23rd | Welcome to Jerusalem         |
| March 30th | Betrayed By a Friend         |
| April 6th  | Jesus and His Enemies        |
| April 13th | Jesus Returns to His Friends |
| April 20th | Labyrinth Experience         |



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dorothy silco – 03.02  
jennie foster – 03.04  
alicia osborne – 03.04  
roselyn amakye – 03.05  
dan cavanaugh – 03.05  
avery pero – 03.05  
kevin oldfield – 03.08  
wayne johnson – 03.10  
josie bibb – 03.11  
lori salerno – 03.11  
steven ashley – 03.12  
ryan waldbauer – 03.27



Wednesday, March 2nd  
JR High 5:30pm-6:30pm  
Sunday, March 6th  
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm  
Wednesday, March 9th  
JR High 5:30pm-6:30pm  
March 14th-18th: Spring Break  
Wednesday, March 23rd  
JR High 5:30pm-7pm  
Saturday, March 26th  
Youth at Allen Americans  
Wednesday, March 30th  
JR High 5:30pm-7pm

## what is lent?

The Germanic word Lent (lecten), which we use to denote the forty days of preparation preceding the Paschal feast, originally meant simply the spring season. It has been used since the Anglo-Saxon period (9th Century) to translate the more significant Latin term quadragesima, meaning the “forty days”, or more literally the “fortieth day”. This in turn imitated the Greek name for Lent, tessarakoste (fortieth), a word formed from the relationship to the word Pentecost (pentekoste), which had been used as a name for the Jewish festival before the time of Christ.

In the first three centuries of Christian experience, preparation for the Paschal feast usually covered a period of one or two days, perhaps a week at the most. Saint Irenaeus of Lyons (ca AD 140-202) even speaks of a forty-hour preparation for the Paschal celebration.

The first reference to Lent as a period of forty days preparation occurs in the teachings of the First Council of Nicea in AD 325. By the end of the fourth century, a Lenten period of forty days was established and accepted in the Church. Pope St. Leo (d. 461) exhorts the faithful to abstain they they may “fulfill with their fasts the Apostolic institution of the forty days.”

In its early development Lent quickly became associated with the sacrament of baptism, since Easter was the great baptismal feast. Those who were preparing to be baptized participated in the season of Lent in preparation for the reception of the sacrament of baptism. Eventually, those who were already baptized considered it important to join these candidates preparing for baptism in their preparation for Easter. The customs and practices of Lent, as we know them today, soon took hold.

Adapted from The Essential Lenten Handbook.

**Ash Wednesday**  
Service will be held  
Wednesday, March  
9, 2011 at 7pm. The  
Imposition of Ashes  
is voluntary – just  
come and worship!



spring logos begins  
march 23



Thank you to all the children and parents and volunteers who participated in our first Logos Winter Session. Looking forward to having all of you back for our Spring Session!

Do you have a **heart for children**? Love to **teach**? You could lead or assist with one of our small groups. **Crafts or music is your thing**? Excellent opportunities to share your creativity with these Awesome Angels and Righteous Disciples. **Love to cook**? Prepare & serve a Logos dinner, or join us as a "table parent" to eat with the kids.

We will be launching our spring Logos session March 23rd through April 20th every Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00 pm, with a very special event planned for Holy Week.

Logos is for all our children age 2 up to 5th grade.

Schedule your time today, as many or few weeks as you like. We need your help!! Sign up and help us make Logos a success!!!

Contact Dena Morrison  
Discipleship Ministries Coordinator  
djoyb2007@yahoo.com or 972-805-7608

# communion schedule

If you are unable to serve on the indicated day of the schedule, please contact anyone else on the list prior to that Sunday to trade with as your replacement.

Date	Serving	Preparation
March 6	Michael Brown Tom Dunn Lisa Waldbauer Janet McChesney Will Reams	Beverly Carson
April 3	Sylvia Brown Faith Engler Ed Hassler Ida Hassler Steve Zinsmeister	Merrie Cavanaugh
April 21	Maunder Thursday	Donna Wehrmeister
May 1	Beverly Carson Mary Ann Brown Brooks McCorcle Cary Reams Priscilla Sharp	Jung Family
June 5	Merrie Cavanaugh Mike Engler Darin McIntier Alicia Osbourne Eric Smith	Janet McChesney
July 3	Bob Black Nancy Bridges Dianne Liese Mike McChesney Steve Zinsmeister	DeWet Family
August 7	Mary Ann Brown Laura Reams Ernie Pero Brian Shafer Lisa Waldbauer	McIntier Family
September 4	Tom Dunn Tammy Fisher David Olson Lynda Olson Will Reams	Beverly Carson

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### attend the vocal majority

Friday, April 15th, 8pm  
Eisenmann Center, Richardson, TX  
Tickets: \$17

We will arrange carpools for those people who don't drive after dark. This is a wonderful men's chorus and should be a really enjoyable evening for all ages. See Janet McChesney (972-562-8217) or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

## the vocal majority presents "vm bandstand"

When springtime brings fragrant and colorful blooms, you'll know it's time for the VM voices to fill the spring air with their vibrant harmonies...and this show will be unlike any other in VM history! Come take a sock-hop back to the Nifty Fifty's – when rock really rocked, girls wore poodle skirts, and boys wanted to be James Dean! If you're a fan of American Bandstand, hula-hoops, Hopalong Cassidy and silly putty... then this breathless journey down musical memory lane is one you won't want to miss! We can't wait to kick up our heels with you as the VM brings fun surprises that you'll have to see to believe!

## highlights from the joyful times

*The Joyful Times is the monthly newsletter from Susie Severin, Director of Joyful Beginnings Preschool*

The school year is just flying by! Spring Break is March 14-18 and then we have Cowboy/Cowgirl pictures, Easter parties and Open House in April.

The 2011-2012 registration went smoothly. We still have a few openings, so if you have a friend or neighbor looking for a preschool program please be sure to tell them about us. Open House is a great opportunity for them to come see our school and meet our teachers.

Remember, we continue to go outside for recess. Keep an eye on the weather as we never know day to day whether we need a jacket or not. This is also a good time to check the extra clothes in your child's backpack (are they for the right season?) Also, as always please continue to send your child with a water bottle.

Hope you all have a great Spring Break!

Love,

Miss Susie

### Cowboy/Cowgirl Photos

We have scheduled Diamond Photo Imaging to come to our school on April 5th. This year pictures will be taken on the pony, weather permitting. Pony rides will also be offered. Photos will be delivered several weeks later ready for purchase.

### Open House

Open House will be held on Sunday, April 10 from 3:00-4:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to show off THEIR school! It is a come and go event and we hope to have 100% participation. Punch and cookies will be served.

### Easter Parties

Easter parties will be April 20 for the T/W/F 3's and Easter parties will be April 21 for all T/TH/F classes. Parties will be from 12:30-1:00. Please check the sign-up sheets in your child's classroom to see if you are to bring anything. Remember NO SCHOOL on Friday April 22.

### Upcoming Events:

Spring Break	March 14-18
Cowboy/Cowgirl Photos	April 5
T/W/F 3's Easter Party	April 20
T/Th/F Classes Easter Party	April 21
Open House	April 10

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Allen Café) 9:15 am Food Pantry Volunteers (St. Jude's) 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH)	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle (Youth Rm) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Kiwanis Division 37 Meeting (FH)
<b>6 Communion Sunday</b> 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am New members received 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) 6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm)	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH) 7:30 pm Pack 639 Adult Planning Meeting (Youth Rm)	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle (Youth Rm) 4:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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MINISTRY	MARCH 6	MARCH 13	MARCH 20	MARCH 27
Greeting Announcer	Pastor Kelly	Courtney Pero	Allyson Zinsmeister	Connor Cavanaugh
Acolytes	Caitlin Dunn	Grant Owen-McNair	Grace McLaughlin	Sean McIntier
Liturgists	Rick Zinsmeister	Janet McChesney	Mike Engler	Nancy Bridges
Communion (Elders to Serve)	Michael Brown Tom Dunn Lisa Waldbauer Laura Reams Will Reams			
Communion (Prepare Elements)	Beverly Carson			
Offering Counters	Dan Cole Randy McDaniel	Alicia Osborne Don Jung	Tom Dunn Adam McDaniel	Brian Shafer Bill Brown
Ushers	Steve Zinsmeister Allyson Zinsmeister Erik Waldbauer Frank Salerno	Eric Smith Bob Silco Dorothy Silco Randy DeShan	Brian Shafer Sarah Shafer Will Reams Cary Reams	Ernie Pero Courtney Pero Sam McCorcle Mick McCorcle
Time with Young Disciples	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly
Building Steward	Lisa Waldbauer	Alicia Osborne	Courtney Pero	Brain Shafer



## meet the session

2011

Ed Hassler  
Property

Randy McDaniel  
Property

Tom Dunn  
Outreach

Brian Shafer  
Stewardship

Beverly Carson  
Clerk of Session

Will Reams  
Youth Elder

2012

Nancy Bridges  
Evangelism

Sylvia Brown  
Personnel

Lisa Waldbauer  
Youth

Donna Wehrmeister  
Worship

2013

Merrie Cavanaugh  
Congregational Care

Alicia Osborne  
Christian Education

Brooks McCorcle  
Finance

Janet McChesney  
Fellowship

*If you would like to be more involved in the life of the church, feel free to speak with one of these people and join a committee.*