



THE CREST



Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Celebrating a Fifty-Year Journey of Faith

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FEBRUARY 15, 2009

Worship

8:30 & 10:45am

9:30am Church School

Scripture

Revelation 22:1-5

Sermon

"A Movement for Wholeness"

By Rev. Dr. Todd A Adams

GUEST SPEAKER, REV. DR. TODD A ADAMS



This Sunday, February 15, Rev. Dr. Todd A Adams, Office of the General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, will be our guest preacher. Below you will find a little information about him and his accomplishments. Dr. Adams currently serves as the Associate General Minister and Vice President and chief of staff for the General Minister and President. His main areas of responsibility include the General Assembly, the General Board, Disciples Mission Fund and Promotion, Treasury Services, Stewardship Ministries, and Communication Ministries. In addition, Todd is the liaison to the Christian Church Foundation, Pension Fund, Church Extension, and National City Christian Church Boards.

Todd recently served as the Senior Minister of Memorial Drive Christian Church, Houston, Texas. During his seven years, the congregation grew from 135 to over 300 in worship and constructed a \$2.8 million sanctuary. Todd is a 1994 graduate of Chapman University with a degree in Political Science. He completed his masters of divinity in 1997 at Phillips Theological Seminary. In 2007, he graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary where he earned a doctor of ministry in stewardship and leadership.

Todd has been married to Kimberly for 14 years. They have two children, Claire and Jackson. Todd enjoys spending time with his family, gardening, traveling, and coaching his children's athletic teams.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Do you have a youth interested in finding more out about baptism and what it means to be a member of the church?

Then we have the perfect class for you. Beginning Sunday, February 22 we will start our 2009 Pastor's Class for those wanting to know more about the church as they consider if this is the right time to be Baptized. If you are interested, please register for this class by Thursday, February 19, with the church office. For more information, please email Mike at Mikemcc@iglou.com

MARY MARTHA DWM

Our group will meet for a potluck on Monday, February 16, 6:30pm at the home of Julia Blondell (1941 Bellefonte Drive). Colette Hensley will give a program on *Listening to God's Voice in My Sister*. See you there!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday February 21 ~ 8:30am ~ Chalice Hall. Joseph Ngaari will be our speaker and a light breakfast will be provided.

CONGRATULATIONS



Chris & Anne Martin welcomed a new baby boy, Lane Douglas Martin, Sunday, February 8. He is also the new grandson of Doug &

Gayle Hutcherson.

10% @ MAX & ERMA'S

Any day of the week you can take your church bulletin to Max & Erma's for lunch or dinner and 10% of your bill will be given back to the Crestwood Youth. *We appreciate all your help!*

RACHEL DWM GROUP

Will meet Sunday, March 1 at 12:15pm in the Bradford Room for Salad Lunch. See you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 25

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent, a 40-day season of spiritual preparation for Easter. On Wednesday, February 25th, there will be an **Ash Wednesday Service** at Twin Pines Christian Church, at 7:00 pm, a service that will also include Crestwood and East Second Street churches. Don Gillett of East Second Street will preach, and the Sanctuary Choir of Crestwood will bring the anthem. The service will also include communion and the imposition of ashes. This ancient rite symbolizes our understanding of our own mortality while at the same time affirming the God who offers eternal life. Begin your spiritual journey through Lent by worshipping with your Disciple brothers and sisters. Mark this important date on your calendar now.

Parish News

BIRTHDAYS:

FEB 15- Maureen Carman, Sarah Camden, Silas Shake 16- Ashley Igo, Ed Gardner, Donnie Henry 17- Travis Hart, Jeff Napier, Sheri Shaver, Bettye Burns 18- Mildred Cox 19- Ashton Brown, Jerry Schell 20- Hannah Sanders, Cal Fulkerson 21- Donna Napier

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Members- J.B. Gott, Cal Fulkerson, Jana Grayson & Family, Ann Hager & Family, Keeley Hollingsworth, Bill Johnson & Family, *Chris & Anne Martin, *Shona Murray

Family of Members- Family of Marjorie Carpenter, *Tommy, Tara & Allie Beth Daniel, Dave Fishback & Family, Tanya Grayson, Gail Henry, Paul Johnson, Family of Ruth Ann Kincer, Family of Bill Lamb, Dorothy Lemerand, Albert Varble

Friends of Members- *Greg Alexander & Family, Amanda Bowlin, Bob & Ginger Burns, *William "Doc" Coffee, *Larry Crouch, *Letitia Gilliland, *Family of Deb Hogan, Bennie Isaacs, *Billy Gatton Jones, Beth Mercer, *Sylvia Mill, *Theresa Nguyen, Don & Lillian Nunnelley, *Family of Dr. John Rogers, Family of Ralph Sallee, Will Selby, *Pat Tierney

Armed Forces- Andrew Boyd, Dan Carman, Austin Cheek, Curtis Flood, Clarence Meade, Joe Phelps, Patrick Ritter, Rocky Shapla, Brad Stone

Our Global Mission Partners & Our World Community

MISSION CENTER LOAN	
Original construction loan	\$1,150,000.00
Loan balance as of 01/14/2009:	\$687,747.62
STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE	
February 8, 2008	
Contributions:	
Pledges & Offering	\$13,500.44
Capital Campaign	\$633.00
Attendance:	
Church School	78
Worship & Wonder	18
8:30 am Worship	54
10:45 am Worship	260
Total Worship	314

SEEKERS TO VIEW NOVA PROGRAM

The Seekers Class is watching the Nova series entitled, "The Bible's Buried Secrets," an archeological detective story which traces the origins of the Hebrew Bible. Interested in some stimulating biblical history? Join the Seekers this Sunday, at 9:30am. All adults are welcome.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

To thank you for your help and support of Lexington Habitat for Humanity, you and a guest are invited to the 2009 Volunteer Recognition and Community Partner Dinner. The event will be held Thursday, February 19th at 6:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on S. Broadway. Attire is business casual. Please RSVP to (859) 252-2224, ext. 6 or rsvp@lexhabitat.org.

MAKE MEMORIES WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association will be hosting a Taste of Tuscany. This Italiano Wine & Tapas Experience will be held Friday, February 20 at 7:00 pm at the Horseshoe Casino & Hotel in southern Indiana. Tickets are \$55 per person. Festivities will include Italian wine and foods, a live and silent auction, live music, and a special program. Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Assoc. programs and services including the 24hour Helpline, Safe Return Program, and Family Support Groups. For tickets or more information, please contact Dana Brinley at (502) 452-4266 or dana.brinley@alz.org.

JUST DESSERTS & COFFEE

Many of the agencies who provide meals to the community of street people provide nutritious meals. However, they seldom have dessert and coffee to offer. Let's provide some sweet treats to these men, women, and children once a month. Bring a baked or store-bought dessert or a can of coffee to Chalice Hall on Sunday, February 22. Leave it in the kitchen and the goodies will be delivered, this month, to the Men's Hope Center.

CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS FOR A CAUSE

The Imperial Court of Kentucky, AVOL, Moveable Feast and the Gay & Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO) will be hosting a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 24 at the Spirits Lounge in the Lexington Hilton Downtown Hotel. Festivities begin at 7PM with a Jazz Reception followed by a Bourbon Street Throwdown starting at 8PM with live music and Imperial Court performers! Tickets are \$15. To purchase tickets, visit: <http://sites.google.com/site/avolky/>

WORSHIP VISITORS

Danny Alford, Ron Bodager, Allyson Cain, Karen Curry, CW Hatfield, Richie Holmes, Sandy Keith, Hans & Tamara Lodee-Ellery, Shirley Moore, Eva & Lester Thomas, Mona Wheeler

If you know someone who visited this week, please give them a call and invite them back to Crestwood.

DEACONS SCHEDULED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

8:30 Service: Amy Maupin, Carolyn Miller

10:45 Service: George Wallace, Ben Wallace, Clay Wallace, Elizabeth Richardson, Mark Williams, Gina Welsch, Spenser Ross, Candice Chaffin, Doug Michael, Marian Keesy

Saturday Set-Up: Carolyn Miller

Sunday Clean-Up: Mark Williams, Gina Welsch, Spenser Ross, Candice Chaffin



COLETTE'S CORNER

by Colette Hensley

I went to a meeting yesterday to get information about the financial challenges facing my alma mater, Lexington Theological Seminary. Jim Johnson, President of LTS, did a great job of giving everyone specific details of what happened, what is happening now and what will happen. It wasn't easy to hear or think about. However, I did come away hopeful because I know that they are doing everything possible to be a viable institution to serve the Church. That's going to mean huge change. We're not sure of all of the changes, but Focus Groups are going to be meeting to look at curriculum and other areas that will be revamped. Crestwood has been asked to have a Focus Group. So, if you're asked, please say yes to helping us look toward the future of LTS. I'm also very hopeful about the future of Crestwood. Our search committee and vision committee are working very hard to put together pieces of

information that will help define who we are to a prospective minister and to define our wishes for what we would like to see in a new minister. Each member of the team is prayerful. They want to follow God's leading and they want what is best for Crestwood. That's a great combination to have! We're already in transition and there will be changes to come.

Change can be hard for some people. I didn't want to even imagine what LTS would be like in five years, but the reality is that we have to plan for it and live into it. If you have questions about that process, please contact Jim Johnson at the seminary.

There will also be changes at Crestwood. That will be challenging for some and comfortable for others. If you have questions about our process, see Wayne Shaver. Most of all, I ask for your prayers for LTS and for Crestwood as we each face the changes that are ahead. We will live into them confident that God will lead us, comfort us and strengthen us in the process.

Glad to be one of your ministers,
Colette

CYD COWGILL TO LEAD LENTEN STUDY

What is Lent? How did it develop? And how do we "celebrate" it? On March 1st, the first Sunday in Lent, Cyd will lead a five-week, Sunday morning study on the topic of Lent. The class will meet in the Bradford room at 9:30am. We'll cover some history, some info on Lenten symbols and themes, and we'll also consider a possible spiritual "roadmap" to follow as a way of meaningfully preparing for Easter. If you know nothing about Lent, or would like to learn more, join us in the Bradford room, beginning Sunday, March 1. All Crestwood adults, visitors and members, are encouraged to attend.

BE A BIG LOSER FOR GOD'S PANTRY

If you've set a weight loss goal for this Spring - why not help out God's Pantry too. Pledge your weight loss goal to the Biggest Loser's Pound for Pound Challenge now. In April/May, let them know how much you've lost and Feeding America will donate one pound of food to God's Pantry for each pound you lose. To sign up, www.pfpchallenge.com. You can also clip specially marked Pound for Pound Challenge seals on your General Mills products and mail them to Feeding America, 35 East Wacker Drive #2000, Chicago, IL 60601.

AND THE CHILDREN SHALL LEAD THEM

This past Sunday, our children received Week of Compassion Treasure Chest banks to put their pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in so that they could also help the work of Week of Compassion. We are all God's children, so we need to help our brothers and sisters everywhere. We ask that these be returned on February 22 so that they can be dedicated to Week of Compassion or by March 1 to be sent with the congregations' offering. Parents, thanks for your help in teaching your dear children how their giving will help others in our world.

WALK FOR WARMTH ON 2/28

The Lexington Rescue Mission is holding their annual fundraiser, Walk for Warmth, on Saturday, February 28 at 11am. Registration will start at 10am at Phoenix Park, in front of the central branch of the Lexington Public Library. Free parking is available at the Park Plaza Garage behind the library. The walk will begin at 11 a.m., and prizes will be awarded following the event to individuals and teams that raise the most money. All proceeds go directly to help families stay in their homes by providing financial assistance for utility bills and spiritual care for individuals in crisis. To register or for more information, visit: <http://www.lexingtonrescue.org/walk.html> or call (859) 381-9600.

LENT 2009 ~ A HOLY LAND TOUR SUNDAY SERMONS BY TIM MURTAUGH

March 1	Lent 1	Mark 1:9-15 "The Wilderness"
March 8	Lent 2	Mark 8:31-38 "Caesarea Philippi"
March 15	Lent 3	John 2:13-22 "Jerusalem in the Temple"
March 22	Lent 4	John 3:14-21 "Jerusalem at Night"
March 29	Lent 5	John 12:20-33 "Bethany"
April 5	Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11 "Mount of Olives"
April 9	Maundy Thursday	John 13:1-17 "The Upper Room"
April 10	Good Friday	John 18:1-19:42 "Golgotha"

Children's Happenings

CCF

(5 year old - Kindergarten)
12:15 pm

February 15: Lesson book & Games

PJYF

(1st - 2nd grade)
12:15 pm

February 15: Cards for Heart to Heart,
Games & Devotion

February 22: Games & Devotion

JYF

(3rd - 5th grade)
12:15 pm

February 15: Parachute Games
& Devotion

Friday, February 20: Lock-In at the
Church @ 7pm Friday to 8am Saturday ~

\$5 per person ~ Friends Welcome!

February 22: No Group

Youth Happenings

Chi-Rho:

(6th-8th Grade)
12:15-2:00 pm

Saturday, February 14: Youth Ski Trip to Perfect North (We will be
leaving at 7:45am from the church.)

Sunday, February 15: NO GROUP

February 22: Games & Lesson

CYF:

(9th-12th Grade)
12:15-2:00 pm

Saturday, February 14: Youth Ski Trip to Perfect North (We will be
leaving at 7:45am from the church.)

Sunday, February 15: NO GROUP

February 22: Games & Lesson

YOUTH CHOIR

On Sundays from 12-12:30pm in the Choir Room

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Cherub Choir

Sunday Mornings 9:30-9:50 AM

For all 3 years old through Kindergartners

Angel Choir

Sunday Afternoons 1:40 PM

For all 1st-5th graders.

SNACK LUNCH

Every Sunday starting at 12:15pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Cost is
\$2.00 a person and families are invited to come and eat together.
Please Make Reservations by Friday with Mike McColl.

February 15: CCF/PJYF/JYF

February 22: PJYF/Chi-Rho/CYF

ACOLYTES FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

February 15: Tyler Guilfoil

February 22: Evan Fitzcharles

March 1: Charlotte Kessinger

March 8: Caleb Landis

CELL PHONE AND INK JET PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING FUND RAISER:



The Youth are collecting used cell phones and empty ink jet printer cartridges. A collection box is in the Narthex or feel free to leave them outside of Mike's Office.

WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE? Week of Compassion ~ February 15-22



We're going on a treasure hunt! We won't be digging holes around the church searching for buried gold, though. Instead, we're searching for God's treasure.

Scripture provides the map. For God, we are treasure: "You are children of the Lord your God. . . . It is you the Lord has chosen . . . to be his people, his treasured possession" (Deuteronomy 14:1-2). Although those words were spoken long ago to people in another part of

the world, Galatians 3:26 assures us that we are included, too: "For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight" goes the children's song, voicing the truth that God treasures all people, throughout the world.

One of the gifts of being God's children is that sometimes we are called to be "treasure tenders" for God. We tend God's treasure here in our congregation with the love and care we show each other through special meals, visiting the sick and shut-in, teaching Christian discipleship, and praying for each other. We are also invited to tend God's treasures beyond our congregation by participating in Week of Compassion.

Life can be tough at times. Hurricanes, earthquakes, cyclones, and tsunamis smash communities to bits. Wars and ethnic conflicts shatter the very foundations of life, shoving people out of their homes and transforming them into frightened refugees. Persistent hunger, drought, poverty, lack of education, and ill health shrivel the life and dry the spirit, leaving individuals to crumble from the inside out.

Through Week of Compassion, we gently, persistently, and strongly care for God's treasures. By sharing some of our earthly treasure — our money, our time, our energy — decisive aid can be sent when disaster strikes. Refugees receive help in the long term as they rebuild their lives.

We help people help themselves through education, health care, tools, seeds, and resources to improve community infrastructure. And the sharing is mutual. When we care for people, we can be transformed by experiencing the presence of God. Seeing what others have lost, we are reminded what matters most in life.

Seeing what others live through, we are inspired to live courageously. Seeing that new life is possible, our hope rises. Working with others, we realize that God reaches out to all of us. Relying on God for the outcome, our faith increases.

First Timothy 6:18-19a exhorts us "to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up . . . the treasure of a good foundation for the future." Our treasure is doing God's will, loving God, and loving God's treasured people, so we all "may take hold of the life that really is life" (1 Timothy 6:19b). Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). May you find your treasure, and your heart, by sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to Week of Compassion.

DWM FEBRUARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HOPE LODGE

The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge provides a home away from home, at no cost, for those who live away from Lexington and whose best hope for cancer treatment is at Lexington's medical centers. There they receive not only lodging, but emotional and social support from other survivors, staff and volunteers. That nurturing, comfortable environment enables patients to focus on what is most important, fighting cancer.

This month you can help by bringing **canned goods (vegetables or fruits), soup, boxed meals like hamburger helper or macaroni and cheese and individual pudding and jello**, as well as **small prizes for Bingo, including gift cards to any restaurant or Walmart or Kroger**. Many patients have difficulty swallowing and soft foods are always needed. On Thursday, Feb. 26, we are hosting a Bingo game and have found that gift cards are especially popular. Items may be brought to group meetings or, except gift cards, placed in the marked DWM collection bins just inside the doors to Chalice Hall. Gift cards may be left in the office with Kelli or Laura, so they will be secure, or given to Fran Allen or Sheri Shaver, DWM Service Chairs. Thanks for all you do!

LISTENING TO GOD ~ DISCERNMENT PROCESS

Discernment is a very important process in the life of the church. It is the process through which the church comes to decisions about its life and its ministry. Discernment places us in a posture to hear what God is saying and where God is leading us. During the Lent season we will be meeting in small groups to do just this — *listen to God*. Through "praying the Scripture" and reflecting together what we hear from God we will attune ourselves towards God's leading in this transition time. The small groups will meet once a week for the 6 weeks of Lent from March 1 through April 11. Groups will meet at various times: Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening, weekday mornings, weekday evenings, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon. Would you commit to be a part of this very important process? If so, you may sign up by: filling in the sign-up slip in the bulletin the next two Sunday's or calling the church office and putting your name on the list along with the time slot you could meet.

HELP US GET 25%

Do you like the portrait of Bill McDonald (painted by Steve Sawyer) in the Narthex? Then check this out: 25% of all proceeds from any orders placed online or by phone to purchase *Art for God* (www.ART4GOD.com or 859-873-0120) by Steve Sawyer will be donated back to Crestwood's Youth. So help raise a little money and get yourself an awesome painting!

Thank You

Thank you to Martha Seithers for providing a wonderful and delicious DOC snack last week.

Katie Keith, UK DOC President
Thank to everyone for the flowers on Sunday, they were beautiful.
Thanks again, Carolyn Thomas

Dear Crestwood Friends,
I am so grateful for all the calls, cards and visits during the last year. The visits to the hospitals during my surgeries and Chester's ongoing illness and death were always welcomed and appreciated. I am forever grateful to the ministers and members of our church family.

Sincerely, Ann Hager
Thank you to all who contributed for the Blankets + (Tools of Hope), we raised \$1,843.00. We appreciate your help.
The World Outreach Team

CRESTWOOD IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

In an effort to save on our huge utility expenses as well as being good stewards of the environment, Crestwood is asking all members and any outside groups using our facility to become more diligent in conserving energy. This can be done easily by turning off any unneeded lights and keeping thermostats set to reasonable levels.

This does not mean to sit in the dark and freeze. By all means set the temperature to a comfortable level while you are using a room, just remember to reset it and turn off the lights when leaving.

The property department is going make an assessment of the lighting needs of each room and make adjustments where appropriate. This has already been done in the Child Care where we removed 36 unneeded fluorescent tubes. We estimate a savings of maybe \$100 a month on just this action alone.

If anyone has any concerns or recommendations about this, please leave a note with the church office or email John Royse at j.royse@insightbb.com. *Thanks for helping in the endeavor.*

WORSHIP FLOWERS

*In honor of Roberta Dellinger by Alice & Virgil Hays
In honor of Carolyn Thomas for her 20 years of service in the Church Office by her friends at Crestwood*

Dates available to order flowers are:

Sunday, February 15: 2 arrangements available

To reserve your order date, please sign up on the Flower Calendar in the North Hallway or call the church office. Thank you!

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Church School — 9:30 AM
Worship — 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Youth Programs — 12:15 PM

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Rev. Colette Hensley, Minister
of Nurture

Rev. Mike McColl, Minister
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