

# The Epistle

St. Paul's - Markham United Methodist Churches

March 2012 Edition

Tom Morgan, Pastor

From  
the  
Pastor's  
Heart

*"Weeping may remain  
for a night, but  
rejoicing comes in the  
morning..."*

..... Psalm 30:6

In 1953, Richard Burton starred in the first movie made in 'Cinemascope,' a revolutionary film process which allowed for the first 'wide screen' movies, as well as the first stereophonic sound in the movies. The movie was called *The Robe* and became a classic and still can be viewed on television. In the movie, Marcellus is the centurion who wins Jesus' robe in the 'casting lots for his clothing' sequence at the crucifixion. He is not a follower of Christ and is haunted by nightmares and visions, and so he returns to Israel to see what he can find out about the man whom he had helped crucify.

In one scene, Marcellus watches a woman who is unable to walk play a lyre and sing praises to God. He was told that when she was fifteen, she was stricken with paralysis and became sad and bitter. When she met Christ, she was transformed into a joyful woman.

"But she still can't walk," Marcellus protested. "If Jesus has such great power, why didn't He cure her?"

"He did," was the reply.

I see evidence of the resurrection daily. Real miracles, in my book.

- † A marriage that seems dead comes to life again.
- † A cold heart begins to thaw.
- † A relationship that has been strained for years finds reconciliation.
- † A voice that hasn't sung for years finds a reason to sing.

The greatest demonstration of God's power, the greatest resurrection, is the gift of new birth and transformed lives. Does a watchdog world see in us that God is a miracle-working God? That God is a God of the resurrection.

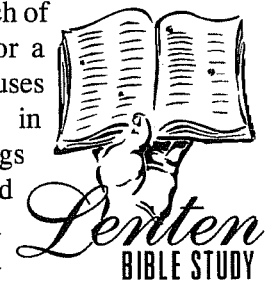
Peace and Grace

Tom

## 'Courageous Living' Bible Study

The 3-week Bible study that started with the showing of the movie *Courageous* on March 1 will continue beginning on March 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following church services at St. Paul's at 12:15 P.M. Bring a sandwich, drinks will be provided, and join us for this great 'Courageous' Bible Study.

The Bible Study will take each of us deeper into Biblical truths for a Godly family. Each session uses movie clips to engage people in discussion, and daily readings from *The Resolution for Men* and *the Resolution for Women* will help you connect with God and His best plan for your family.



The sessions will be March 18<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup> with the final session being held on Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The sessions are titled as follows, but will be done in three sessions instead of four:

- Session 1: *Courageous Call*; it takes courage to fight for my family.
- Session 2: *Courageous Priorities*; it takes courage to value what matters most.
- Session 3 *Courageous Legacy*; it takes courage to impact future generations; and
- Session 4: *Courageous Faith*; it takes courage to stand with Christ.

## Holy Week Schedule Announced

Communion will continue to be held each Sunday after Church services during the Lenten Season, except for March 4<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The schedule for services for Holy Week is as follows:

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

7:00 P.M. - St. Paul's

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES (A Service of Tenebrae)

7:00 P.M. - St. Paul's

EASTER SERVICES - April 20

8:00 A.M. - Markham

11:00 A.M. - St. Paul's

## Help Fill the Sanctuary With Lilies for Easter

Everyone is needed to help fill the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday on April 8 with lilies. Lilies can be ordered "in memory of" or "in honor of friends and family" or "for the glory of God." A order sheet will be included in each of the bulletins for ordering the lilies. All orders must be made by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

When you place your order for a lily, be sure to include you name and the name of the person for whom you are purchasing the lily. Additionally, please include whether the lily is being given "in memory of" or "in honor of" the person. If you wish to purchase more than one lily, feel free to do so, but please list each lily separately. The cost of the lilies will be \$7 each.



## GOSPEL MUSIC JAMBOREE

March 30 at 7:00 P.M.  
COME ONE — COME ALL!!!!!!

### Soup & Scripture

A new Soup and Scripture will be starting up soon. Everyone who wishes to participate should sign up before April 15<sup>th</sup> on the sign up sheet that will be in the bulletin each Sunday. The groups will change every three months and will be meeting monthly during May, June and July. There is no set time as each group will decide when it will meet.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Morgan or Pastor Tom at 323-9695.



### UMW News

Thank you to all who supported our Valentine Bake Sale. We made more than \$300 which will help to begin our mission giving for the year. We have already donated \$100 to our Food Pantry and we have started the year's project of 'Birthing Kits.' The kits are comprised of two receiving blankets, hotel-size soap, latex surgical gloves, razor blades, string, 4-mil plastic sheeting and gallon ziploc bags. Everyone is invited to contribute any of these items and a collection box has been put in the hallway for this important project.

### Cinderella Boutique

The Cinderella Boutique will be open on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. and on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

If you know of a young lady who is in need of a gently used, beautiful prom dress, please let her know of this wonderful project wherein she can come to the church on either of these days and obtain a beautiful prom dress, plus accessories, free of charge.

### Next UMW Meeting

Our next UMW meeting will be held on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. Myrna Pontiff will be the hostess for lunch and will be presenting the mini-study. All women are invited and do not have to be a member of St. Paul's or even Methodist.

Tricia Reynolds,  
UMW President

### Youth Ministry

The youth meet every Sunday evening from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and are being ably lead by Bradley and Bobbie Sue Jackson.

There are plans in the works to take the youth to an Easter Retreat from April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be located on a private ranch approximately 10 minutes outside of Markham.

The youth are also planning on having a car wash toward the end of April. A date and time will be announced later.



Friends in Faith

### Missions Update

We have had a great start this year. We received funds from HEB's Super Bowl of Caring to fill the food pantry. A big thanks to the volunteers who worked the hours. We do still need our church family to continue to bring their canned goods on the first of every month to continue keeping the food pantry full.

Frances Elder  
Chair, Mission Cmte.

I've long since stopped feeling guilty about taking "being time"; it's something we all need for our spiritual health, and often we don't take enough of it."

— Madelein L'Engle



# Resurrection COUNTDOWN

Make this interactive craft to use as Easter approaches.


## What you need:

- An empty egg carton
- Scissors
- Tissue paper (a dark color)
- Pencil
- Bible
- 12 slips of white paper
- Glue
- Marker



## What you do:

1. Cut the lid and side flaps off the egg carton.
2. Lay the carton open-side down on tissue paper. Trace and cut out the rectangular shape.
3. On the paper slips, write 12 verses from John 12 about Holy Week (including one about Easter).
4. Place each slip in an egg cup, in order, starting at the top left and ending (with the Easter verse) at the bottom right.
5. Put glue around cups and carton edges. Lay the tissue paper on top.
6. Gently mark numbers 1-6 on the tissue paper along the top row and 7-12 along the bottom.
7. Before Easter, punch through one cup each day and read the verse.



# PUZZLE

## The purpose of the gospel

The gospel of John records many signs and miracles that Jesus performed in front of his disciples. Discover why these were written.

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**Directions:** Use a Bible to fill in the missing letters of John 20:31. Then write the shape-enclosed letters in the corresponding boxes and circles below, in order of appearance, to discover John's message.

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JOHN 20:31, NIV

Just Believe!

Answers: "... believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>April 2012</h1>							
1 Palm Sunday 12:15 PM Courageous Bible Study and Luncheon	2	3	4 6:00 AM Men's Emmaus, FUMC 12:00 PM Lenten Sermon Series	5 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Svc., St. Paul's	6 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Good Friday Svc., St. Paul's	7 <i>Happy Easter!</i>	
8 8:00 AM Easter Sonrise Svc., Markham 11:00 AM Easter Svc., St. Paul's	9	10 11:00 AM Women's Emmaus at St. Paul's 6:30 PM Trustees	11 6:00 AM Men's Emmaus, FUMC	12 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study	13 7:00 AM Men's Emmaus, FUMC 1 800 AM Women's Emmaus, FUMC 10:00 AM Bible Study	14	
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29 12:15 PM 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, Mark- Luke Luncheon	30					<u>Every Sunday Schedule</u> 9:00 AM Markham Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School St. Paul's 11:00 AM St. Paul's Worship 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Evening Worship	

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Thank You  
The plant is beautiful!  
Thanks and also thanks for being there for Bugger and me.

Love,  
Ruby Richardson

**Kitchen Organization Done**

Thank you! Thank you!  
The kitchen has been reorganized and cabinets have been labeled. Thanks to all who participated in the project. A white board/magnetic board has been placed by the door that leads into the kitchen from the fellowship hall and a corkboard has been installed by the telephone. Please use these for messages, etc. and try not to tape or tack announcements and/or items on the cabinets.



:Doubt your doubts and believe your beliefs."  
Rick Warren

