

The Trinitarian

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THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .



“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

“Were you purchased here?” The question startled me and made me laugh out loud. Some years ago, on a visit to my birthplace, Kingsville, Texas, I had stopped at the county courthouse to obtain a copy of my birth certificate. The lady behind the counter was helping someone else, apparently with some real estate or tax question. When my turn came, she asked, “May I help you?”

I replied, “I’d like to get a copy of my birth certificate, please.”

Apparently still engaged in thinking about her previous transaction, she asked, “Were you purchased here?” As everyone around her began to laugh, I answered, “Well, I think I was born here, but it’s possible my parents might have picked me up at a flea market and just didn’t tell me.”

To ask, “Were you purchased here?” puts a different spin on the expected question, “Were you born here?” Long after we all had a good laugh over it, I pondered the theological implications of that question.

When St. Paul was admonishing the Corinthian congregation about their wayward ways of living, he reminded them that Christians cannot just “do as they please,” because Christians no longer belong to themselves alone. To accept Christ as Lord means in part to acknowledge that Christ has “purchased” our salvation at the cost of his own blood. At an unimaginable cost to God, Christ died for sinful humanity, and in his sacrificial love made possible an intimate and eternal communion with God and with one another. Our very bodies become living temples of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

“You were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.” The season of Lent provides an opportunity to journey to the Cross of Christ and there respond anew to the question, “Were you purchased here?” To understand that you have been bought with a price is to recognize in humility that your life, your embodied and earthly life, belongs not to you but to God. Purchased by God, you have been set free by God to share in God’s own life, but this leads not to self-indulgence but to selfless giving. “You were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.”

See you Sunday!
Dr. Bob Shield

OUR MISSION: KNOW GOD. BE TRANSFORMED. LOVE.



PAX AMOR CHRISTI

P. Dishman, Prayer Ministries

In spite of the cold, the birds in my yard have decided it's spring. Such a caroling! Familiar voices, but one I've not heard before. This melodic and very loud songster has remained hidden from me, so far, but I hope to find him out and identify him.

Another songster is Kathleen Deignan. A woman who's been easing into my awareness lately. How shall we describe her? Well, she's an Irish-American theologian, religious sister, professor of religious studies, environmental leader, lecturer, author, singer, songwriter, psalmist, president of the international Thomas Merton Society, worker for peace and social justice concerns, participant in interreligious dialogue...it goes on! I have some of her radiant music in my collection. Here, for the season of Lent, is a favorite: "Pax Amor Christi," a song Kathleen adapted from a prayer in the Celtic tradition. Perhaps as you read the words you will say them aloud, making them your prayer, our prayer:

Peace between neighbors, peace between kindred,
Peace between lovers: the peace of Christ.
Peace between persons, peace between spouses,
Peace between families: the peace of the love of Christ.

Pax amor Christi, pax amor Christi,
Pax amor Christi, pax amor Christi.

Peace between brothers, peace between sisters,
Peace between friends: the peace of Christ.
Peace between nations, peace between creatures,
Peace between foes: the peace of the love of Christ.

Pax amor Christi, pax amor Christi,
Pax amor Christi, pax amor Christi.

Peace in the north lands, peace in the south lands,
Peace in our world: the peace of Christ.
Peace in the east lands, peace in the west lands,
Peace upon earth: the peace of the love of Christ.

Pax amor Christi, pax amor Christi,
Pax amor Christi, pax amor Christi.

Amen.

VIDEO PRESENTATION PALM SUNDAY

Prayer Ministries invites you to join us for a special program on March 29, Palm Sunday, during the Sunday School hour. Phoebe Dishman will present a video entitled "Holy Week 2015: Life of Jesus". This audio-visual meditation is geared for adults and youth. Classes and individuals are welcome. We will gather at 9:15 AM in the Nita McKnight Parlor to begin our Holy Week experience.

**REMEMBER TO
SPRING FORWARD
SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 7**



(OR YOU'LL BE LATE SUNDAY)

**WORSHIP WITH US
DURING EASTER WEEK**

Palm Sunday

March 29 ~ 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
9:15 AM, Nita McKnight Parlor
“Holy Week 2015: Life of Jesus”

Holy Wednesday Taizé

April 1 ~ 6:00 PM

Maundy Thursday

April 2 ~ 7:00 PM

Good Friday Tenebrae

April 3 ~ 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday

8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

All services are in the Sanctuary.
(Childcare is available during all services)

LENTEN STUDIES HAVE BEGUN

The God We Can Know, Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus is being offered in Sunday School classes as well as on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM in Room 102 with Pastor Matthew Thomasson leading, and on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM in Room 107 with Steve Barkley leading. If you would like more information on this Lenten study, please contact Rev. Vicky Peters.

MEMBER NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

Julian Craigmiles ~ February 4
Wilhelmina Wylie ~ February 15
John H. Jordan ~ February 17
Mildred Hall ~ February 27
Sue Beverly ~ March 3

CONGRATULATIONS TO

D'Anne & Pat McGown on the birth of their grandson, Carter Cullum, February 5, 2015.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**April & David Malain
and daughter, Adeline,
of Beaumont**

BAPTISM

Ella Mae Gear, daughter of Caroline & George Gear, was baptized on January 11, 2015. Ella Mae is the granddaughter of Brenda & Doug McMakin and the great-granddaughter of Jan Allred.

WAYS YOU CAN SERVE GOD

EASTER CAPS ~ The United Methodist Women are filling Easter Caps for the children at Boys Haven and Girls Haven and are in need of the following items: new ball caps, gum, socks for girls and boys, and small trinkets like fingernail polish and other Easter basket fillers. Please place your donations in the UMW grey tub in the library. We thank you for any donations you can make to help these children have a happy Easter.

GARDEN TOOLS ~ Nutrition Services for Seniors is developing a community garden to provide fresh vegetables and fruit for their Meals on Wheels clients. A large collection of garden tools, including wheelbarrows and tools you no longer use, would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mike Warren at 409-892-8687 or 409-656-0934 or by email, pybmw@gt.rr.com.

RUNNING WATER ~ Trinity volunteers will be handing out water at the Gusher Marathon on March 7, beginning at 7:30 AM, at the Montagne Center. If you would like to help, please sign up in the Narthex. Contact Suzanne Wolfrom, 892-1755 for more information.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP PLANNING ~ Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to participate in the mission to Costa Rica in June. The next planning meeting will be March 8 at 11:45 am in the Nita McNight Parlor. Come join the team!

BODY IN MISSION PROJECTS AND DATES ~ will be coming soon. You will be given an opportunity to sign up for the projects of your choice at the Spring Picnic on Sunday, April 12.

SAVE THE DATE! The UMW Spring Luncheon and Style Show will be held on May 1, at Noon, in Vivion Hall. Tickets are available now and the cost is \$15. Call Marian Pekar, Ticket Chairman, 892-5457(leave message).

THE MEMORY GARDEN IS NEARING COMPLETION ~ We are very grateful for your generous donations for the trees and shrubs. Still needed are cash donations for the little things to make it beautiful. Please consider making a donation for the Memory Garden.

EASTER LILIES AND WOODEN CROSSES ~ You may place your orders for Easter lilies and/or wooden crosses in the Narthex on Sundays or the church office anytime. The lilies cost \$20 and the crosses are \$10 (available in 2 styles). All proceeds go toward support of mission projects. The deadline for ordering Easter Lilies is March 22.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Loving Memory

RAY BEALL

Patsy & Loyd Brumfield
Lois Ann & Chuck Wall

SCOTT CARSON COOK

Sandi Carrington
Carolyn DuBois
Jean & Dewey Gonsoulin
Carol Weatherall
Barbara M. White
Jo
& John Willis

JULIAN CRAIGMILES

Marlene Bacon
Jerry Blackstock
Betty & Galloway Hammett
Barbara & Abe Henderson
Kathy & Jack Irwin
Pat & Warren Johnson
Sue Kent
Marcie Kibler
Mary & Ronnie Moses
Margaret Mulé
Georgann & John Raney
Marilyn Spidle
Martha Jo & Charles Starcke
Anna Lou & Randy Stewart
Bill Strait
Barbra & Michael Warren
Carol Weatherall

Patsy & R. O. Williams, Jr.
Jean Yarbrough

ROBERT FLOYD DUBOIS, JR.

Carol Weatherall

JANE & TOM DENNIS

Georgann & John Raney

EMMY FERGUSON

Barbara M. White

CHARLES H. GOKEY

Billie & Max Pugh

DR. HERB HENNINGTON, SR.

Jean & Dewey Gonsoulin
Carol Weatherall

NELDA HUFF

Carol Weatherall
Patsy & R. O. Williams, Jr.

GENE IRWIN

Sally House

FAY KALBAUGH

Carol Weatherall

ROBERT "BOB" KENT

Carol Weatherall

In Loving Memory, cont'd

RUTH E. GARNET MCGINLEY

Jo Ann Hensel

ROBERT JEFFERSON "JEFF" MUNRO

Carolyn DuBois
Jean & Dewey Gonsoulin
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Messina
Carol Weatherall

HELEN PHALING

Patsy & R. O. Williams, Jr.

NANCY RITTER

Betty & Galloway Hammett

WILLIAM SMYTHE SHEPHERD, SR.

Carolyn DuBois
Tana & Don Hightower
Barbara M. White

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RUPERT "RUDY" CONRAD WILLIAMS

Jean & Dewey Gonsoulin
Carol Weatherall

ROBERT "BOB" WYCHE

Pat & Warren Johnson
Marcie Kibler
Patsy & R. O. Williams, Jr.

JAMES "JIM" COTTINGHAM YARBROUGH

Carol Weatherall

In Honor

MARY ELLEN ROBERTSON

Martha Jo & Charles Starcke



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City / State / Zip _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT TO:

Name _____

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City / State / Zip _____

PLEASE CHECK THE FUND YOU WISH TO DESIGNATE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Campaign | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Out Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organ Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Parsonage Refurbishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Young at Heart Retirees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> TV Ministry |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday	March 8
Worship/Sanctuary	8:15 AM
Sunday School Classes/Various Rooms	9:15 AM
Worship/Sanctuary	10:30 AM
Kids Worship/Vivion Hall	10:45 AM
Costa Rica Planning Meeting/Parlor	11:45 AM
Praise Team Rehearsal/Choir Room	4:00 PM
UMYF/Youth Center	5:00 PM
Monday	March 9
Sterling Silver Singers/Off Site	10:30 AM
Bldg. Committee/Rm 105	NOON
Tuesday	March 10
Disciple Bible Study/Rm 101	9:30 AM
<i>The God We Can Know</i> Study/Rm 102	9:30 AM
WDM Board Meeting/Rm 116	NOON
UMW Priscilla Circle/Parlor	12:30 PM
Wednesday	March 11
Centering Prayer/Chapel	10:30 AM
Intercessory Prayer/Library	2:30 PM
Prayer Ministries/Library	3:15 PM
Youth Jam Band/Youth Center	4:00 PM
Wednesday Night Dinner/Vivion Hall	5:00 PM
Confirmation Class/Youth Center	5:00 PM
<i>Refresh!</i> Worship/Chapel	6:00 PM
<i>The God We Can Know</i> Study/Rm 107	7:00 PM
Chancel Choir/Choir Room	7:00 PM
Thursday	March 12
O.A.S.I.S./West Wing	9:30 AM

TUMC PHONE EXTENSIONS

Here is a list for your convenience, please cut it out and place it near your phone for future reference.

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