

Lines from Larry

What is your favorite season? Summer, Winter, Spring or Fall? There are things I like about all the seasons, but I like Spring best of all. In the Spring I am reminded of new life. I love to see the trees budding, the flowers blooming, and the smell of those flowers. To enjoy the things about Spring, I must endure decay of those leaves and flowers near the end of Fall and what appears to be dead during Winter.

In our personal lives, we sin, and it causes us to decay spiritually. But God wants us to live forever, so, He provided a way that we could become a new life. Paul wrote to the Corinthians in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" In verse 21, Paul continues by saying, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

In every other religion in the world, people are expected to do things to please a dead God. But in Christianity, we worship and serve a God who made it possible for us to experience new life by allowing His Only Son, Jesus Christ, to bear all our decay and rottenness (sins) so we can be fresh and clean and smell like a fresh rose.

Are you feeling dirty because of things you have done in your life? Are you ready to turn your life around? Just like a new bud on a tree, you can begin small, but in the end, you will be like a large leaf. The leaders of RCC have given us a vision to help us in our spiritual journey. The vision is simple. We need to be Rooted in the Word, Centered on Christ, and Committed to Service.



Sermons for March

March 4: 1 & 2 Samuel – Jesus is our Trusted Prophet

March 11: (Daylight Savings: Spring Forward) 1 & 2 Kings and Chronicles – Jesus is our Reigning King

March 18: Ezra & Nehemiah – Jesus is the Rebuilder of the broken-down walls of human life

March 25: (Palm Sunday) Esther – Jesus is our Mordecai [Weekend with Mark & Carla Scott]



Those serving in March

	4	11	18	25	
Children's Church	Brenda & Judy	Joni	Brenda & Judy	None	
Communion Med & Prayer	Marc H.	Heaven	Larry	Terry	
Com. To Shut-ins	Roger K.	Rodney	Larry	Terry	
Communion Prep	Vickie Stapp	Vickie Stapp	Vickie Stapp	Vickie Stapp	
Front Door Greeter	Betty D	Brenda H	Ron	Sue	
Greeters	Brenda & Rodney	Sue & Ron	Sue & Jimmy	Betty D & Judy H	
Musician	Cheryl	Cheryl	Marcia	Cheryl	
Nursery	Heaven	Heather	Hillary	Tanya	
Offering Prayer	Terry	Scott	Roger K.	Larry	
Opening Prayer	Larry	Nate	Scott	Jancye	
Screen	Marcus	Ruby	Marcus	Tanya	
Scripture Reading	Rodney	Terry	Blaine	Angie	
Sound	Nate	Rodney	Nate	Rodney	
Sunday school	Brenda H.	Heaven	Jancye	Tina	
Vocals	Jancye, Joni & Tina	Tanya, Shawna & Hannah	Hannah, Shawna & Tanya	Joni, Tina & Jancye	

Announcements

On February 17th Kloe Otto was baptized.

March 2-3: Believe for 6th—8th Graders

March 3: Men's Day at St. Louis Christian College from 10-noon. BBQ Lunch at noon. No cost, but a free will offering will be taken. A Sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center. If we have enough men who want to go, this event will take the place of our Men's prayer breakfast.

March 4: Birthday Sunday and collecting for St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

March 7: Grub, Gab and Games at 11 AM.

March 8-9: Super Start for 4th—5th Graders.

March 10: R3 Girl's Conference at First Baptist Church. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board.

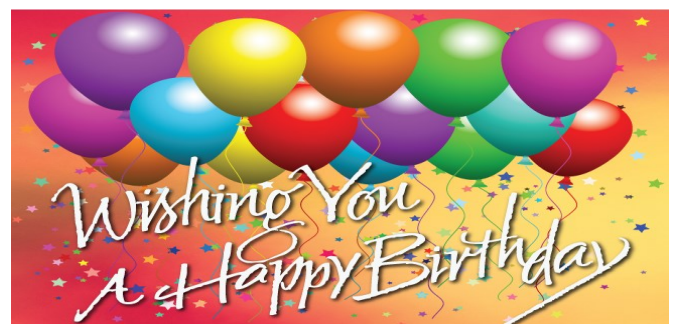
March 18: Penny Sunday.

March 23 - 24: Evening Revival 7 PM.

March 24: Men's Breakfast @ 8 AM. Ladies luncheon at 12 PM.

Birthday's

3/10	Payton Rhodes	3/21	Leslie Otto
	Joanne Timmons	3/26	Alaina Wesselman
	David Benhoff		Jancye Hortenstine
3/14	Lakota Saunders	3/27	Jeremy Cook
3/16	Roger Sargent	3/28	Carter Hunt
3/17	Scott Saunders		Devy Casey
3/19	Tina Hortenstine	3/30	Pam Hand
3/20	Cindy Blackburn	3/31	Sydney Lay
	Randy Feldpouch		



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				1 Numbers 28-29	2 Numbers 30-31	3 Numbers 32-33
4 Numbers 34-36	5 Deuteronomy 1-2	6 Deuteronomy 3-4; Psalms 36	7 Deuteronomy 5-6; Psalms 43	8 Deuteronomy 7-9	9 Deuteronomy 10-12	10 Deuteronomy 13-15; Galatians 1
11 Deuteronomy 16-18; Psalms 38; Galatians 2	12 Deuteronomy 19-21; Galatians 3	13 Deuteronomy 22-24; Galatians 4	14 Deuteronomy 25-27; Galatians 5	15 Deuteronomy 28-29; Galatians 6	16 Deuteronomy 30-31; Psalms 40	17 Deuteronomy 32-34
18 Joshua 1-2; Psalms 37	19 Joshua 3-6	20 Joshua 7-8; Psalms 69	21 Joshua 9-11	22 Joshua 12-14	23 Joshua 15-17	24 Joshua 18-20
25 Joshua 21-22; Psalms 47	26 Joshua 23-24; Psalms 44	27 Judges 1-3	28 Judges 4-5; Psalms 39, 41	29 Judges 6-7; Psalms 52	30 Judges 8; Psalms 42	31 Judges 9-10; Psalms 49

Engage in the Quest

By Beth Moore

In our present culture, we want our paths to look like an exclamation mark. We want it to be straightforward and then we want everything to have a point. When we give our lives to Jesus, we want it to go just like we expect. Everything is an exclamation mark with a point.

But very often that path starts curving way around and we think, "Wait, this is not what I signed up for." And all of the sudden it's forming a question mark and we're looking at it like, "I think there is a point somewhere, but I'm not positive what it is."

There is no such thing as faith without questions, because faith is unseen. We believe him for something that we cannot see. With our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, we love someone that we have never laid our eyes on and never heard speak audibly. This is the setup for coming into the whole adventure of faith.

So many people don't understand that our time with him is dialogue. Instead of just reading the scriptures, we must understand that God is speaking to us through his word. Let's come into it and talk back.

We tend to look at time with God as discipline. Of course, we have to have self-discipline if we want to be mighty in Christ, but our time with him is not just about discipline; it's about dining. It's about sitting at the table with him and him being the greater reality – more than anything we can see with our eyes or touch with our hands. It is knowing that he is with us.

He says, "If you will draw near to me, I will draw near to you." We get to engage with him. When we read his word, we can say, "Lord, you know what? That is such a beautiful passage. I don't know when the last time it was that I saw that." Or, "Lord, I don't know what that means. That seems so odd to me."

In that grappling and wrestling, we are able to engage with him. I've been on walks with him where I've thrown my face toward the sky and asked, "How do you feel about this? What's your stand on it?"

In my questioning, I became intrigued with how many questions are in scripture. In the King James Version, there are 3,298 questions from Genesis to Revelation. People say, "I have all sorts of questions about the word." But you know what? The word has all sorts of questions for **you**. You don't begin to have as many questions for the scriptures that the scriptures have for you!

Many of the questions God poses himself. Over and over again, God in the Old Testament and Christ in the New Testament ask questions that they already know the answer to. Why? Because it's part of the faith walk. God is calling us to interaction. And not just interaction, but engagement. And not just engagement, but intimacy.

The whole concept of a quest is coming to God free to ask questions – to be able to dialogue right then and to enter that intimate relationship where we know we have been with him.

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2/4 91
2/11 50
2/18 93

Ramsey Christian Church

Fellowship Time: 8:30 AM

Worship Service: 9:00 AM

Sunday School & Adult Electives: 10:30-11:00 AM

Sunday Night: Youth @ 6 PM. (Jr High and High school)

Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study: 8:30 AM

Wednesday: J.A.M. 5:45 to 7 PM

Missions

Bond Christian Service Camp
Inner City Mission of Springfield, IL
Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
Lincoln Christian University
Northwest Haiti Christian Mission
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