



CROSS TALK

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A Spot of T

(Get it? 'Cause my last name starts with a 'T'?)



There is a story contained within some extra-biblical literature (other scriptural texts the early church circulated, which did not make the “final draft” of the Bible we read today) that I just love. The book is *The Infancy Gospel of Thomas* and features stories from Jesus’ childhood that we just don’t get in Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. One of the stories features Jesus as a toddler – playing in some mud and creating birds with the mudballs.

The other story is about Jesus – just a little older than in the story with the birds – playing on a roof with a friend. One thing leads to another, and the friend falls off the roof and dies. As people gather around the lifeless body and become angered at Jesus, he stops them, says something to the effect of “what are you talking about...he’s not dead”, and brings his friend back to life. Whether it’s creating birds from mud or bringing his friend back to life, these stories speak to a precocious young person, full of life, and eager to understand all that will mean for him.

And if you ask me, that’s exactly what the church is missing today.

When was the last time you looked with wild-eyed excitement at the possibilities that lay before you? When was the last time you expected a miracle to happen? When was the last time you were excited to walk through the doors of the sanctuary? When was the last time you were overwhelmed by all that was possible through your relationship with God?

To be sure, there is a certain vein of Christianity that acts in the “Pollyanna-esque” fashion – whose faith isn’t validated unless they see a miraculous healing of a broken leg or someone “slain in the Spirit” lying on the floor for hours. I don’t discount that those things can and do happen, but I do believe that a faith driven by those things is of dubious repute.

It’s not about the miraculous, but the exciting. What has God done? What is God doing? What could God do next?

A church prepared to face an uncertain future will do well to begin from this space – and be excited to see what’s next.

Peace,



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Giving Back to the Community



As part of participation with “*Focusing on the Missions*,” a project sponsored by Lighthouse Missions in Wabash, this month’s theme is “**Peanut Butter & Jelly Sunday.**”

We are asking all members consider being a part of this

mission by donating 18oz. jars of peanut butter and 18oz.-32oz. jars of jelly.

With your help the mission store serves those in need in our own neighborhoods.

All donations should be brought to church by March 31st.

Thank you for your generosity!



Preparing for Easter

The Lenten season begins on **March 6 with our Ash Wednesday service at 7pm.** Make the time to renew your commitment and prepare your mind and soul for Easter.

Melissa Rice will also help better prepare us with her 6 week **Bible Study** series exploring the Book of Acts, starting on **Monday, March 11 at 9 am.** Everyone is invited ... all that is needed is your bible.

Lenten quarter holders will be at the **Welcome Center beginning February 24** for anyone interested in collecting coins during the Lenten season. *Quarter holders should be returned Easter Sunday, April 21.*

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*Time to
renew your
commitment*

Movies to Watch

Who doesn’t enjoy a good movie once in awhile? Well this year there are a slew of faith-based movies to consider ... and here are a few:

- 17 Miracles
- Faith’s Song
- Grace Unplugged
- The Life and Faith of C.S. Lewis
- Redemption of the Heart
- A Box of Faith
- Emily
- Coming Home- What is the True Measure of a Man?

For a complete list

and details about each film, go to www.womansday.com and search for the article, “The 20 Best Christian Movies to Watch Right Now.”

Grab some popcorn and enjoy!



Volunteer Opportunities

If you have ever thought of volunteering in the community, and are looking for something to try this spring and summer, FISH Community Garden Project might be the place for you! This garden is FISH food bank's own garden, headed by

Wabash Christian Church, to help provide fresh food to the food pantry.

Volunteers help plant, weed, pick and/or pray for the garden.

If you'd rather work inside, help is needed to sack food order,

collect items, sort food, or stock shelves.

For more information on volunteering at FISH, contact pantry director, Janet Shoue at 563-5151.



SUNDAY
March 10



TRIVIA NIGHT CONTINUES

If you haven't joined us for Trivia Night yet, consider coming this month, on **Saturday, March 30** in the fellowship hall, starting a 7pm. You can either make a team of up to eight people...or jump on a team looking for players. Or, if you'd like to come down and watch, you can do that, too. Either way, consider a fun-filled evening with your church family.

Serving for March 2019

- 8am Greeter** — Steve & Vicki Furnas
- 10am Liturgist** — Mar 3, 6, & 10: Mary Ellen Clark; Mar 17, & 24: Janie Long
- 10am Greeters**
- 3/3 Grant Long, Rich & Kathy Wehrly
 - 3/10 Grant Long, Rich & Kathy Wehrly
 - 3/17 Grant Long, Rich & Kathy Wehrly
 - 3/24 Grant Long, Rich & Kathy Wehrly
 - 3/31 Grant Long, Rich & Kathy Wehrly
- 10am Ushers** — Lalon Allen, Dale Hollenback, Dave Wilhelm

Scripture Reading for March

- 3/3 Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;
- 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28-36
- 3/10 Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;
- Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
- 3/17 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
- Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35
- 3/24 Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
- 3/31 Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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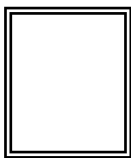


Items for the next newsletter should be submitted to the church office by **March 25th**.

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