

MARCH

PRESBYTERIAN TIMES

Greater Devotion
March 2023

In our family, our favorite time is when everyone gets together. I always enjoy hearing about what all the kids are doing and experiencing with their lives. I love my family. I have watched them grow up, become adults, and traverse through the various stages of their lives. I am always saddened when any of our children are not able to come to a family event.



However, there is a Bible text that has always disturbed me.

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:25-26 (NRSV)

Huh? Why would Jesus say that? Does being a follower of Jesus mean that I need to hate my family **and life itself?? Doesn't this violate one of the Ten Commandments to love your father and mother?** (Ex. 20:12)

Jesus had just finished teaching about the Parable of the Great Banquet. This parable reinforced his previous teaching that he would abandon the Jerusalem establishment (13:34-35). The parable is talking about the people who originally had been offered a share of the kingdom but rejected it, so now the kingdom of God was going out to others including Gentiles.

The setting for this text was to address the large crowds who were following Jesus. I am sure they were delighted to hear the parable about the Great Banquet because everyone, including themselves, was to be included in the Kingdom of God.

However, Jesus wanted to impress on the people their need to examine their commitment to being a **follower. He uses hyperbole or exaggeration to grab their attention. The word for “hate” means to love less.** It does not mean a passionate dislike for our family but to love them less than a full devotion to Christ.

It sounds strange to us, but “to love this and to hate that” is a typical biblical way of expressing preference: “to love this rather than that.” Jesus tells the people that devotion to himself must be so wholehearted that even attachment to parents and to the other members of one's family must not be allowed to stand in the way. When Jesus called people to follow him, he did not want tag-alongs, but people deeply committed to follow him and to give up their lives to follow him.

As we continue in our Lenten journey, I pray that we would draw near to God with a deeper commitment and greater devotion than ever before.

Blessings,
Pastor Eric

Our Vision: KNOW Christ, GROW in Faith, SOW the love of Christ, GO where God calls.



- 3/02 Link Hardy
- 3/02 Jeannette Oldham
- 3/03 Molly Galloway
- 3/05 Lizzy Dempewolf
- 3/06 Silas Dickinson
- 3/08 Peggy Fidler
- 3/11 Molly Floyd
- 3/12 Mark Hardy
- 3/13 Pam Moore
- 3/14 Terry Arnold
- 3/21 Greg Thomas
- 3/23 Hannah Grove
- 3/27 Savannah Rideout
- 3/28 Holden Rideout
- 3/30 Faye Goldey

March Anniversaries

- 3/01 John & Carol McDougall
- 3/21 Stephen & Jessica Dickinson

Henderson Christian Community Outreach

HCCO has revised their monthly list of needed items. You can pickup a new list in the back of the sanctuary.

The items needed for March are canned meats such as salmon, tuna and chicken.

Thank you for your generous support of this organization!



**The flowers in the
sanctuary during
the month of March
are provided by
LaVonne Kloet
and Pam Moore**



Maundy Thursday

We will be having a
Maundy Thursday
Soup Service and Supper
on Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 pm.



Five families from the church will provide the soup.

Please join us!

In preparation for Easter – Sign up for your free RightNow Media account and enjoy the largest collection of videos to nurture your faith in Jesus Christ.

Text PCH to 49775
or scan the QR





If you are willing to donate any candy or small treats to put in the plastic eggs for our church Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, please bring them to the church kitchen and place them in the labeled plastic bin by Sunday, April 2nd.

If you are willing to help fill them the week before Easter, please contact Cynthia and we will plan a day/time.

Thank you so much!

We have started a Prayer Chain.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry and be contacted when a need arises, please contact the church office.



Thank you in advance for your participation in this ministry!



Our Youth will be Volunteering
at Henderson Christian Community Outreach
on Saturday, March 18th 9-11am

Zoom Study - The Gospel of Mark

Join us as we explore the scripture, history, geography, archaeology, and impact of **Mark's Gospel in the Bible's New Testament**. Featuring Dave Stotts, host of Drive Thru History. For more information contact Pastor Eric.

Monday evenings
at 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 984 3627 7403

Passcode: 500727



From the Upper Room to the Tomb: The Passion Narratives

Fr. Shonis has been a Catholic priest in the Diocese of Owensboro (western Kentucky) for over 50 years. Unlike most parish priests he has spent the greater part of his priestly ministry as an educator, primarily at Brescia University. For the last twenty years while involved in parish ministry he has travelled through out western Kentucky doing adult education and giving retreats.

Wednesday, March 8, 6:00 pm
Bring a dish and join us!





The Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, March 6th.

The Council will meet at 9:30 am in the Library and the Circle meeting will take place at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Carol McDougall will present lesson 11 for us. You may pick up a copy of the lesson at the mailbox table in the Fellowship Hall.

March Handbells and Chancel Choir Schedule

Wednesday, March 1st

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15pm

Wednesday, March 8th

Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15 pm

Wednesday, March 15th

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15 pm

Wednesday, March 22nd

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15 pm

Wednesday, March 29th

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15 pm



For Valentines Day, the children learned about God's love and how they could share His love with others.

They made and handed out Valentines for everyone in the congregation and then frosted and decorated colorful cupcakes to give to their families.



Wednesday Night Supper February 8, 2023

We were honored to have Mark Weaver, a Certified Financial Planner in Henderson share with us his own personal story about charitable and planned giving to community foundations, colleges, and churches.

We had an enjoyable time of food, fellowship and learning.



The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in the aftermath of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and its aftershocks in Syria and Turkey.

PDA is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas and will remain throughout the recovery process.

Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/give-STearthquake, by phone at 800-972-3283 or by check made payable to the Church with Syria-Turkey Earthquake Relief written on the memo line.

Gov would like to say **Thank You** to everyone involved in making his birthday special this year.

His birthday fell on a Monday when the Presbyterian Women were meeting and the ladies surprised him with pizza and birthday cake.



We appreciate
all you do
Gov!



Marsha's Place Pregnancy Resource Center
is hosting a "Night for Life"
April 13th — 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Preston Arts Center — Henderson, Kentucky
Desserts and coffee will be served
Guest Speaker: Dr R. Albert Mohler, Jr
Ticket Per Person \$20
Reserve your Tickets at WWW.Marshasplaceprc.org



Thank you to the families who made delicious soups
for our Ash Wednesday Supper on February 23rd.



Afterwards we joined together
for a reflective service
which included
the imposition of ashes
and teaching about
Spiritual Restoration
during this Lenten season.



So thankful to God that 8 couples could join together at the Hoey home February 11th on Valentine's weekend. We are grateful for the church's support... prayer, loving childcare, dinner and sweet desserts!



We had a wonderful time of fellowship...eating, sharing, laughing, ...and just being together!



Would you be willing to help???

The Nursery and Children's program is in need of some help in ministering to the kids of the church. Every little bit helps and together we can help our kids grow in their knowledge and faith in Jesus.

Here are ways you can help...

- Assist in the Nursery (newborn to Kindergarten) on Sunday mornings on a rotational basis
- Assist in the Children's Church (1st-8th grade) on Sunday mornings on a rotational basis
- Design simple crafts
- Teach children worship songs
- Lead a class with a preplanned bible lesson
- Put together Children Worship bags
- Plan Easter egg hunt for Easter Sunday
- Plan a Youth Group get-together and/or service project



If you are willing, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary, call the church office or let Cynthia know. If you have any questions you are welcome to contact Cynthia.

Thank you very much!

Henderson County Ministerial Association Lenten Services and Luncheons 2023

March 1 - Wednesday, 12:00 PM
First Christian Church of Henderson
830 South Green Street

March 8 - Wednesday, 12:00 PM
Community Baptist Church
1026 Pebble Creek Drive

March 15 - Wednesday, 12:00 PM
Presbyterian Church of Henderson
100 South Main Street

March 22 - Wednesday, 12:00 PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
5 South Green Street

March 29 - Wednesday, 12:00 PM
Henderson First United Methodist Church
338 3rd Street

April 7 - Good Friday, 12:00 PM
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
511 2nd Street

April 9 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM
Greater Norris Chapel Baptist Church
937 Washington Street



Presbyterian Church of Henderson
100 South Main Street
Henderson, KY 42420