



The Magnolia Flame

March 2006

Proclaiming the Glory of God

Wanted:

Three 12x12 dining canopies
to be used at SpringFest as well as
other church events.

If you are able to donate or loan a
canopy, please contact Linda Stroud
925-1212.

Spring is Just Around the Corner

It will soon be time for our annual
**SpringFest on Saturday,
May 6.**

It takes a lot of help to have a successful
SpringFest. If you would like to be a
part of our SpringFest Committee, please
phone Linda Stroud 925-1212.

Sunday School Series: Bringing Up Boys

April 2-June 19, 2006

Learn from Dr. James Dobson's decades
of expertise as he shares the secrets of
raising boys and answers important
questions in this lively, relevant, and life-
changing series. The DVDs and
accompanying workbook will equip you
with the practical understanding,
dynamic Biblical principles, and
encouragement you need to steer the
boys you care about toward confident,
responsible manhood.

See or phone Melissa or Nick Thomas
(516-8366) by March 12 to order your
workbook (couples may share one).
Cost \$10.

Worth Quoting

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But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. Genesis 8:1 NIV

At the onset of the war in Iraq, sandstorms and inclement weather threatened the initial advances of Coalition troops. Repeatedly reporters embedded in battle units bemoaned the potential setbacks that the wind and rain were presenting. One armor unit was preparing to cross a strip of desert. All night the troops hunkered down during the ensuing sandstorm. The next morning, amazed soldiers surveyed the terrain. The strong winds and rain had stripped the desert ahead, exposing thousands of powerful landmines planted by the enemy that could have caused hundreds of casualties. Now with the mines exposed, the Marines traveled safely around them! (story by Lita Schueter)

Are the circumstances in life howling hard against you? Don't let things blow you over. God can use apparently adverse factors to accomplish His purposes. Wait on the Lord in faith. For the follower of Jesus, it is not for nought, that an ill-wind blows!

Faith can put a candle in the darkest night. Margaret Sangster

Jonathan was a seminary student living in Boston. One day on the beach, he met Lisa, a cute girl reading a school assignment. He invited her out to dinner that night. While they were eating, Lisa explained that she was preparing to move to Los Angeles for a job. She asked Jonathon about his life. During the next few minutes, the young man shared about his faith in Christ. Lisa mentioned that she would think about what Jonathan had said. Jonathan never saw Lisa again. On September 11, 2001, Jonathan was shocked to see Lisa's picture on television. She was one of the victims on the Boston to L.A. flight that was hijacked and flown into the World Trade Towers.

Do you have a chance to share the gospel with someone? Take advantage of the situation. You can never know what impact the gospel may have on others. Be bold in love and tell about Jesus before the door of opportunity shuts!

Know Him? Let Him be known!
Unknown

5. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. Matthew 13:21 NIV

Sam was visiting his uncle Jonas' farm in central Illinois. While strolling the cornfields Sam remarked, "Jonas, with all the rain this spring, your corn crop has gotten a great start." "It sure has," replied the uncle soberly, "but I hope the rain goes away for a while." "What do you mean?" Sam asked. "I thought the corn needs a lot of moisture." "Rain is good for the sprouting plants," explained Jonas, "but now the plants need a 'dry

period' to force the tap root to deep into the ground until it hits the water level. Unless a plant forms a good tap root, it will never make it through the heat of the summer."

Are you in a spiritual drought? Then, its time to put down some roots. God will allow waterless seasons to deepen your trust in Him. Walk in faith and hope for rain. The Lord won't leave you high and dry!

Our only earthly business is to love and delight ourselves in God.

Brother Lawrence

March Birthdays

1. Jessica Murphy 3
2. Lillian Crawford 4



3. Tommy Ashley 5
4. Cindy Dack 7
5. Randy Myers 9
6. Sarah Lockwood 10
7. Dana Boley 11
8. Lexi Leyh 12
8. Elsie Shaw 12
9. Tara Leyh 13
10. Carol Payton 13
11. Joyce Lester 14
12. Jane Smith 15

13. Christine Blythe (Nahm) ... 16
14. Olivia Mett 17
15. Karen Cline 18
16. Valerie Carty 19
17. Piper Pittman 20
18. Darryl Smith 20
19. Kaitlin Emery 21
20. Haeley Mett 21
21. Mike Hunnings 22
22. Kay Shelton 22
23. Ginny Small 22
24. Traci Seitz 23
25. Ann Lester 24
26. Joe Garlitz 25
27. Aaron Ritter 25
28. Amy Gay 26
29. Michael Johnston 26
30. James Simpson, Jr. 29
31. Brian Freeman 30
32. Charles Sims 31

Happy Anniversary

1. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Owens . 1
2. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cline 4
3. Mr. and Mrs. John Stroud ... 6
4. Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Alston . 15
5. Mr. and Mrs. Ieager Lester . 17
6. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shelton . 22
7. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mett 18
8. Mr. and Mrs. John (Bucky) Payton 30

Scrapbooking Class/Crop

March 18, 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m. sponsored by the Magnolia Women's Ministry and taught by Lou Ann Dennison. Lou Ann is a Consultant with Creative Memories.

Brochures are available at the Women's Ministry Display in the Narthex (by the Acolyte Closet) for specifics about the day and how to register. Registration Deadline is Sunday, March 5, 2006.

For more information or to register, contact Lou Ann at 483-3392 or email - cedlad7@msn.com

Bricks for Sale

Our new building needs bricks! Bricks are on sale for fifty cents each. You may drop money into a container which will be in the sanctuary or you may write a check to Magnolia Church and on the memo line write the check is for bricks. This campaign will



start February 5 and you can watch the progress of our contributions on the "wall" which will be in our narthex. All money given will go into the Future

Expansion Fund. Let's get to 100 percent on our wall which will mean that we have money for all the bricks needed.

Lent, A time of Remembrance

March 1 is the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is the symbolic remembrance of Christ's forty days in the wilderness. A time for reflection of our journey with the Lord and maybe a time for a special commitment.

We will begin the Lenten Season, March

1 with an Ash Wednesday Supper in the fellowship hall. We will gather at 5:45 p.m. and have a covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Mike will speak to us on the meaning of Lent.

Again, we will take orders for Easter Lilies to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter morning. **Please place your orders between March 12 and April 2.** Details will follow in the church bulletin. We are making plans to celebrate Passover with a Seder Meal. What a great way to celebrate this special season.

Brenda McClenney,
Worship Committee

WOM'S, Women of Magnolia, (Formerly MOM'S GROUP) invite

ALL women to join our new group focused on how to be a Christian woman in today's secular world. Our first meeting was held Monday, February 7, to set up the vision of the group with emphasis on study, discussion and fellowship.

You are welcome to come at any time...no homework is involved in our studies (based on the Bible). These meetings start at 6:45 p.m. for gathering and will be held three Monday nights a month. If you have a friend or neighbor, please invite them also. Watch for information in the church bulletin or phone Dana Boley (484-2801). Free child care will be provided.

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