

Shouting Praise

The whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed. ... Jesus said, "If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise."

— Luke 19:37, 40

Doing laundry. Buying groceries. Driving to work. Fixing the car. Mowing the lawn. Shoveling the snow. Going to meetings. Filling out paperwork.

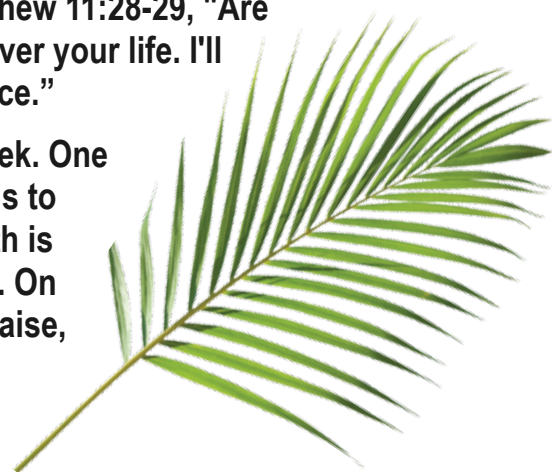
Sometimes .. oftentimes .. these things in our lives seem overwhelming. It seems like all we can do and are doing is getting through, meeting our basic needs but still feeling like something is missing. We forget .. or don't have the energy - to pause, be thankful, and recognize God's mighty works around us.

As I pause and reflect, I recognize these "mighty works" in my life and ministry. A new baby is born. A troubled teen offers a service ministry. A Christian community forms among a group of strangers. People that I never would have chosen are led into Christian leadership. A sunny spring day reveals a mountain range so close you can almost touch it. A person experiences Christ's presence in a startling way. People offer overwhelming generosity in the face of change. A vision whose foundation was laid years ago is emerging into reality. God brings just the right people at the right time into our lives, and the life of our mission.

What an abundance! Even though I sometimes look at my ministry glass as half empty rather than half full, I am reminded to take the time in my life to acknowledge and appreciate the blessings and to enthusiastically praise like the disciples in this scripture. This is how I more fully experience God's grace and abundance.

When was the last time you reflected on the mighty works of God in your life? When did you last take the time to offer your enthusiastic praise? Jesus offers to us in Matthew 11:28-29, "Are you tired? Worn out? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace."

We know what is coming this Holy Week, as it comes every Holy Week. One of the greatest journeys of our faith is this transformation from palms to crucifixion to resurrection. One of the greatest challenges of our faith is to live through this transformation each year and experience all of it. On this Palm Sunday, may we truly wave our palms with enthusiastic praise, remembering all of the mighty works that we have witnessed, and those that are yet to be ... hallelujah!





jimmy's egg

Don't forget the Prayer Breakfast
at Jimmy's Egg - Feb 12th @ 8:30 AM



DON'T FORGET TO
**SPRING
FORWARD**

March 8th

AS FAR AS THE

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SO FAR HAS HE REMOVED
OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US



LET'S EAT

2nd Sunday Potluck 3/8
Saturday Pancake Feed 3/21

*** NOTICE *** **SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

A special called Charge Conference will be held at Dawson UMC Sunday, March 8th at 12:00 p.m. in order to authorize Dawson UMC to become a 1/2 time appointment.

SOUTH CITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MARCH 12, 2015 6:30PM

Dear Neighbors,
The next meeting of the South City Neighborhood Assoc. is MARCH 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at Dawson Methodist Church. Please mark your calendar and Please tell your neighbors! It takes all neighbors' involvement to make this area a clean and safe neighborhood.

The speaker will be Lt. Jose Ocadiz, from the Wichita Fire Department. He is a 16 year veteran in the Fire Prevention and Safety department. The date and boundaries for the Neighborhood Cleanup will be announced. If you have any questions, please call. Carole Campbell, President - SCNA
522-5576



Community Rewards Program

Dillons Dollars - Exciting New Changes

Dillon's has improved their reward system for non-profits! You no longer have to use a specific gift card that you reload regularly. Now all you have to do is connect your PLUS card to Dawson and all purchase you make where you swipe your PLUS card will be credited toward Dawson. Below are instructions for signing up for this new COMMUNITY REWARDS SYSTEM:

- 1) Visit: www.dillons.com/communityrewards. Select "Sign In" if you already have a Dillon's account OR create an account. You must have an account to use the rewards program.
- 2) Once your account has been set up, scroll to the bottom of your Account Summary where you will see Community Rewards. Click Enroll.
- 3) If you are a first time user, you may have to complete some personal information. Once that is done, it will ask you to enter the first three letters of the organization you wish to support or their NPO number. Enter 10105 (or DAWSON). You will then select Dawson United Methodist Church.

If you need help setting up your community rewards account online, please let us know and we will find someone to help you get things set up. One final note: Your Dillon's Gift Cards that were used for the previous "Dillon's Dollars" program will no longer provide a percentage back to Dawson, but they will still continue to function as Gift Cards. In other words, if you have any balance remaining on the cards, that balance will continue to be good for purchases at Dillon's, but you will need to swipe your PlusCard in order to get a percentage back to Dawson!!!

Shirley Dieker

Lenten Book Study: Renegade Gospel

This Lenten season we will be studying the book Renegade Gospel by Michael Slaughter. On Wednesday evenings we will have a live discussion during the Wisdom Seekers time from 5:45-6:45 PM. We will also set up a discussion page on Facebook and via Twitter. There is a sign up list in the Findley Hall if you would like a book.

*act justly, love mercy
walk humbly with your God*

Micah 6:8

Important Dates For March

Special Charge Conference 3/8
Daylight Savings Time Begins 3/8
South City Neighborhood Association 3/12
Palm Sunday 3/29



U.M.W. CALL OF PRAYER & SELF DENIAL

The Women of Cedar Chapel will be hosting a Call of Prayer and Self Denial on Friday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m. at Cedar Chapel UMC, 1140 East 47th Street South. They want to invite all church members and friends (men and women) to hear about this great program and to celebrate the meaning of Lent.

The guest speaker will be a member of The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) from the Wichita Police Department. This will be a part of their Mission Outreach and includes women from three churches; Bethany, Mt. Olive and Dawson. A freewill offering will be taken to help support the HOT Program and a simple Lenten meal will follow the program.


Palm Sunday

*Spiritual Warfare
for Everyday Life*



EZEKIEL 37:1-14

...This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you...

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