

Lenten Bible Study Starts March 12

Pastor Rob is announcing a new Bible Study for Lent based on the texts that Handel used to write “The Messiah.”

The book is \$9, only in paperback ("The Messiah The Texts Behind Handel's Masterpiece" by Douglas Connelly) and can be purchased from Amazon. Please order your own copy before coming to our first class on Tuesday, March 12. We will be meeting in the choir room at 7PM.

Prophets prophesied about him. Angels and shepherds rejoiced at his birth. Friends cried for joy at his resurrection. And we still celebrate him today. He is Jesus, the Messiah.

This study guide explores some of the key passages in the Old Testament about the Messiah and their completion in the life and saving work of Jesus. These passages have had a profound effect on the imagination and worship of Christians for two thousand years, leading George Frederic Handel to write one of the greatest expressions of worship and adoration—his oratorio, the *Messiah*.

We hear parts of it sung every year during the Christmas season, but what many listeners fail to realize is that the entire text of Handel's *Messiah* is drawn from Scripture—and many of the Old Testament passages that shaped Israel's hope for their Redeemer are included in that text.

This guide leads you through Scripture passages used in Handel's work that highlight who Jesus is and what he came to do. It might change the way you listen to the *Messiah*. Even more, it might change the way you live.

Spring Fling Coming in March

Mark your calendar for this year's Spring Fling on Friday, March 22nd.

This event, sponsored by the McEver Road UMC Men's Club, will be at 6:30 PM in Stewart Hall. It will include a catered dinner and entertainment by the musical group Georgia. Tickets will be \$15 and should be purchased in advance.

Get your tickets as soon as possible from Florence Smee (678-316-7079, fsmee@yahoo.com).

Pray for General Conference

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church is meeting now through Tuesday in St. Louis. Please continue praying about the Conference and a Way Forward. Please visit this web site to learn more about Praying Our Way Forward: <https://umcprays.org>

Here is another site for keeping up with what's happening: <https://www.ngumc.org/GC2019>

Homeless Offering Today

Today we will collect a special offering for the North GA UMC Housing and Homeless Council. One hundred percent of your contribution will go to ministries serving our neighbors in need. Please mark your special offering as “Homeless” on your check or envelope.

Game Night Coming Soon

Joyful Noise Small Group is organizing a family game night on Friday, March 8 in Stewart Hall.

We'll have board games, cards, etc. for all ages. More details to follow. Contact John Wright (johnwright1950@bellsouth.net) if you or your group wants to help.



Change Is Gonna Do You Good

Community Lenten and Easter Services

Ash Wednesday

March 6, 7PM at Flowery Branch UMC
Chris McCain preaching

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 7PM at McEver Road UMC
Rob Bruce preaching

Good Friday

April 19, 7PM at Oakwood First Baptist
Myles Brown preaching

Easter Sunrise

April 21, 7AM at UNG Oakwood Amphitheater
Sandy Skinner preaching

Meet the Missionaries

Rick and Christie Krueger, missionaries to Germany, will be guests of the Prayer Teams for Wednesday night dinner, February 27th. They will be sharing some of the wonderful things God is doing in Germany. Please plan to attend the soup and salad supper provided by Garry Glenn's Sunday School class and visit with the Kruegers.

Our Service to Others

Last week we had 6 people active in service to 122 individuals, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, home visits (Garry Glenn), Candler UMC (Jean Prezel), Lee Arrendale Prison (Dick Fleming and Lynne Tryon), and mentoring (Dick Fleming, Lynne Tryon, Max and Judy Chosewood).

Please note your service to others this past week on your communications card and place it in the offering plate.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Lisa Crow
Traditional Worship Director

Psalm 95:1 tells us to “Come and sing for joy to the Lord and shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.”

I am blessed with a calling on my life that perfectly matches this precious old Psalm. I come from a family that has raised generations of singers, musicians and ministers. I began studying voice and music theory at age 11, and I knew even then that God was equipping me for a higher purpose.

I traveled with the popular Southern Gospel group “Revelation” as lead singer for twelve years. I’m very proud of this and thankful for the influence this type of music had on me, especially since it helped mold me into the music minister I am today.

I first began serving as a Music Minister when I was 24 years old, and it’s still as fresh and rewarding today as it was then.

I don’t see myself as just a choir director. I am a minister, and music is my vehicle that carries His message to all who hear it. I am humbled and thankful that God chose to use me in this capacity. I strive every day to do better than I did the day before. I am now blessed and honored to have been called to serve with the wonderful people of McEver Road United Methodist Church. My husband, Clay, and I are expecting God to do great things!

My goal for this ministry is to present a music program of excellence that will be a blessing to everyone and pleasing to God. I want to see our choir grow – not only in numbers – but in our walk with Christ. I envision a choir as a close-knit group of followers who love and support each other, hold each other accountable, and join together in perfect harmony as we lead the congregation in genuine praise and worship of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

YOU are invited to come and be part of this exciting and rewarding ministry!

Lisa Crow