

SPRING FESTIVAL of ARTS & CULINARY DELIGHTS

*Saturday, April 1, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*



Please join us in the church social hall for tea, finger sandwiches, and desserts while you browse through our collection of gifts.



Original Creations by Local Artists
Oil and Watercolor Paintings

Stained Glass

Gourmet Baskets

Easter Gifts

Homemade Treats

Handmade Gifts



CHURCH HISTORIAN WANTED

We have some beautiful wooden, hand-made history books that are in dire need of being updated and kept current. We need an historian to record and share our rich church life not only for our future but to celebrate these experiences with our area and regional churches. We have many people willing to donate photos, newspaper articles, etc. Now... if we only had someone to put it all together. Please see Pastor Reuben if you are interested in this important ministry.



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Watsonville, as part of the Church Universal, are committed to Spreading God's abounding Love, Proclaiming Jesus Christ's Message through the Truth of the Gospel by Word and Deed, and Spiritually Growing and Sharing the Gift of the Holy Spirit through Involvement and Interaction with the Diverse Community in which we live. In Faith, Unity; In Opinions, Liberty; In all Things, Love.



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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

BY DR. REUBEN NEGRON

As incredible as it may sound, this coming Wednesday, March 1st, mark's the first day of Lent. It's that time of the year when the days are longer and the nights shorter. Oh, the things that we can accomplish with all that extra daylight. Basically, the word Lent means lengthening (of daylight). However, this term in the a Christian context is very significant because believers all over the world set aside forty days to reflect, prepare, and observe the passion of Christ which eventually leads to His resurrection.

With all that is taking place around the world and in our own personal affairs, what good does it do any of us to reflect, prepare, and observe the passion of Christ? The answer is simple; we become acquainted with and understand the sacrificial suffering of Jesus. We discover Jesus' ministry was and continues to be God's ultimate revelation to humankind.

If Lent is to make any sense, it is then important that we see it as a life changing experience. Lent is an experience of faith that encourages us to reflect on the significance of Christ's sufferings and his longing for God's salvific intervention to be revealed in every human heart. To look back on Jesus' sacrifice can become an in depth experience; one that helps us to value and emulate His transformative attitude. This may be a true challenge for

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