

# THE ENVOY

*...telling the news of Blue Ridge Church*

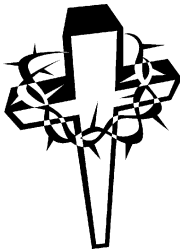
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## **Lenten study continues Sunday**

The second week of Jim's Lenten study series will be this Sunday in the Chapel at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come, regardless of whether you were here last week or this past fall when he shared his slides.



## **Children will attend 9:30 service**

Children's Sunday School classes will not be in session this Sunday, February 27. The children will be attending the 9:30 worship service with their families.

## **Time to think about summer church camp early-bird discount available through April 15**

Registration forms for summer camp are now available in the church office. There is a list of camps on the bulletin board across from the office.

Registration and payment is different this year.



- There is a one page registration that must be accompanied by a \$50.00 deposit. The church is not involved in this step.
- The church becomes involved when you are accepted for the camp and receive "Step 2" forms from the camping office. Vouchers for church scholarships will be included in this packet.

The church scholarship is \$10 per day of camp.

## **Kids-on-a-Mission program resumes March 9**

*Kids-on-a-Mission* will start its spring session beginning March 9. We invite any child in grade 2-5 to come join us! We will be "Celebrating our Differences" and learning about children with disabilities. We meet for dinner at 5:30, bells and music at 6:00 and mission from 6:30-7:30.

As our group continues to grow, it is becoming more costly to feed our hungry crew! We are asking that each child bring \$2.00 on Wednesday nights to be given to the family who provides the meal that night.

Please call the church office or Tammy Bartley at 816-455-6869 to register your child for KOAM. Ms. Linda and Ms. Tammy need to know how many children will be coming so they can plan activities based on the number participating.

## “Walking Jesus’ Path”

Do you know how you came to be at this church? Do you know how you came to be a Christian? The highest probability is that one of two things happened:

First, you “discovered” the church. You didn’t know about it but you came across it, gave it a try and the “rest is history.”

Second, you were invited. You were invited to church by family or friends, or even a co-worker. You were invited to accept Jesus as the Savior who died for you — yes, you. And now He invites you to let Him guide you and love you.

This is the time of the year - spring - and this is the time of the Christian year - Lent - when things can come out of the darkest soil and “break into” beauty.

What is this talking about? How about you inviting someone you care about to church? How about saying, “come and see,” or “come sit with me,” or “I’ll pick you up,” or “meet me there.” If Jesus has been the source of strength, love, support, hope, trust, guidance in your life, how about sharing Him with someone you care about?

Invite someone into Christian fellowship, the church, today. Invite someone to meet Jesus and His caring followers.

... Cheryl

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### World Day of Prayer - March 4

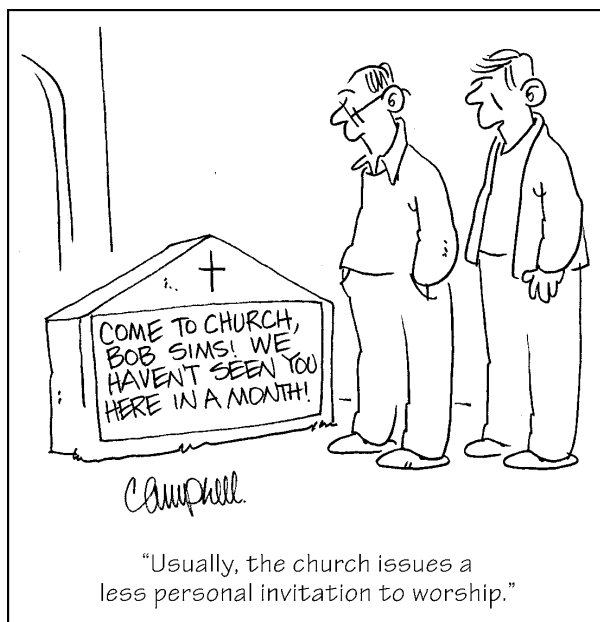
You are invited to use the Chapel Friday, March 4, for personal prayer and meditation. The Chapel will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for you to come and go as you desire.

“An old shell of a building stands in Kybartai City Park. All that remains is a roof supported by cement pillars and walls defaced with graffiti and urine. But when the members of the Kybartai United Methodist Church look at the building, they see a church where in the future they will meet, worship God, grow in their faith and teach their children about faith. In a congregation where fifty percent of the members are unemployed, they have designated ten percent of their offerings for a building fund. They view the old building with possibility and are acting in faith on what they see.”

Jodi & Natalya Cataldo, Lithuania, Missionaries  
Prayer Calendar, 2004

### Mark your calendar for Scout pancake breakfast

You’ll want to be sure and put a **Y** on Saturday, March 12, to remind you to come to the Fellowship Hall for the annual Boy Scout Troop 269 Pancake Breakfast. Watch *The Envoy* for more information.



## Coming Next Week...

### Sunday, February 27

Worship Times: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 or 10:45

- Amish Friendship Bread Table in entry area at south end
- 9:30 a.m., Children attending worship service
- 10:30-10:50 a.m., Angel Choir, Room 110
- 10:40-11:00 a.m., Communion in Chapel
- 4:00 p.m., Lenten Study, Chapel

### Monday, February 28

- 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Break Time Club, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Bible Study, Room 222
- 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts, Hobbs Hall

### Tuesday, March 1

- 7:00 Cub Scouts, Hobbs Hall

### Wednesday, March 2

- 9:30 a.m., Lydia Circle Meeting, Room 222
- 6:30 p.m., Chancel Bells
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Ensemble
- Break Time Club Advisory Board, Room 222
- 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 3

- 10:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study and Issues Group, Room 223
- 6:30 p.m., Alpha

### Friday, March 4

- 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., World Day of Prayer, Chapel

### Saturday, March 5

- 9:00 a.m., UMW Mission Team Meeting, Room 221

## Youth Information:



### Sunday, February 27

- Sunday School Classes  
**NO SNACK SUPPER TONIGHT!**
- 5:00 p.m., Combined youth/worship
- 6:00 p.m., Easter Choir (M/H & S/H)
- 6:30-7:00 p.m., Easter Bells, S/H

## Copies of the *Upper Room* are in entry area

The March/April issue of the *Upper Room* is in the rack on the table in the entry area. A nominal fee of \$1.00 helps defray the cost. However, you can go online and pick up the *Upper Room* for free. You will need to log on at [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org) and then click on 'Daily Devotional Guide' on the right side of that window. You may want to check out other options on the home page. Another easy way to access the *Upper Room* online is to go to our church's web page, [www.blueridgechurch.org](http://www.blueridgechurch.org), then click on 'Daily Devotional.' The *Upper Room* is at your fingertips, whatever method you choose.

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## January 2005 Facts and Figures

Income: . . . . . \$53,523.66

Includes 2005 contributions received in 2004

Paid Expenses: . . . . . \$53,765.62

District Apportionments of \$9,413.00

were paid in full this month.

Remaining Loan Principal . . . . . \$566,782.34

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## Meeting scheduled for ushers on March 13

If you are a Sunday morning usher now or someone who is interested in joining the Usher Team, you will want to mark your calendar for Sunday, March 13, at 3:00 p.m. The Usher Team meeting will be held in Room 222.

## Would you like to join the orchestra?

We will once again have an Easter Orchestra on Easter Sunday, March 27. If you have not played with our orchestra before but would like to join us, please call Linda Mann at 353-4826 for more information.

## ***Pastor's Corner:***

I'd like to return to our recent prayer theme. As we engage the disciplines of Lent, it's good to remember that there is no greater work of spiritual growth than a disciplined prayer life that includes listening to, as well as talking to, God.

You might also remember the following tips in renewing your journey with God in prayer:

1. Pray where you are. God is present with you wherever you might be, and is always ready to listen to you.
2. Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. You will be better able to focus your mind on God when you are free from confusing distractions.
3. Pray to God easily, as you would visit with a friend. Tell God what is on your mind. Share with God what is in your heart.
4. Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thought of your blessings and give thanks for them.
5. Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. God is always near a humble and contrite heart.
6. Pray for the things you need which will make you more Christlike in your everyday living.
7. Pray for others, remembering the situations which make life difficult for them. Pray for the wisdom and strength to add your help to your prayer.
8. Pray for the world and its needs as people seek to live together. Ask God to use you.
9. Pray that God's will may be done in you. God's purposes are deeper and wiser than anything we can ever imagine; open your life to God's movement in you.
10. Pray and then work with God as God begins answering your prayer.

Grace & Peace,                      ...*Jim*

## ***Person to person:***

# **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

***Because the office was closed Monday, The Envoy was printed on Friday. For updated hospital information, call the church office.***

- Our sympathy to the family and friends of Gene Seay for his recent death.
- Lillian Creed wants her church family to know that she really appreciates everyone and thanks all for their cards, prayers, visits and gifts. Everybody sure made her "feel special on her 93rd birthday."

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