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Words from Thomas

Thomas Kleinert

In many ways, [Good Friday](#) is just another Friday. For most of us it's a regular work day; for many students, it's part of Spring break. If you're one of the working people, perhaps you'll have a chance to go to a church during lunch break (Vine Street participates in a community Good Friday service every year; this year it is at 12 noon at

[Hillwood Presbyterian Church](#)); prayer is still the best way to enter the somber reality of a day when we remember the execution of Jesus by Roman authorities, and we wonder why in the world we call that day good.

I think we should wonder a long time before we adopt that name too readily, so eager to wash away with quick answers the horror at what we human beings are capable of doing to each other.

The depth of human rebellion against a merciful God is what I see in the cross, and there's nothing good about that. Institutions of government and religion that were established to uphold justice and practice righteousness, exposed as systems of brutal power, that is what I see in the cross. Perhaps we call that Friday good because it helps us see the truth about ourselves?

Out of the depth of that death, God called forth new life, a new creation, a world in which Christ is alive and the mercy and love of God are known and proclaimed to the ends of the earth. This year, we will have our baptism retreat on Good Friday. The candidates who wish to be baptized on Easter morning, gather at 2pm for an evening of fellowship, study, and worship. Since in baptism we are immersed in Christ's death and resurrection so that we might live in newness of life as members of his church, Good Friday offers itself as a day to reflect on the endings and beginnings we associate with our baptism.

The conclusion of our baptism preparation is a worship pilgrimage modeled after the stations of the cross. We walk in the way of Christ as those who have been called to follow and sent to serve, and our pilgrimage through the rooms and halls of the church is a symbol of our life of discipleship. In past years, that worship was attended only by the baptismal candidates, their parents, the Elders, and the ministerial staff. This year, we open it to the entire congregation as part our Good Friday observance. The way of the cross begins at 7pm in the fellowship hall, we travel in groups, and we all arrive in the sanctuary shortly after 8pm for a time of prayer. I believe this will be very meaningful to our baptismal candidates as they conclude their preparation for baptism and church membership, and I know that it will be equally meaningful for the rest of us who seek to know the depth from which the joy of Easter rises.

Special Events

Spring Fling, March 7-9 This spring retreat is for 9th-12th graders.

March 16—Baptism Retreat at 2:00, Church-Wide Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

March 22 at 2:00—TNT Party—Details inside.

March 23 at 8:30 a.m.—Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast

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Along Vine Street

Allison Lanza received a call to work at St. Andrew's Christian Church in Kansas City. She will begin in late July. Congratulations, Allison!

Pat Bentrup is the proud grandmother of **John De-La-Croix Bentrup**, born February 26th, weighing 8lb, 2oz, 20 inches long. His parents are **Benjamin** and **Amelia Bentrup** of Rhode Island. John is the youngest of three.

Rob McRight, a youth sponsor, is on a study tour to Bangladesh.

Laura O'Donnell, a youth sponsor, is on a mission trip to Nicaragua.

On Saturday, March 1, **Valerie Forstman**, daughter of **Shirley** and **Jack Forstman**, was ordained to Christian ministry at the Midway Hills Christian Church in Dallas, TX. Her parents and brother, Paul, were present for the event. In last Spring's commencement at the Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University she was awarded the Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible with distinction. Congratulations, Valerie!

Pat Bentrup had knee replacement surgery and is now at Nashville Rehabilitation Hospital, room #146

Frank Nkosso will be in Kinshasa, Congo for about a month to see his wife and family. We have been praying since last summer that she would be able to join him here, but there have been delays with her visa process (3/3).

Todd Edwards, son of **Linda** and **Mark**, is now Dr. Todd! He completed his doctoral work in human genetics at Vanderbilt. Congratulations!

On March 10th **Bob Grimm** will be 90 years old. This coming Saturday, March 8th, all of his family here in Nashville and relatives from Illinois, Georgia and North Carolina will be coming to help him celebrate. Happy Birthday, Bob!

good friday

+ community worship
Hillwood Presbyterian Church
12 noon

+ baptism retreat
Vine Street Christian Church
2pm

+ way of the cross
Vine Street Christian Church
7pm



Christian Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, March 11 in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for our program at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00. The program details will be announced later this week via e-mail.

TNT Party & Easter Egg Hunt

March 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Wear your Easter bonnet and come prepared to hide eggs, lead crafts, and celebrate New Life.

TNT or Teens and Twenties is a ministry that blesses the givers as much as the receivers, our friends with special needs. [Read more.](#)

The Very First Weekend of Compassion

...will take place April 11-13 in Nashville, TN at the historic Scarritt-Bennett Center. WeekEnd is designed for Disciples to have time and space away, for one weekend, to exchange ideas about outreach, compassion and justice, and mission – and then leave restored, inspired, and ready to go back to their own contexts. Everyone is welcome, although we are especially hoping that outreach lay leaders, young adults, and seminarians will participate. Through worship, preaching, music, meals, workshops, panel discussions, and Bible study, we will explore and celebrate the various ways Week of Compassion has responded to suffering and how it has helped so many implement their own ideas to confront needs in their respective communities and around the world. There will also be a pre-event service build with Habitat for Humanity on Friday afternoon.

Please check out www.weekendofcompassion.org – and let us know if you have any questions. We hope you'll promote this event through your regional newsletter or other appropriate venue, and that you will encourage folks from your regions to attend. Thank you for your partnership with us!

Glen Stewart

Notes from the Choir Room

Julia Callaway

Youth Sunday Worship was a meaningful experience. We express our thanks and appreciation for the many hours the youth and their leaders spent in preparation. Lots of musicians participated in the service: Andra, TEAM, Ben Harper, Children's Choir, Pickles Steeves, and Susan and Kyle Matthews.

It was good to see the whole youth group plus adult leaders (including Hope and Thomas) singing together on a special song written by Kyle Matthews.

A large number of visiting youth were present for the service, an excellent demonstration of how important it is to invite your friends to worship at Vine Street – and bring them with you if necessary!

Unmuzzling the Dogma, recently written and published by Tom Peake is now available. Tom plans to bring copies to coffee hour next Sunday, March 9th.

Worship on March 9th Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude **Julia Callaway, Organist**
Out of the Depths I Cry to You (Psalm 130)
Arr. Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Sermon **Thomas Kleinert**

Lectionary Scriptures
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Hymns

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Breathe on Me, Breath of God
8:30 *The Voice of Jesus Calls His People*
In Suff'ring Love

Musical Gifts **Chancel Choir**
When Jesus Wept, William Billings

Musical Gifts **Joyful Noise**
Just a Closer Walk with Thee, Anonymous

Postlude **Julia Callaway**
Toccata in E Minor, Johann Pachelbel

Scheduled to Serve

Elders

8:30 service	Shirley Forstman
Dedication	Joe Keith
Bread&Cup	Michael Ligon
Visit shut-ins	Joe Keith
Visit shut-ins	Michael Ligon
Lead Vespers (Wed)	Joann Reynolds

Deacons

Prepare Communion	Lent
Open Church	Sara Tarpley
Greet	John Cauthen
Greet	Marcie Nash
Clean-up	Jennifer Jafari
Clean-up	Magan Jafari
Shut-ins	Eric Hutton
Shut-ins	Sue Richards
Phone 9:15-10:45	Cindy Crenshaw
Phone 10:45-12:15	Alice Cannon

Other

8:30 Greeters	D. & M.A. Schellhardt
Extended Session	Sue & Chris Richards
Sound System (JN)	Jim Carls
Financial Steward	
Call & Scripture	
Coffee Hour	Choir - Julia Callaway
Building lock-up	Shelton Pilkinton

Deacons to Serve Communion

East	West
Sarah Spencer	Sara Tarpley
Marcie Nash	Jennifer Jafari
Sarah Spencer	Magan Jafari
John Cauthen	Eric Hutton

Deacons and Elders—Please view the [Online Serving schedule](#) for 2008.



Family at Vine Street

We express our thanks for all cards, notes, and other expressions of concern and sympathy during the illness and death of my brother. We are grateful to God for our Vine Street family.

Martha Bishop

Interfaith Celebration

to Continue Dr. King's Work for Living Wages

Sunday, March 9th, 3 p.m.

@ Southside Community Church (2080 12th Ave. South)

Keynote Address by Reverend Jerry Maynard,
Metro Councilman At-Large

On February 11, 1968 1300 sanitation workers – predominantly African American men – went on strike in Memphis, demanding the right to organize, decent wages, and dignity in work. Forty percent of the workers qualified for welfare, even though they worked fulltime.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. saw the situation in Memphis as integral to the Poor People's Movement for economic and racial justice, and came to Memphis, throwing himself into the struggle. Too often we focus on Dr. King's death and forget why he came to Memphis in the first place. Forty years later, we remember this campaign for the dignity and humanity of all people, and come together to continue to advocate for fair working conditions for all in our own community. Join with others in Nashville as we pray for, celebrate, and expand our efforts for economic and racial equality.

Going Green Isn't Always Easy

Going green is not going to be easy in a building designed when we thought the planet would keep up with our lifestyles forever. However, we have decided that we should simply do our best and change the things we can to help protect our environment. You have already seen some changes, such as compact florescent light bulbs appearing here and there, and real dishes on the table replacing the Styrofoam plates we used in the past. We are going to miss these little conveniences too, but we've made the choice to make a difference.



We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

These are very small steps to take, compared to what needs to be done, and your great, great, great grandchildren will thank you for it!

Time Changes March 9th

Don't forget to spring forward!

Agenda

Wednesday—March 5

- 5:15p.m. Youth Lenten Supper Series
- 5:15p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Vespers
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 6:15 p.m. TEAM
- 7:00 p.m. Lent Book Group in Thomas' Study

Thursday—March 6

- 5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday—March 7

CYF Spring Fling through the 9th

Sunday—March 9

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Join Vine Street Members for Coffee in the Fellowship Hall
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Group (ChiRho Only)

Monday—March 10

- 6:00 p.m. CWF Night Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Official Board and Elder's Meeting

Tuesday—March 11

- 7:30 a.m. Vine Street Men's Group - Nashville
- 10:00 a.m. Hope and Joy Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Circle of Friends
- 11:00 a.m. CWF program
- 12:00 p.m. CWF Luncheon
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m. Serenity Circle in the Youth Kitchen

Wednesday—March 12

- 5:15p.m. Youth Lenten Supper Series
- 5:15p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Vespers
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 6:15 p.m. TEAM
- 7:00 p.m. Lent Book Group in Thomas' Study

Thursday—March 13

- 5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday—March 16

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Join Vine Street Members for Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday—March 19

- 5:30 p.m. Vespers
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 7:00 p.m. Lent Book Group in Thomas' Study

Thursday—March 20

- 5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday—March 21

CYF Spring Fling through the 10th

- 2:00 p.m. Baptism Retreat
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Saturday—March 22

- 2:00 p.m. TNT Party - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday—March 23 - Easter Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Join Vine Street Members for Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

Dated Church Material
Please deliver by March 5



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(Saturdays/Sundays only)

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Bethany Hills Summer Camp

Schedule for 2008

June 2008

CYF Conference - Sunday, June 01, 2008 - Saturday, June 07, 2008

Camp for youth who have completed 9-12th Grades

Discovery Camp - Sunday, June 08, 2008 - Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Camp for those completing grades 2 - 3

Firsters Camp - Thursday, June 12, 2008 - Saturday, June 14, 2008

Camp for those completing grades K-1

Eighters Camp - Sunday, June 29, 2008 - Saturday, July 05, 2008

Camp for 8th graders

July 2008

Junior Camp - Sunday, July 06, 2008 - Thursday, July 10, 2008

Camp for those who have finished grades 4-5

Family Retreat - Thursday, July 10, 2008 - Sunday, July 13, 2008

Retreat for all ages.

Chi Rho Camp - Sunday, July 20, 2008 - Friday, July 25, 2008

Camp for those completing grades 6-7

Hope Camp - Sunday, July 27, 2008 - Wednesday, July 30, 2008

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