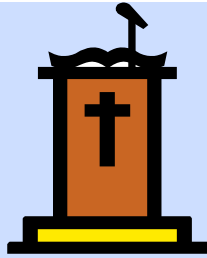


The ARK of New Beginnings Church

March 4, 2009

This Sunday...

In the Pulpit



New Beginnings welcomes Luke Choi

Luke Choi is the pastor of the Japanese Church of Christ in Salt Lake City, where he has served since 2005.

Luke is married to Jenis and their two sons, Stephen and Joshua and thoroughly enjoys all the best that SLC has to offer. He is a great fan of the Cowboys, Texas Rangers, Mavricks and Stars, but he is most passionate about his ultimate hero, the one and only Savior, Jesus Christ.



The Message...



"Prayer Part 1: Sinner's Prayer"

Luke says, "It is glorifying to God when a sinner's prayer is answered."

By using examples from Psalm 3,

Many are saying of me, 'God will not deliver him.'

and

2 Samuel 12:9,

Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes?

Luke assures us that "God listens to our obedient hearts."

You are a shield around me O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from His holy hill.

"From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people."

Customs of Lent

There are traditionally forty days in Lent which are marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities, and by other acts of penance. The three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigor during Lent are prayer (justice towards God), fasting (justice towards self), and almsgiving (justice towards neighbor). Today, some people give up a vice of theirs, add something that will bring them closer to God, and often give the time or money spent doing that to charitable purposes or organizations.

In many liturgical Christian denominations, Maundy Thursday (also called "Holy Thursday," especially by Roman Catholics), Good Friday, and Holy Saturday form the Easter Triduum. Lent is a season of grief that necessarily ends with a great celebration of Easter. It is known in Eastern Orthodox circles as the season of "Bright Sadness." It is a season of sorrowful reflection which is punctuated by breaks in the fast on Sundays.

The Lenten semi-fast may have originated for practical reasons: during the era of subsistence agriculture in the West as food stored away in the previous autumn was running out or had to be used before it went bad in store, and little or no new food-crop was expected soon (compare the period in Spring which British gardeners call the "hungry gap").

In the Roman Catholic mass, Lutheran Divine Service, and Anglican Eucharist, the Gloria in Excelsis Deo is not sung during the Lenten season, disappearing on Ash Wednesday and not returning until the moment of the Resurrection during the Easter Vigil. On major feast days, the Gloria in Excelsis Deo is recited, but this in no way diminishes the penitential character of the season; it simply reflects the joyful character of the Mass of the day in question. It is also used on Maundy Thursday. Likewise, the Alleluia is not sung during Lent; it is replaced before the Gospel reading by a seasonal acclamation.

Prior to 1970, the last two weeks of Lent were known as Passiontide, which began on Passion Sunday. All statues (and in England paintings as well) in the church were veiled in purple. This was in accordance with the Passion Sunday Gospel (John 8:46-59) in which Jesus "hid himself" from the people. The veils were removed at the singing of the Gloria during the Easter Vigil. Following Vatican II, and in the Reformed Calendar of 1970, Passiontide was discontinued. Passion Sunday is now the Fifth Sunday in Lent and religious images are no longer veiled. Traditionalist Catholics and Anglo-Catholics continue to observe Passiontide.

Traditionally, the Alleluia was omitted at Mass beginning at Septuagesima, but in the Missal of Paul VI (1969) promulgated after the Second Vatican Council it is retained until Ash Wednesday. The older practice is retained in the Missal of John XXIII (1962) which is attended by traditionalists.

In the Byzantine rites, the Gloria (Great Doxology) continues to be used in its normal place in the Matins service, and the Alleluia appears all the more frequently, replacing "God is the Lord" at Matins.

NBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

February Schedule:

3/5 Open Discussion
3/12 Bible Study
3/19 Open Discussion
3/26 Bible Study



***All women are welcome
without regard to faith, beliefs or denomination.***

Fellowship will be held at Ginger Rast's house:
Please call the office 801-302-3322 for directions.

***"Friends come and friends go,
but a true friend sticks by you
like family"***

For further information about our events and activities, contact Women's Ministry Leader, Edrie Bridenbaugh.

Proverbs 18:24 (The Message translation)

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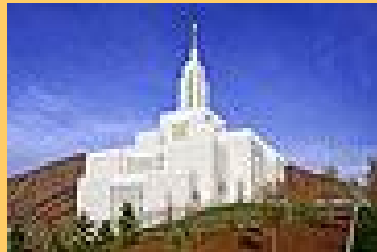
March 7, Saturday---

Women's Ministry - sponsored tour of the LDS Draper Temple.

We will tour in a group.

If you aren't already signed up but would like to go, contact Edrie a.s.a.p.-- there are a few more spaces.

Children, other family members, and friends are welcome!



Going Deep

March 27-29, 2009

A weekend in God's Word

Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church

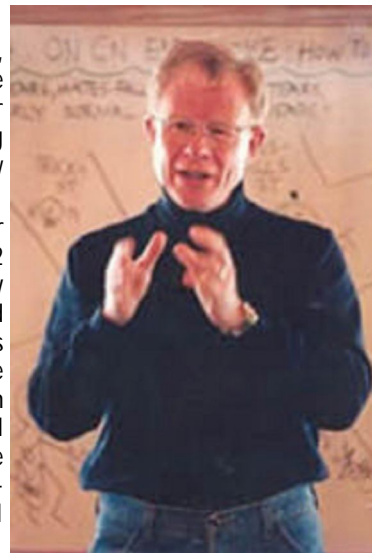
Welcomes

Dr. Dale Bruner

Dale Bruner

Internationally acclaimed author, conference speaker and teacher, Dale Bruner is known for his passion for the gospel and his ability to bring clarity, color and surprising new insight to scripture.

He brought the Bible to life for students at Whitworth College for 22 years, at Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines for 11 years and has spoken at hundreds of churches all over the country. His two-volume commentary on Matthew has been described as a "theological masterpiece"—both comprehensive and simple... "by far the best combination of fresh insight, biblical grounding and practical reality."



Going Deep

Regardless of your Bible knowledge, if you are interested in unpacking the scripture or looking at historical perspectives as well as practical applications for today, this conference is for you.

Dr. Bruner has a unique ability to bring the scripture alive for young people and for the young at heart. Both scholar and student will leave this user-friendly conference full of fresh insights.

Jump In

With Dale Bruner, going deep into scripture is an experience you will never forget. Using his extensive knowledge of the Gospels, he will take you to new depths—understanding things that God said and you can take to heart.

Friday, March 27th, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

The Deepest Coming John 1:1-18

Saturday, March 28th, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

The Deepest Teaching Luke 15

Saturday, March 28th, 10:45-12:00

The Deepest Healing John 9

Sunday, March 29th, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services:

Dr. Bruner will be preaching on **The Deepest Going**.

His text will be **Matthew 27:45-56**



Church Women United

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women

Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU's
Human Rights Celebration 2009

When: **Friday, March 13, 2009 (2nd Friday)**

Time: 9:30 a.m. Reg; 10:00 - 1:00 Program & Lunch

Where: **Centenary United Methodist Church**

1740 South 500 East (Salt Lake City)

Theme: **"Seeking Shalom"**

Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$4.00

Community Outreach: TBD

Offering: Used for CWU National Programs:

Checks need to be made payable to:

Church Women United

Lunch RSVP: To **Barbara Stone at 262-1109** or

**Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz
at 272-5356**

by Monday, March 9

This is a wonderful ecumenical gathering and an opportunity to learn and grow spiritually and personally.

Hope to see you there.



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