

Our Mission

We are an open and welcoming community that God calls and the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the kingdom of God*

Proclaiming the Message

Mark 1:29-39



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Epiphany 5B, Feb 4, 2024

Theme: Preaching

The lectionary text for today begins as Jesus and his entourage move from the synagogue to Simon and Andrew's home. According to the Mark gospel, it is still the sabbath. There, they find Simon's mother-in-law sick with a fever. The day ends with Jesus healing several people and driving out many evil spirits. For all of them, it must have been a grueling day.

The next morning, Jesus arises and finds a quiet secluded place for prayer. I am sure he had to spend some time gathering his thoughts. Perhaps he reviewed the last few months and the events leading up to that morning.

After his baptism, he had spent a bit over a month in the desert struggling with the devil as he attempted to figure out the nature of his identity. Did he know when he left the haunted desert, he was beginning the last three years of his life? He returns to the northern part of Israel, and by the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum, he finds several of the men who would follow him through to his death and resurrection. They join him at the synagogue that sabbath.

Absorbed in his thoughts, Simon and the rest of his followers find him. One can feel the excitement coming from their words as they say, "Everyone is searching for you." Jesus simply answers, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."

I am sure the next hours, and perhaps days, were filled with feverish preparations. Remember, there were no grocery stores, Holiday Inns, or fast food restaurants where they were going. The Galilean countryside was mostly populated by small farms and shepherds with small villages interspersed. There might be a few markets in the villages depending on the season, but the company moving from one place to another would have to bring their provisions with them.

Preaching is a process. It begins with preparation. Just as the company who went with Jesus through those rural villages had to prepare, one who preaches must gather the elements of their message.

The message, if it is to be effective, must have contained in it:

1. Excitement.
2. Knowledge of what the needs of the people to which the message is to be directed.
3. Gathered research with the results containing actual resources people need.
4. One must be willing to travel to the people.
5. Knowledge that God is with them whatever happens.

Come worship with us at First Christian Church where we will consider our preparations for preaching the good news of the Christ.

VALENTINE'S DAY LIST 2024, CWF

**Jim Kimbly, Vyrdel Basye, Vivian Turnbow, Rick Dooley
Dottie Golson, Sam Jones, Karen Renfro, Donna Hays**

CWF will be visiting these homebound and assisted living members on Thursday, February 8th to deliver Valentine's Day cards! Everyone is welcome to add a card for our friends!

****Also consider sending a Valentine's Day card to our out-of-town members, as well as those people listed on our 'Prayer Concerns' list in the newsletter. Contact any CWF member or Gretta in the office for addresses.**

Coffee Connection

We have Hosts for Coffee Connection until Feb. 25th. If you Are available for Feb. 25th or any Sunday in March, please stop by the bulletin board in the CLC lobby and sign up! If you have the time, please know that you need not pay for items out of pocket. A Walmart card will be provided. Thank you!



Prayer Concerns and Praises

Prayers for the family of Walter Hicklin.

Prayers for Heaven Martin, friend of Krystal S.

Prayers for Jim Metcalf, Chris & Melvin's friend.

Prayers for Emberlynn, Sierra Alley's daughter.

Prayers for Theresa Schibi's daughter, friends of the Goodwin's from the Clothes Closet.

Prayers for Steve, friend of Grab 'N Go.

Prayers for Jimmy & Brian Petty, Janice Wolff's friends.

Prayers for Phillip Bodenhamer.

Prayers for Brenda Dougherty, Kristal's mother.

Prayers for Andy Gosney and family.

Prayers for Kathy's nephews, Eric Mueller and Trevor Browning.

Prayers for Ann Patterson Scott.

Prayers for Rick Dooley.

Prayers for Melvin's cousin, Erin Rogers.

Prayers for the Basye family.

Prayers for Ed and Bubbles Goodwin, Bill's parents.

Prayers for the Search & Call Committee.

Prayers for our members who are homebound, in an assisted living community and nursing homes.

Praises for Teresa Spear who will be ordained in February.

February Birthdays

1 – Mike Revels
2 – Anita Grigsby
5 – Janette Howard
6 – Madison Walsh
6 – Skylar Beebe
8 – Alex Etter
9 – Karen Renfro
9 – Jennifer Dunn
10 – Ben Etter
14 – Carrie Cromer
15 – Dale Matherly
16 – Keegan Newberry
20 – Ray Fitterling
20 – Bonnie Etter
25 – Andie Holdren
25 – Jack Holdren
26 – Philip Dougherty
27 - Bryce Seigfreid

February Anniversaries

11 – Allen & Victoria Charles



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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday January 31

11:00 to 12:00 – Grab ‘N Go Lunch

6:00 – Young Adults Meet-Greet-Eat

6:00 – Adult Bible Class in the Parlor

Thursday February 1

11:00 to 12:00 – Devotion & Singing at
Warrensburg Manor

No Harmonayres Practice

Friday February 2

9:00 – Bell Choir Practice

Sunday February 4

9:15 – Sunday School

9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

10:15 – Coffee Connection in the CLC lobby

10:45 – Celebration Service in the CLC

Tuesday February 6

6:30 – Advisory Council meets

Wednesday February 7

11:00 to 12:00 – Grab ‘N Go Lunch

6:00 – Young Adults Meet-Greet-Eat

6:00 – Adult Class in the Parlor



Welcome to our newest members!

Meet Roger & Liz Coleman

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About Elizabeth (Liz) and Roger Coleman

Liz and Roger Coleman met in Columbia, Missouri in 1970 when Roger was in graduate school and Liz was attending Stephen's College. They were married in 1972.

The Colemans have three daughters – Lauren (Omaha, NE), Amy (San Francisco, CA) and Annelise (Buxton, NC). They also have six grandchildren.

Both Liz and Roger are retired Disciples of Christ ministers.

About Liz Coleman

Liz Coleman graduated from St. Paul School of Theology in 1986. She was ordained that same year at Community Christian Church in Kansas City.

Prior to her seminary training, Liz directed a child-care center and taught pre-school at several locations including Broadway Methodist Church. Following seminary, she was named director of United Campus Ministries at the University of Missouri/Kansas City campus, a position she held for ten years (1987-1997).

In addition, Liz was the primary minister overseeing weddings for the Jackson County Department of Records at the Old Courthouse on the Square in Independence. She performed this ministry for almost 30 years.

In 2015, Liz and Roger moved to North Carolina to assist their daughter and grandchildren.

About Roger Coleman

Roger Coleman was ordained in 1968 following his graduation from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University.

For over 40 years, he directed a series of church-sponsored community service organizations in the mid-town area of Kansas City, Missouri.

Roger also served the Swope Park Christian Church as interim pastor at the time of its merger with West Paseo Christian Church, one of the first mergers of two racially different churches in America (1979).

After moving to North Carolina, Roger was named director of the area's ecumenical food pantry. He was also elected to the Town Council in Edenton, North Carolina, a position he held for four years until retiring from office.

Recently Roger and Liz moved back to Missouri, locating in Warrensburg because it is the original home of Liz's family – The Cockrells - and because of its active Christian Church community.