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# The Fishing Line

News and Notes from Troy Christian Church



## *From the Youth Minister*

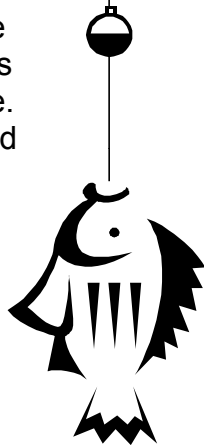


By this time in life, I'm sure that most of us are familiar with the crucifixion scene in Luke 23. There are three men hanging on crosses in this story. The first one is blameless, perfect, and not guilty; Jesus. The two other men were both criminals and were justly receiving their execution. Yet, these two men responded to God very differently. I believe that Luke chose to mention these two men solely for the purpose of pointing out their opposite reactions to Christ. One of the men joined along with everybody else in hurling insults and mocking Jesus. The other man rebuked him and confessed that due to his own sins he was justly being sentenced, but defended that Jesus was pure. That man's last recorded words were, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Who do you most identify with in this story? I know we would all like to identify with Jesus and be the perfect and the blameless, but in honesty, we all screwed that up years ago and have no choice but to identify with one of the two criminals. So, if we have to identify with one of the two criminals, without observing our lives, we assumedly identify with the man who humbly accepts Jesus. This makes sense, because his reward is paradise, and who wouldn't want that?

Unfortunately, I think that if we do take that step back and really observe the way we respond to Christ, we rarely identify with the humble man, but instead carry many characteristics of the man who hurled insults at God. I believe that man found it easier to side with the crowd; after all, they were all insulting Jesus too. Maybe he believed it would have been crazy to stand out against the crowd. Maybe it was a last ditch effort; he possibly thought that if the crowd accepted him, they would take him down off the cross. I'm not sure exactly what he thought, but I do know that the man was hanging on a cross, his life fully exposed before men, and that still wasn't enough to humble himself before God. His pride, selfishness, and human understanding blocked his view of the only true path to life. Notice, **both men asked Christ to save them**, but only the one who boldly stood out and humbly accepted Jesus and all of his sovereignty as the Lord, was assured of life.

Adam





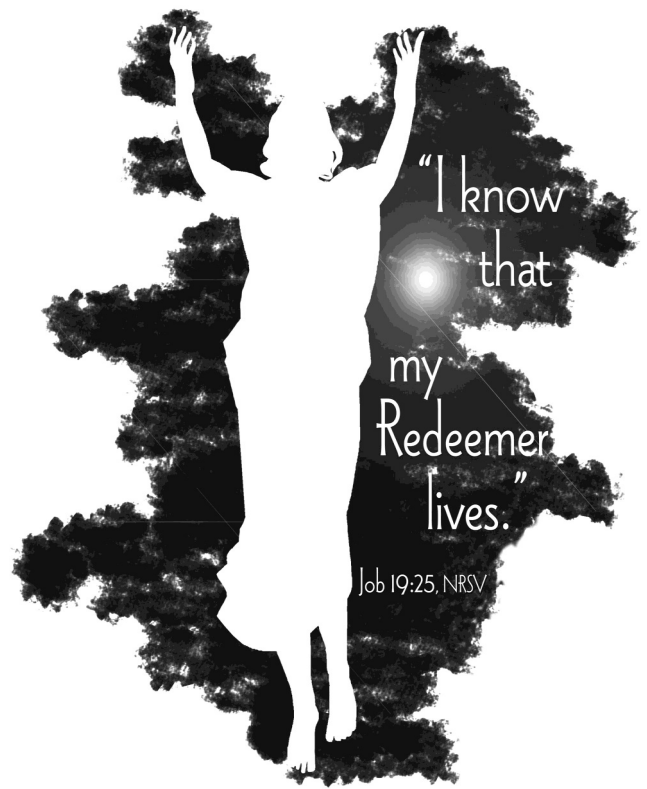
## Amaryllis

Early one spring, I planted a couple of dozen amaryllis bulbs. With great anticipation, I watched for blooms. But weeks turned into months before the first sign of life appeared. By the end of summer, the bed of pink flowers I'd envisioned was nothing more than a scattering of green leaves.

So I pulled them all up to make room for other plants. I wasn't about to waste another growing season.

Imagine my surprise the following spring, when a single delicate amaryllis blossom appeared. My delight quickly turned to dismay - for I realized I'd given up too soon. Had I the least bit of patience or a little faith, I might have had a glorious garden.

Then I wondered: Are there other things or people I give up on too soon? What might a little patience and faith do for a difficult relationship or troublesome circumstances?  
- Kari Myers (adapted from Homiletics)



## BABY SHOWER



### For Janie Simpson

April 3rd, 2:00 p.m. at the church  
All ladies are invited

## RED WHEEL Fundraiser

The 6th-12th graders will be selling Red Wheel food items April 3-17 to raise money for Eminence and CIY.

**Thank you for supporting our youth!**



### For Lisa Speaks

April 16th at 3:00 p.m.

at the church

Lisa is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, and Dillard's



## Easter Sunday, April 24

Sunrise Service 6:45 a.m.

At the 4H pond

~Please bring lawn chairs~

1st Worship Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

2nd Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

## Serving In April

**April 3:** Greeters: Bill & Wanda Simmons; Time Of Prayer: Jill Huss; Elder: Rick Simmons; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Adam & Sarah Kretzinger, Brandon Caudle; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Steve & Chris Adams; Stewards: Bruce Whetstine, Danny King (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs snack helpers April 6: Georgette Miner, Cindy Rush.

**April 10:** Greeters: Bob & Debbie Smith; Time Of Prayer: Adam Kretzinger; Elder: Steve Adams; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Neil, Mlle, Calli Caudle; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Jennifer & Jason Whetstine; Stewards: Tom Etherton, Gene Speaks (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs snack helpers April 13: Cara Jeschke, Barbara Goss, Cindy Rush.

**April 17:** Greeters: Mary & Terry Simpson; Time Of Prayer: Wanda Jenkins; Elder: J.D. Euler; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Sherman, Mary Jane, Katie Smith; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Becky Etherton, Holly Uplinger; Stewards: John Wiedmer, Susan Goss (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs snack helpers April 20: Georgette Miner, Cindy Rush.

**April 24:** Greeters: J.D. & Peg Euler; Time Of Prayer: Jared Pickerell; Elder: Tom Speaks; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: David & Carla Johnson, Maggie Johnson; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Craig & Robyn Johnson; Stewards: Barbara Goss, Terry Simpson (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs snack helpers April 27: Cara Jeschke, Mary Ruth Ruddy, Cindy Rush.

**Serving This Month:** Communion: Karen Wetmore, Pam Kostman; Sunday School Nursery: Chad & Maggie Winder For a ride to church call: Bill Simmons 985-3901.

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

Matthew 28:6



## Mark Your Calendar!!!

**April 3:** Baby shower for Janie Simpson at 2:00 p.m. at the church. All ladies are invited.

**April 3-17** the 6th-12th graders will be selling Red Wheel food items.

**April 4:** Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage

**April 16:** Bridal shower for Lisa Speaks at 3:00 p.m. at the church. All ladies are invited.

**April 18:** Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

**April 24:** EASTER Sunrise Service at the 4H pond (please bring lawn chairs) 6:45 a.m.; 1st Worship Service 8:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; 2nd Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



**April 3:** Pete Smith, Associate Minister, Central Christian Church

**April 10:** Rick Randleman, Youth Minister, Central Christian Church

**April 17:** Adam Kretzinger

**April 24:** Easter: Roger Charley, Campus Minister, University of Iowa

## Weekly Statistics

Our Giving	Attendance
Feb. 27: \$2344.00	164
March 6: \$3,790.16	159
March 13: \$2625.10	167
March 20: \$3,379.44	173
March 27: \$2,185.25	156
Church Budget: \$201,690.00	
Needed per Sunday: \$3,878.65	
Building Fund: \$31,431.75	

## APRIL

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Josh Smith	17 Mary Ruth Ruddy, Chris Winkel
5 Corey Kostman, Hannah Simpson, Hayden Thomsen	19 Kevin McConnaughey, Donna Simp- son
6 Whitlea Klaus, Garrett Meng	21 Bob Smith
8 Dustin Ferris	23 Bruce Whetstine, Cole Jarrett
9 Rick Jeschke, Avery Kostman, Pam McConnaughey	24 John & Patty Wiedmer, Jarred Whit- sell
10 Derek & Stacy Trant	25 Trae & Tanner Shelton
12 Kipp Jasper, Natalie Snead	26 Corey & Katie Kostman
13 Susan Goss, Bob & Debbie Smith, Dale Wetmore	27 Kyra Johnson
14 Craig Johnson, Chris Veraguth	28 Adam & Sarah Kretzinger
15 Barbara Speaks, Laura Jeschke	30 Gregg & Cyndi Miller

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Sundays: 1st Service 8:00 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 2nd Service 10:30 a.m., 7th-12th Grade Youth Group 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: KICKS for K-6th graders 3:40-5:15 p.m.

