

COASTAL QUICKNOTES

April 16, 2008

☞ **A note from Pastor Don** - Today is the one-year anniversary of the shootings at Va Tech. The suffering of so many continues on – parents, brothers, sisters, friends, relatives. Here is a prayer for those who are surprised by suffering:

God of justice, God of mercy, bless all those who are surprised with pain from suffering caused by their own weakness or that of others. Let what we suffer teach us to be merciful; let our sins teach us to forgive. This we ask through the intercession of Jesus and all who died forgiving those who oppressed them. Amen.

☞ Coastal Church invites you to celebrate the return of our resurrected Lord to heaven on **Ascension Thursday**, May 1, 7pm.. Ascension Thursday is observed on the church calendar 40 days after the resurrection in remembrance of the length of time that Jesus spent with His disciples teaching them before His return to the Father. In this service we will remember that we are fed from heaven by the Christ who died for us and in sympathy rules over all things for His own glory and our good, often referred to as the “heavenly session of Christ.”

☞ **“Life in the Spirit”**—During the days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday we think of the promise of the Holy Spirit and the church’s need for heaven’s help to fulfill our mission and bring true satisfaction to our restless hearts. During this time Pastor Don is teaching on the ministry of the Holy Spirit, focusing on ten verbs from the Bible that describe the Spirit’s work. Seven verbs have an inward focus—Creating, Revealing, Redeeming (this Sunday’s message), Indwelling, Transforming, Filling, Overcoming. Three verbs have an outward focus—Gifting, Sending, Glorifying. Ignorance of how God works is a luxury we cannot afford. That is why Jesus taught His disciples during the 40 days before He returned to heaven. He still teaches us through the writing and traditions passed on by those very same disciples who walked with Him all those days before He returned to heaven. Join with us in this fifty day adventure.

☞ **“Dust to Glory”** – The home fellowship group is viewing the series by RC Sproul titled “Dust to Glory”, a through-the-Bible survey of each book of the Bible. Dr. Sproul explores the major themes, events, and people in the Bible. *Dust to Glory* provides a panorama of biblical truth and a starting point to help you understand the content of the Bible. Each video is 20-25 minutes in length followed by a discussion and fellowship time. Each Sunday study sheets are available on the Info Table for the following Wednesday study.

☞ **This next Sunday** is the fifth Sunday (of seven) of the Easter season, a season we will observe until Pentecost Sunday on May 11. The readings are from Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Pt 2:4-9, and Jn 14:1-12. If you desire to read and pray over these passages in preparation for Sunday’s worship, your spirit could be alive and alert to hear freshly God’s Word

☞ **“Hiding From Love”**, Tuesday, April 22, 7 PM—This is an adult spiritual/emotional growth opportunity sponsored by DivorceCare and featuring the teaching of Dr. John Townsend in his new book by the same name and video presentation. Learn how to move beyond what protected you as a child but imprisons you as an adult and blocks the experience of healing grace. There will be a potluck supper at 6:30 pm. Sign up this Sunday for what you can bring. All are welcome. Continue to pray for the DivorceCare ministry. Twelve are now attending and making significant growth decisions.

☞ **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** - A two-person adaptation of this work by CS Lewis will be performed at Eastern Nazarene College Friday, April 25 at 7:30 and Saturday, April 26 at 3pm and 7:30pm by two players from The Friends of the Groom Christian Theatre

Company, a Cincinnati-based professional theater company committed to communicating the Christian message through the theater arts. Interested in going as a group? General admission is \$10, and if sufficient numbers sign up group rates will become available.



The **2008 Global Days of Prayer** will be observed beginning May 1, Ascension Thursday and continuing to May 11, Pentecost Sunday. The GDOP is a worldwide prayer phenomenon. These ten days correspond to the ten days the original disciples waited upon God for the overflow of His empowering Spirit who fell upon the Church on that tenth day and gave her the capacity for effective impact and life transforming ministry. Though the Holy Spirit has come, it is right for us to seek fresh empowering that lifts us up above the ordinary that men can do and brings the extraordinary that only God can do.

☞ **Coastal Prays for the Nations** - Each week Coasters pray for five nations. This week the nations are Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom & United States Of America. As a guide to effective prayer, Operation World by Patrick Johnstone can be used.

☞ **Happy birthday to:**
Roger Williams 4/20

☞ Go to the coastalchurch.com for the latest news and updates. Click on the News/Upcoming Events button on the Get Connected drop down menu.

☞ Don't forget to stop by Pastor Don's blog at www.donbryant.wordpress.com to read and respond.

☞ *Thanks to our ministry teams who are helping us this Sunday:*

Nursery: Beth Sage
Children's Church: Robyn Waterman (age 4-grades 1)
Kid Company: Ellen LePage
Youth: Michele Golden

And thank you for:

Power Point: Barbara Ferreira
Sound: Dick Golden
Lector: Ellen LePage
Refreshments for this week: Robyn Waterman
Coffee for this week: Andy McCabe
Refreshments for next week: Ellen LePage
Coffee for next week: Jane Lawton

Cleaning for this week: Team #2
Roger Williams, Warren Poole
Cleaning for next Sat: Team #3
Jack Hall, Jane Lawton

☞ **Coastal giving**
Offering last week 1,483; Needed to date: 27,819; Given to date: 27,647; Short: (172.)