



News From Holland

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Chris' Corner

The 40 Days of Lent

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Mark 1:12-13

Wednesday, March 1 begins the 40 day journey we Christians call **Lent**. Lent is a time of preparation, self-examination, and repentance, recalling the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness.

Lent is a time in which we examine our brokenness, while holding onto God's promise of wholeness through Jesus. Many of you know that I had hoped for us to begin a church-wide study of the **Purpose-Driven Life** during the 40 days of Lent, but the circumstances of my daughter Hannah's two surgeries in the past month have not allowed me sufficient time to plan this incredible experience.

Owning up to the brokenness of our lives is what Lent is all about: recognizing that as we walk through the wilderness we have to rely completely on God, and not on our own understanding, or our own plans. We are called to remember that, as Twila Paris sings in a contemporary Christian song, "God is in control!"

I hope you will join me over the next 40 days of Lent, letting God control our lives. You may be walking in the wilderness, or in a time of great excitement and joy – or perhaps somewhere in between. Whatever state you are in, I pray that the next 40 days will bring each of us closer to God, and God's Love.

Look for us to begin the exciting study of the **Purpose Driven Life** later this year!

March Worship Service

Date	Scripture	Sermon
Mar 5 Communion Day	Mark 1:9-15	Dust, Doves & Diamonds
Mar 12	Gen17: 1-16	A Promise and A Purpose
Mar 19	John 2:13-22	SlamBall Jesus
Mar 26	Numbers 21:4-9	Serpent on a Stick

Judy's News

Adult Sunday School

The new material is here for the Spring Adult Bible Studies. They start in March. Have plenty of room for you!

Prayer Circle - March 8th

I apologize for the rescheduling of this. We will meet at 6:00 P.M. with the quilters. Bring your prayer concerns.

Luncheon

In March we will have lunch on the 23rd at Dynasty. The buffet is wonderful and a great variety of Chinese and American. Cost for Seniors is less than \$6.00. Regular is less than \$7.00. Come join us for good food and fellowship.

Cowboy Church - March 19th

Our entertainment is lining up for the dates set. Noel Lovelette and his gang will perform at our first one. Future dates are April 30, May 21 and Jun 25.

Administrative Council

As the weather decides which way it will go, so must the Church. We, the people, are the Church for Christ. The Bible says that we each one represent a part of the body or His Body for the people of the world. That means Christians and non-Christians will look to us for answers, guidance, and examples. Unlike our Texas weather that changes day to day, minute to minute, we as Christians must have our minds made up as to what way we will act, react, and respond to people and situations we experience in our daily life. So have you made up your mind? Do you know how you are going to respond to the "weather" that might be in your life's future? If you don't, make up your mind now. What about our Church? Do we have a plan or a response to any life situation we may experience? Maybe we need to get a vision or make a plan. That is something to think about. Next time the weather changes on you unexpectedly, maybe God is wanting you to take stock in yourself. Be in prayer for yourself and our church for our church's future. Remember, people are watching us....it is up to you what they will see.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3 Birthday Mary Cude	4
5	6 Cleaning – Jett's	7	8 WWC & Prayer Circle 6p-8p	9	10 Anniversary James & Donna Cooper	11 Birthday Jessica Fagner
12 Anniversary The Cudes Birthday Blair Severson Clovis Haley	13 Cleaning- Patsy/Matea Birthday Kathy Hegar Danny Jett	14	15 WWC 6p-8p UMW @ 2:00 pm Anniversary The Kabrichs	16	17	18
19 Cowboy Church 5:00 PM	20 Cleaning – June & Mary	21	22 WWC 6p-8p	23 Luncheon Dynasty @ 11:30	24	25
26 Breakfast @ 8:30 am	27 Cleaning – Kassa & Donna	28	29 WWC 6p-8p	30	31	

