



"The Flock" Youth Ministries

The Sheep's Spot

Burying the Alleluias

Lent is a very "religious" time of year. The paraments of on the altar and pulpit change to purple, crosses and images of Jesus are veiled in black, and the whole church seems subdued. Even the liturgy during our Sunday morning service has changed. Noticeably absent from our liturgy is the word, "Alleluia" or its close cousin, "Hallelujah".

I once had a pastor

outside, and buried it in a hole in the ground. The first time I saw her do this, I was a bit perplexed. It really kind of seemed silly and pointless. So I asked her about it.

She said that the word "Alleluia" is just too joyful for the season of Lent. We are supposed to be sorrowful and full of repentance for the sins that we have committed. By omitting

on an even greater significance on Easter Sunday, when the tube of Alleluias was exhumed and opened just before the processional hymn. "Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!" Like Jesus, the Alleluias were resurrected. "Alleluia" means, "Praise the Lord!" Because of Christ's resurrection, we can praise God everyday, even though we sin just as often as we give God praise.

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who included an unusual element in our Ash Wednesday service. She took the lid off of a tube, had everyone shout, "Alleluia!" for a few seconds as if we were putting it in the tube. Then, silently, she placed the lid back on the tube, walked

"Alleluia" from our liturgy, we turn the worship service inward (self) instead of outward (praising God) and therefore set the proper mood for the entire season.

As for the burial of the Alleluias, this took

As we continue in this season of Lent, and as you examine your sins and repent of them, remember that it is because of Christ's sacrifice that we can be called God's children. One day we can stand before the throne of God and say, "Alleluia!"

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What's Happenin' At the Flock This Month?

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this new ministry in January and February. It is really starting to take off! Below is a schedule for the month of March, including the volunteer's schedule. All events will take place in the Parish House from 6:00—7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

March 7—Hangtime

AIR and Snacks - Amy Cicak

The 1st Sunday of the month is hereby dedicated to chilling out. No real agenda—just come! Talk about what's going on in your life—or don't! It's up to you! Games available.

March 14—Monster Mini Golf

Drivers - TBA

Snacks - Susan Satira

The 3rd Sunday of the month will be a fun event held outside the church (2nd Sunday this month because of the Super Bible Bowl). This month we will be playing mini golf in the glow of a monstrous backlight. We will meet at the church at just before 6:00 PM and return soon after 8:00. Drivers are needed! Cost is \$5.50 per person.

March 21—Super Bible Bowl

Snacks - Everyone!

Four winning teams from the Regional Bible Bowls will be coming to GSLC for the championship com-

petition. The fun begins at 3:00 PM in our fellowship hall with devotions at 2:45. **Youth from GSLC are needed to help serve the snacks.** This will be our service project for the month. College students and adults: I am still in need of a scorekeeper, timekeeper, and moderator. Snacks are needed as well: fruit trays, veggie trays, cheese and crackers, cookies (min. 3 doz), and other snacks such as chips or candy. Sign-up sheet is on the Education bulletin board, or you can email me with what kind of snacks you plan to bring. Let me know if you are interested!

March 28— Bible "Un-Study"

AIR and Snacks - Kerry

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The theme for this month is Lent. What is the significance of this holy season? How should we prepare for Easter? This is not just some boring Sunday School style lesson. Be prepared for games, jokes, and all kinds of hilarious insanity!



FOR YOUR REFERENCE:

Lost your schedule for the current month, want to come to The Flock, but have no idea what's going on? Here's a rough monthly schedule that we are going to stick to.

1st Week - Hangtime

2nd Week - Service Project*

3rd Week - Fun Event*

4th Week - Bible "Un-Study"

5th Week - Special fun TBD. A lock-in or retreat perhaps?

*These weeks are flopped for the month of March to accommodate the Super Bible Bowl. These events also may be at a different time and place. Call me for details!

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Where Lost Sheep are Found

For the 'Rents

Dear Parents,

Sign up sheets are now available on the Youth Events bulletin board for AIRs (Adult in the Room), drivers, and snacks through the end of May. You can also sign up by emailing me or stopping in the church office. Let me know what your schedule will allow. Thanks in advance for all of your help! We would not be able to do this ministry without you!

VBS Preview

I have just picked out the theme and dates for Vacation VBS this summer, and you get to be some of the very first to know! This year's theme is "High Seas Expedition" and will take place June 28—July 2 at GSLC.

We have always had a large turn-out, and this year will be no exception! If you can help volunteer your time during those dates, I need station leaders, crew leaders, actors, art-

ists, musicians, and lots of other help. Need some Community Service hours? Get a boat load of them here! Visit www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/goodshepherdlife for more information, and to sign-up to help!

