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Improve your marriage and reduce marital problems with Mark Gungor's exclusive advice. Mark Gungor, one of the most sought-out speakers on love and marriage, explores the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships, combing striking clarity and practical solutions to common relationship woes. Mark's humor makes his teaching enjoyable, effective and memorable, helping husbands and wives remember these insights and immediately put them to work.

Join us on Sunday the 17th of February here at the church at 6pm for an hours worth of teaching and discussion! Invite your friends as well!

TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED:

Men's Brains vs Women's Brains
Why Does He/She Do That?
The #1 Key to Incredible Sex
How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anyone

CHURCH CALENDAR

Shrove Tuesday – Pancake dinner at Church – Tuesday Feb 12th @ 6pm
Ash Wednesday – Wednesday Feb 13th @ 6pm
Maundy Thursday ceremony at Church – Thursday March 28th
Good Friday Service at Church – Friday March 29th
Easter Service – Sunday March 31st

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

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Sunday School - Youth and adults: 9:15am
Worship service: 10:30am

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LENT

season of preparation

Sunday, 10 February, 2013



FAITH COVENANT
AN EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Order of Service
Sunday, February 10th, 2013

Opening song: All Praise

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 47
Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; Shout to God with cries of joy!
People: How majestic is the Lord Most High; How mighty is the great Sovereign over all the earth!
Leader: Sing praises to God; Sing praises in God's honor.
People: God reigns over the nations; God is exalted over all.
All: Praise the LORD, all people; Praise God's ever lasting name!

Song: King of Glory
Song: Lord You Have Welcomed Us - Hymn #474

Celebration of Life: Celebrating Koby's decision to follow Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:1-5
Prayer for God's people

TITHES & OFFERINGS:
Offering Prayer

Song: Come All Christians Be Committed - Hymn #609
Song: Refiner's Fire (Doerksen)

SERMON: Lent - Preparing the Way for the Lord

Closing song: Days of Elijah

Benediction

LENT - Preparing the way for the Lord

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities. Whereas Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross, Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion by Rome. This is believed to have taken place in Roman occupied Jerusalem.

The Christian churches that observe Lent in the 21st century use it as a time for prayer and penance. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favourite foods or smoking. Whatever the sacrifice may be, it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

Why 40 days?
40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:
- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

Why is it called Lent?
Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

The colour purple
Purple is the symbolic colour used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals.
Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.