

# MEEKS' MUSINGS

## *A Note From Pastor Jerry:*

Last month as I typed this note to you, the scene outside was wintery white and beautiful. This month it is still wintery but as I look at the calendar I can not help but note "Spring is on the way." This month brings us almost to the most wonderful Sundays for the church -- Easter Sunday. What a wonderful time to stop from our busy schedules and reflect upon the greatest event in human history -- the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a time of new birth; a time when the wildlife comes to life, the vegetation begins to bloom but most importantly, it is a time to spiritually renew ourselves. This is what Lent is all about. People of the Pentecostal persuasion habitually do not observe Lent, but I believe it holds some disciplines and principles we can learn from and help us grow in our spiritual walk with the Lord Jesus. Lent offers us a special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and with His children. It offers us an opportunity to deepen our commitment to Him and His church. It serves as a reminder of who we are and whose we are. That we have been baptized into the body of Jesus Christ. That we are His chosen people. It reminds us that we are ambassadors of His in a fallen world. This time of year provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we have done and failed to do. Lent encourages us to be generous to those in need. Even though we do not "officially" observe Lent, let me encourage you to spend time deepening your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He died for you, surely you can live for Him.

## *HAPPENINGS AROUND CHURCH:*

\* A big congratulations to Jeff Riddon and Sheriee and Brandon Best. They took first place, second and third place in the annual chili cook-off. There was some delicious chili this year.

\* We are still getting a "worship team" together. If you want to sing, or can play an instrument, see Melanie Best.

\* Easter preparations (April 4th) is "hot and heavy." If you are going to be a part of this special service you must let Pastor Jerry know immediately.

\* Couples' Night Out this month we are "going out on the town." Be sure you plan now and join us.

\* The Royal Rangers are busy building their pinewood derby cars. This has been a busy project for two months now and will culminate in March.

\* The Women's and Men's Ministry groups got off to a great start in February. Both groups are active now and planning special projects.

\* Invite your family and friends to join you for the Easter service!