

Lent Is Drawing Very Near! It won't be long before we will be making our journey through the season of Lent. We have five weeks of preparation for the events of Holy Week and Easter. The weekly series is titled *At The Crossroads*. Many of the people involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, and the stories of each of these experiences at various crossroads help us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. In the end, each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to follow the path of God's will. The weekly themes of the series are as follows: Ash Wednesday – *Confession*, Week 1–*Betrayal*, Week 2–*Judgment*, Week 3–*Compassion*, Week 4–*Declaration* and Week 5–*Obedience*. We will begin with our Ash Wednesday services on March 1 and invite you to come journey with us for the entire five weeks of Lent.

The Next Cursillo Weekend is May 5 – 7 at Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp. The camp is just down the highway from us, and it is a very comfortable place to stay. More information will be made available in the coming weeks. We hope that many who have considered experiencing a Cursillo Weekend in the past will choose to attend this year.

Greeters Today. Fred & Linda Pafford, Hubert Griffin, Heather Howse, Margaret Pomeroy

Items for the Messenger. Please have your submissions to Linda by Thursday. You may contact her at 489-9801 or e-mail linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com.

The Garden: Planted to Blossom

There are few things lovelier than a flower garden in bloom. Spilling over with rich colors, a well-planted and well-tended garden becomes a reflection of the love and nurture of the gardener. God has planted you in just the right place in his creation and in his church. You are rich in your own beauty and a showcase of God, our Master Gardener, at work in you.

I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6 ESV