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**SERMON: "One Cleric's Journey of Faith"**

There is no sense of self without identity. One way of interpreting the current state of affairs in human evolution is that identity has become more self-conscious and complicated, and less determined by in an authoritarian way. In addition, identities are bumping up against each other as the world shrinks. This is the cause of conflict and confusion. With many visitors joining us last Sunday for our jazz service, I received questions about our identity. In every case we did not fit into the normal preconceptions that framed the question. I kept saying that you have to think "outside of the box." I will use my own journey of faith to illustrate one way of reflecting about who we are as a congregation.

**The Rev. Burton Carley will deliver the sermon at the eleven o'clock service**

**Church of the River Calendar  
Quotation of the Week**

"Love is what you've been through with somebody."  
— James Thurber

**Wednesday, February 17**

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 18**

6:30 p.m. Soup For the Soul will meet at the home of Nancy Mardis. T. Leigh Starns will present a DVD her film company produced, I AM A MAN. Let Nancy know what you will bring to complement her soup by emailing her at [namardis@yahoo.com](mailto:namardis@yahoo.com).

**Sunday, February 21**

9:30 a.m. The Quest Group will meet in the Beacon Room to consider "The Bible—Down & Dirty"

10:00 a.m. Questions of Faith will continue discussing *The Monk and the Philosopher* by Jean-Francois Revel. High school Class will meet to prepare for youth Sunday.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Childcare for infants and preschoolers

Middle School meets in their classroom.

River Explorers go to the Chalice Room and then go to their workshops.

noon Coffee Hour in the Mississippi River Room.

The Lunch Bunch will join us for the Choir Soup Lunch right after the service in the Mississippi River Room.

**Wednesday, February 24**

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

**Announcements from the Children's Ministry**

On Sunday, the YRUU will meet at 10 o'clock to plan for Youth Sunday.

At 11 o'clock, church school for infants through 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth continues with childcare in the nursery and pre-school with Mary Park and Elizabeth Turner, *Treasure Hunting* in the kindergarten with Julie Wood, a Chalice Service at 11 for River Explorers (grades 1-5) followed by *Toolbox of Faith* workshops led by Kristi Bauer and Taryn Spake. The tool this week is sandpaper and the children will explore humor as a spiritual practice.

The *Neighboring Faiths* class, grades 6-8, will meet with Martine Starck at 11:00.

We still have a few T shirts featuring our Church of the River logo for sale with all proceeds donated to the food bank at MIFA. Stop by the table in the Mississippi River Room. Shirts are \$10.

**FYI**

On Wednesday, March 24, The Rev. Burton D. Carley will give the sermon at Calvary's Lenten Lunch series. The sermon starts at 12:05 and Rev. Carley will be lunching in the waffle shop downstairs before the service.

**You are invited** to join The Wolf River Conservancy in a tree planting venture next Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Lovatt Woods which borders the Wolf River in Cordova. 2,000 cypress, oak and gum trees will be planted. Meet at 10:00 a.m. near the SW corner of the Lowes parking lot at 430 S Germantown Pkwy. Cordova, TN on the North bank of the Wolf River. Bring gloves, a sharp shooter shovel (if you have one) a picnic lunch and drinks. Email [keith@wolfriver.org](mailto:keith@wolfriver.org) or call 452-6500 with questions.

**The Care Coordinator for February is Audrey Kalbach.  
You can reach Audrey at 757-2504**

There were requests for the reading and commentary sections of the *Love and All that Jazz* service from last Sunday. They follow.



(1) *Valentines* by Gary A. Kowalski from [We Pledge Our Hearts](#), ed. by Edward Searl, Skinner House, 2006. This is the thing to remember about love today: love is not all lazy, hot, afternoons on a white beach. Love is not something you do in your spare time. Love is this: paying attention and practicing each day what it wants to teach you.

(2) *Love Me for a Reason* by Meg Barnhouse from [Waking Up the Karma Fairy](#), Skinner House, 2003. This is the thing to remember about love today: the expressions of love you want to give may not be the expressions of love that are

needed. In love as in all things, a good question is worth more than a dozen bad assumptions.

(3) *Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places* by David S. Blanchard from [A Temporary State of Grace](#), Skinner House, 1997. This is the thing to remember about love today: love is not sentimental and it is not about getting what you want. True love always requires something of us—something hard, something we do not want to do.

(4) *Hands Off: We Hatch Alone* by David Anderson from [Breakfast Epiphanies](#), Beacon Press, 2004. This is the thing to remember about love today: we are never so dangerous as when we act in love. Love respects the other as a separate mystery from oneself. Love is not always touching. Sometimes it is praying with hands folded behind our backs. bc

### Church of the River Auction Party 2010 — Online Donation Form! The Auction is on April 9.

Go to the church web site. In the “News” area, you will see information about donating online. Click the link called **Fill Out My Form**. This year in addition to traditional, handwritten donation forms, you have the opportunity to “go green” by using the online form. Photographs of items, if available, can be sent to Gwen Rose via email at [gkrose@msn.com](mailto:gkrose@msn.com). Donations will be accepted in the Mississippi River room any time during March.

### CHOIR SOUP SUNDAY

The choir invites you to stay after church on **Sunday Feb. 21** for its annual Soup Sunday.

Ward off winter’s chill with an interesting variety of tasty soups along with bread, salad and desserts prepared by our own Awesome Little Choir members. Your generous donations will go to the music fund supporting choral programs.



### Shady Grove

Undie Sunday was a huge success, with generous contributions of panties, socks, boxers, undershirts, camisoles, tights and some extra funds to fill in missing sizes. Thanks to your generosity, the Mississippi River Room was OVERwhelmed with UNDERwear! Shady Grove Elementary School is thrilled with the gifts and sends a heartfelt thank you and the message: “Church of the River, you rock our socks!”

**The next opportunity to volunteer:** It’s so easy and rewarding to inspire a child! Come to Shady Grove Elementary on Wednesday, February 24 from 12—1:30, to talk to students on Career Day. These kids are eager to know what it’s like to do your job, and who knows, you may motivate a future professional. (Even if you can only stay an hour, SGE can accommodate your schedule).

For more information about this event, please contact Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817 or [julietwischmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:julietwischmeyer@comcast.net)

# Thanks

to [Angela Mullikin](#) and [Shannon Kunstman](#) for donations to the Endowment Fund in memory of **Margaret Deininger**.

**Church of the River Tote Bags for Sale**  
The Welcoming Team is selling tote bags with the church logo on them. They are soft-textured polypropylene, tear resistant and water repellent, 16” by 12” with a flat bottom. The cost is one for \$5, two for \$8, or three for \$10. You can purchase them before church in the Mississippi River Room or contact Mimsy Conaway at [mimsyc@gmail.com](mailto:mimsyc@gmail.com) or 761-2825.

### Web Site Information

On our web site you will find these new pages:

1. Click [General Information](#) from the top menu on the home page: Click [Weddings](#) in the left menu. There, prospective brides and grooms can learn about our facility in case they want to marry at the church.
2. Click [What’s Happening](#) from the top menu on the home page: Click [Auction](#) in the left menu. There you will find information about our upcoming auction. The area will be enriched into it’s own microsite\* as donations are received! Don’t forget to donate - either by picking up a form at church or by using the form linked on the home page in NEWS and in the Auction microsite.
3. Click [Religious Education News](#) from the top menu on the home page: Click [Literary Resources](#) in the left menu. People ask Burton the source of his inspiration or to recall a source from a service. The answer is here in a compilation that Burton created for us.

### Tech Tips

- What is a “microsite”? A microsite, also known as a minisite or weblet, refers to an individual web page or cluster of pages which are meant to function as an auxiliary supplement to a primary website. So...the auction microsite, for example, will include all information that pertains to the auction.
- Wondering where to find information on our web site? Here are two suggestions:
  - At the top of our web pages, you will see a Google search field. If you are looking for a particular topic, type a term (such as auction) in the search field and click the [Search](#) button. The results list includes all of the pages within the web site, that have information on that topic.
  - Click [General Information](#) from the top menu on the home page: Click [Sitemap](#) in the left menu. There you will find every category of the web site and their related pages.

**2010 Outreach Project**—Our congregation voted as our new Outreach project a partnership with Friends For Our Riverfront. FFOR is a nonprofit citizens group dedicated to protecting our harbor and revitalizing our riverfront. The group sponsors several cleanups during the year and COR will participate in a Spring and Fall cleanup.

**Know Someone who may want to have an event, such as a wedding, at our church?** Your help is needed. We are creating a web page about our facilities so that those in the community will know how wonderful our church is! Please contribute photographs of the church (or of your own wedding!) so that we have pictures to go with the information. We would love to feature our own brides and grooms. Send digital pictures to [lindakgood-win@comcast.net](mailto:lindakgood-win@comcast.net). The sooner the better! Thank you!