

“APHEISIS”

...Release...Deliverance...Remission...Liberation...

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

- **Jesus** (Luke 4:18-19)

Jesus the Messiah was sent into this world to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour – a mission which led him directly to a dehumanizing death on a cross. Easter Sunday we celebrate His resurrection and creation's liberation from sin and death... but first we must journey with Him to discover, by the grace of His Spirit, our own God-given mission to participate in ministries and agencies of justice, reconciliation and love.

This Lenten season we will discover together the powerful ways the Messiah's Spirit continues to work towards **APHEISIS** for the poor, oppressed, marginalised and down-trodden people of our society.

Join us **FRIDAY NIGHTS** (February 27th – April 3rd) when we will take time to study transformative scriptures about Jesus' ministry of liberation and then travel together to a social justice agency where we will be educated and exposed to the work and passion involved in this field. Together we'll encounter the work of such agencies as: Maplehurst Correctional Complex, Marianne's Place, Narcotics Anonymous, Homewood Health Center, Sanctuary, and others.

FRIDAY NIGHT APHEISIS – Scripture exploration starts at 6:00pm

Our Sunday morning worship, for the season of Lent, will also be transformed by the Christ's mission and message of **APHEISIS**.

Experience **APHEISIS** in our community through this six week interactive, visceral, and educational Lenten journey.

Open to everyone.

Details will be announced in the bulletin each week.

FRIDAY NIGHT APHEISIS

February 27th, 2009

Luke 4:14-21 and Mark 5:21-43

Maplehurst Correctional Complex

Speaker: Penny Maclean, Vanier Center for Women

- 5:30pm** Refreshments (bring a snack to share!)
- 6:00pm** Scripture exploration
- 6:30pm** Presentation (with Q&A time following)
- 7:30pm** Final discussion and debriefing

SUNDAY MORNING APHEISIS

March 1st, 2009

“Release to the Captives”

Luke 4:14-21 and Mark 5:21-43

Children participating in worship
Celebration of Holy Communion

A Note from Jacqui:

There are few things I value more highly than your honest feedback. Please feel free to contact me at any time to ask questions, seek clarification, make suggestions, or share a vision.

In fact, here are some questions to get you thinking:

- Where have you encountered Christ's **APHEISIS**?
- What inspires you?
- Who are you praying for these days?
- Worship has been transformed for Lent. What do you like about it? What would you change? What do you dream for worship here?

I look forward to journeying and learning with you throughout Lent.

In Christ's Service,

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