



Presbyterian 'Connection'

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A Word from Dr. Fred

WE ARE WELL ON THE 2015 ROAD

Thinking about our daily living and our serving the Lord on our "Road of Life", I looked up something that I have used in the past that is good for such a time as this. It is titled "21 Things to Remember." It, also, reminded me of what you often have heard me say, "The greatest power that God has given us is the power to choose". As Joshua challenged the people of his day, ... "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Josh. 24: 15) The following can help us fulfill this quest along with a lot of prayer and praising of the Lord.

21 things to remember.....

1. No one can ruin your day without YOUR permission.
2. Most people will be about as happy, as they decide to be.
3. Others can stop you temporarily, but only you can do it permanently.
4. Whatever you are willing to put up with is exactly what you will have.
5. Success stops when you do.
6. When your ship comes in.... make sure you are willing to unload it.
7. You will never "have it all together."
8. Life is a journey...not a destination. Enjoy the trip!
9. The biggest lie on the planet: "When I get what I want, I will be happy."
10. The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.
11. I've learned that ultimately, 'takers' lose and 'givers' win.
12. Life's precious moments don't have value, unless they are shared.
13. If you don't start, it's certain you won't arrive.
14. We often fear the thing we want the most.
15. He or she who laughs.....lasts.
16. Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.
17. Look for opportunities...not guarantees.
18. Life is what's coming....not what was.
19. Success is getting up one more time.
20. Now is the most interesting time of all.
21. When things go wrong.....don't go with them.

Food for Thought:

"Happiness often sneaks in through a window you didn't know you left open"!

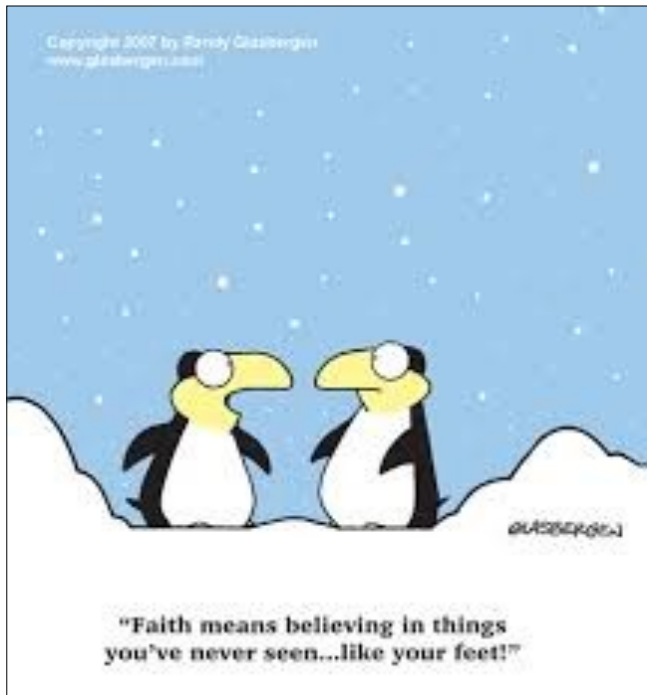
Don't worry.... Be happy

Sing the old hymn "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" as you walk the "2015 Road of Life".

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior Friend;
And to know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

God bless!

Fred



THURSDAYS, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO NOON IN MEMORIAL HALL. MEN & WOMEN WELCOME.

Coffee & Fellowship

Be sure to drop in for coffee, maybe a Danish or cookies and wonderful fellowship on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall!

December Income - \$4,619.10

December Expenses - \$4,579.99

Connection Online

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<http://www.presbyterianchurchofbullshoals>

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WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1st

“The Road to Others”

Luke 9:10-17

Psalm 111 & Mark 1:29-39

COMMUNION



FEBRUARY 8th

“The Road to Confession”

Luke 9:18-27

Psalm 147:1-11 & 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

POT LUCK

FEBRUARY 15th

“The Road to Prayer”

Luke 9:28-36

Psalm 51:1-12 & James 4:6-12

BLESSING OF THE FOOD PANTRY



FEBRUARY 22nd

“The Road to Commitment”

Luke 9:51-62

Genesis 9:8-17 & 1 Peter 3:13-22

MINUTE FOR MISSION



CHURCH USHERS/GREETERS

February 1 - Irene Bere & Ken Hobart
February 5 - Sandy Erickson & Dr. Simons
February 15 - Irene Bere & Sandy Erickson
February 22 - Faye Brackett & Betty Craig

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ed & Peni Lloyd

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR. - 2015

February 1 - First, McGehee
February 8 - First, Lincoln
February 15 - First, Ozark
February 22 - First, Jacksonville



Inquirers & Candidates for Ministry
First, Heber Springs
Church Musicians
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

PLEASE NOTIFY PAT ERLEWINE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS

February

February 7 - Paula Sheppard
February 21 - Bonnie Monroe
February 27 - Bob Richardson



March

March 3 - Dick Sass
March 10 - Allen Althof
March 20 - Betty Perrin
March 22 - Pat Erlewine
March 28 - Betty Aaron
March 30 - Jini Sass

ANNIVERSARIES

No February Anniversaries

March 12 - Bob & Arabella Richardson
March 18 - Dr. Roger & Meg Simons



LIBRARY LINES FEBRUARY 2015



We have five new fiction books (two of which have been donated):

~THE RIVER by Beverly Lewis

~BECOMING BEA by Leslie Gould - book 4 of The Courtship of Lancaster County Series.

~SOMEWHERE SAFE WITH SOMEBODY GOOD by Jan Karon - book 3 of the Father Tim Series.

~THE DISCOVERY SERIES by Wanda Brunstetter - the complete Lancaster County Saga.

~A WALK TO REMEMBER by Nicholas Sparks.

Our featured book is THE RIVER:

"She looked once more at the dreaded river. Since Anna's death, it had been such a barrier . . . a place and a moment she could not seem to move past.

A line I can't move beyond...The River

Tilly and Ruth, two formerly Amish sisters, are plagued by unresolved relationships when they reluctantly return to Lancaster County for their parents' landmark wedding anniversary. Since departing their Plain upbringing, Tilly has married an Englisher, but Ruth remains single and hasn't entirely forgotten her failed courtship with her Amish beau.

Past meets present as Tilly and Ruth yearn for acceptance and redemption. Can they face the future in the light of a past they can't undo?"

Thank you for all the donations to the library. It is very much appreciated.



Faye Brackett, Librarian

MISSION MINUTE

FEBRUARY-2015



“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING”

Mission Statement

Using the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize youth in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry or in need.

Vision Statement

Transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

We believe:

The idea for Souper Bowl of Caring is a gift from God. Young people have the ability to serve and should be given opportunities to lead their communities in helping others. Every dollar collected through Souper Bowl of Caring should be donated directly to a charity selected by each participating group. People of all backgrounds and beliefs can work together. Hunger and poverty have a negative impact on individuals and the communities in which they live, yet there is joy in serving and giving to those in need. The excitement and energy surrounding the Super Bowl can be used to engage young people in service while producing lasting hope for all people.

We will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday February 1st. There will be soup buckets in the Narthex to collect donations for the Food Pantry.

-The Mission Committee

Till We Speak Again

Question: I saw a program on TV where a group of Atheists were going to sue a restaurant for discrimination, because the restaurant wouldn't give their group the same advertised discount they gave Christian religious groups. These groups had to come in after church on Sunday, and bring that morning's bulletin with them. Is this fair?

Millie: I say of course it's fair; the restaurant can do as they please, but that's just me! We must examine the definition of atheist; "A person or persons who disbelief in a God or gods. They subscribe to the belief that there is no God...Godlessness."

Christian religion is a belief in and reverence for a supernatural power regarded as creator and ruler of the universe. This is the one true God, the only deity worthy of worship and praise. The Atheist's really don't have a good case; they just don't meet the discount qualifications set out in the advertisement.

Atheists are the exact opposite of Christians. Granted there is some good and kind Atheist, but they believe that death is final. Christians know that death is only the doorway to life everlasting with our Lord God. A lot of Atheists were exposed to Christian religion at some point in their lives, others not. Many find their way back at the end of their lives when faced with their own mortality. They realize that there is life after death, and their life could have had more meaning if only... We as Christians need to reach out to all people, some have just lost their way and need very little encouragement to return to the fold.

I saw a similar TV program also, and it went to court. The judge ruled in favor of the restaurant. He told the Atheists if they wanted the religious discount, to go to church!!

I do hope this has answered your question.

Luv, Millie *aka-Meg*

Thought for the Day:

Don't put God off till tomorrow, only he knows if you'll even have a tomorrow.



FEBRUARY PUZZLE

Proverbs 4:26 - 27

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Born Without Ears

"Can I see my baby?" the happy new mother asked. When the bundle was nestled in her arms, and she moved the fold of cloth to look upon his tiny face, she gasped. The baby had been born without ears. Time proved that the baby's hearing was perfect. It was only his appearance that was marred.

When he rushed home from school one day and flung himself into his mother's arms, she sighed, knowing that his life was to be a succession of heartbreaks. He blurted out the tragedy. "A boy, a big boy...called me a freak." He grew up, handsome for his misfortune. A favorite with his fellow students, he might have been class president, but for that. He developed a gift, a talent for literature and music. "You might mingle with other young people," his mother reproved him, but felt a tenderness in her heart.

The boy's father had a session with the family physician. Could nothing be done? "I believe I could graft on a pair of outer ears, if they could be procured," the doctor decided. Whereupon the search began for a person who would make such a sacrifice for a young man.

Two years went by. Then, "You are going to the hospital, son. Mother and I have someone who will donate the ears you need. But

it's a secret," said the father. The operation was a brilliant success, and a new person emerged. His talents blossomed into genius, and school and college became a series of triumphs. Later, he married and entered the diplomatic service. "But I must know!" he urged his father. "Who gave so much for me? I could never do enough for him."

"I do not believe you could," said the father, "but the agreement was that you are not to know...not yet."

The years kept their profound secret, but the day did come... one of the darkest days that ever pass through a son. He stood with his father over his mother's casket. Slowly, tenderly, the father stretched forth a hand and raised the thick, reddish-brown hair to reveal... that the mother had no outer ears. "Mother said she was glad she never let her hair be cut," he whispered gently, "and nobody ever thought mother less beautiful, did they?"

Real beauty lies not in the physical appearance, but in the heart. Real treasure lies not in what can be seen, but what cannot be seen. Real love lies not in what is done and known, but in what is done but not known. (Unknown)

RECIPE FOR FEBRUARY

STUFF

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Lbs. Ground Turkey or Beef (browned)
- 1 large onion

Add

- 1 box Spanish Rice
- 2 cans Ranch Beans
- 1 can Rotel Tomatoes
- 2 cans Tomato Sauce
- Bag of Fritos
- 8 oz shredded cheese

DIRECTIONS

Put in 9 x 13 pan - Crush 1 bag Fritos and spread on top.

Add 8 oz bag of Shredded Cheese on top of that. Serve.

-submitted by Pat Erlewine



HEALTHY COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 3 mashed bananas (ripe)
- 1/3 cup apple sauce
- 2 cups oats
- 1/4 cup almond milk
- 1/4 cup raisins or nuts
- 1 cup chocolate chunks
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Bake for 15-20 minutes

Cool and enjoy!



THIS WE BELIEVE for FEBRUARY

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

"1 John 1:19"

~MISSION STATEMENT~

"We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and spiritually led to guide all people to be active doers of the Word"

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

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