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Jesus said, "I have come as light to the world, so that everyone who believes in me will not remain in darkness. John 12:46

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# "February Beatitudes"

The January 29 Gospel lesson is "The Beatitudes" from Matthew 5:1-12. This is the beginning of Jesus' teachings to His disciples and marks a special day in their lives. He outlines that the road to happiness is experienced when we accept the presence of the Living God, Jesus Christ, into our lives. It's about "His being," not "Our doing."

February is loaded with special days. Are there special "February Beatitudes" and resulting consequences that may be apropos for us?

February 2 is Groundhog Day and eyes across the nation will focus on Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to see if the famous groundhog Phil will see his shadow and return to his burrow for an additional six-week nap as cold winter weather will remain. Happy are those who burrow their head in their pillow and hit the snooze button for an additional six minutes of sleep, and six more, and six more. . .. They shall be late for work.

February 7 is Rose Day and February 9 is Chocolate Day. This is a reminder to order roses and chocolates for that special love in your life for Valentine's Day, February 14. Happy are those who remember the love of their life on Valentine's Day . . .. Forget it and experience spousal abuse for twelve months.

February 20 is Presidents Day. We especially remember the February birthdays of two Godly presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Both depended on the presence and guidance of God in their lives as they led the nation during tumultuous times in our nation's history. Happy are those who are God's people, called by His name, that humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways . . . God will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

February 28 is "Mardi Gras" which is French for "Fat Tuesday." Traditionally, many people will *feast* one last day on rich, fatty foods before beginning the Lenten season and the ritual period of *fasting* which begins March 1, Ash Wednesday. If we *feast* on the fat of the world and avoid the *fast* of God's presence, we set ourselves up for failure. Happy are those who eat responsibly,

love fully, and hope enduringly . . .. It is from His *being* in us and not by our *doing* for us that will bring His peace that surpasses all understanding.

Oh yes, February 18, 1945, a great event happened in the McDonald Community . . .. I was born physically, the water birth (the creek was out and the doctor couldn't get through the flood. I was delivered the old-fashioned way. . . by a neighbor mid wife). Ten years later, an even greater event occurred. I was born again, born of the spirit. (John 3:5) I then received His being and was no longer dependent on my doing.

Thanks be to God!

Richard Snowden

# **Denomination Day Celebration**

Come join the 207<sup>th</sup> Denomination Day Celebration today, Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3:30pm at the Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

After the Denomination Day Celebration today there will be a meal provided for a donation.

# **DO IT ANYWAY**

Written By Mother Theresa

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, People may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

# THANK YOU!

THANKS for the all the special donations given to the church, building or stained glass funds.

In memory of Nina Lily In memory of Stu Houpt In memory of T. L. Shockley In memory of Kathy Belisle

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### **FEBRUARY**

- 02 Janet Baldridge
- 11 Lynn Spain
- 12 Judy Rolen
- 13 Marcella Franklin
- 14 Mathew Case
- 16 Michael Eldridge
- 17 Donna Breeden
- 18 Richard Snowden
- 21 Kelli Rose
- 23 Richard Breeden

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

#### THOSE SERVING FOR THE MONTH

Elder of the Month – Allen Williamson

Deacon of the Month – Larry Knoll

Greeters for February- Jim & Gladys McCorkle

Greeter for March- Susan Griggs

#### **Prayer of Gifts and Self**

01/29	Terry Sanders
02/05	Jeanie Saunders
02/12	Marianne Sharp
02/19	Gereldean Carmichael
02/26	Terry Sanders
03/05	Jeanie Saunders
03/12	Marianne Sharp

To those of you who are reading this newsletter and do not have a church home, we welcome you to join us!

 $Sunday\ School-10:00\ a.m.$   $Sunday\ Worship-11:00\ a.m.$ 

Sunday Evening Worship -7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday Activities

Meal – 6:00 p.m. T.B.A monthly Bible Study – 6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 p.m.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please make sure we have your correct email address.

#### **CHURCH WEBSITE:**

Our new church website with weekly updated information is now up. The new site is **talbottcpc.org** 

# **Upcoming Events**

Jan 29 Building Fund Offering

3:30 pm 207<sup>th</sup> Denomination Day

Celebration

Feb 5 Food Pantry Drive

11:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm Worship Service

Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

Feb 21 7:00 pm Worship at Life Care Jeff.

Feb 23 Lady's Night Out!

Feb 26 Building Fund Offering

3:30 pm 207<sup>th</sup> Denomination Day

Celebration

March 5 Food Pantry Drive

11:00 am Communion Service6:00 pm Worship Service

March 14 6:00 pm CPWM Meeting

### LifeCare Service

Please remember to join us for an evening of worship and fellowship at LifeCare of Jefferson City on Feb 21st, at 7:00PM.

#### C.P.W.M. Meeting

The meeting time will be announced.

#### **C.P.W.M. LADIES NIGHT OUT!**

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women Ladies Night Out will be on Feb 23rd @ 6:00pm. Please R.S.V.P. to Geraldean Carmichael.

# **ELDERS & DEACONS**

#### Elders

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Jim Rolen	Lonnie Knight	Richard Snowden
Jeanie Saunders	Terry Sanders	Allen Williamson

#### Deacons

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ı	Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2020	
	Larry Knoll	Ron Saunders	Peggy Long	

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS.

Join us at 6:00pm on Wednesday nights for dinner before our bible study service at 6:45pm.

#### **Community Food Pantry Needs**

Please remember that the first Sunday of the month, is the day we collect for our monthly Food Drive that goes to the local food pantry. Let us challenge ourselves to do all that we can in our giving!

# **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Church Family in our Thoughts and Prayers:

#### **Prayer Concerns:**

Sal Aversa
Larry Brooks
Ben Case
Dale Case
Amanda Eldridge
Ralph Lamb
Carole Martin
Phyllis Knight
B.J. Rolen
John Spain
Bill Speck
Michael Stanbery
Bailey Willis

#### **Praise GOD!**

Lee Roy Casey Sabrina Whitelaw Mary Lynne Copeland Barbara Rusinek

#### **SYMPATHY to the families of:**

Teddie Burrell
Bill Short
Ada Green
Rev. Earnest Cole
Charlie Sinard
Curtis French
Melinda Hanna
James Ashe
John Kerber
Chad Beck
Jansen Chambers
Dean Lawson
Joyce McHaffie
Colleen Zerbak
Frances McCarter

#### **MISSIONARIES:**

David Noe

Daniel & Kay Jang Korean Mission Matt & Heather Wallace Glenn Watts

Please remember those listed in the weekly bulletins that may not be listed here.

# CHILDREN IN CHURCH.

The following statements about the Bible were written by children at a Catholic elementary school. They have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in):

- 1. In the first book of the bible, Guinessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
- 2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.
- 3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

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