



Minister's Minute

Opening packages that contain the unknown can bring about anxious moments as well as exciting ones. Military persons who are away from family know it is exciting to get those unknown packages coming from home. They usually contain goodies of some nature. February is a short month that contains the known and unknown. We know that every fourth year is "Leap Year". The last one was in February 2020. February will have 29 days on "Leap Year." The other three years will have 265.25 days. We hope and pray that the next "Leap Year" will not be like the last one. You may remember COVID began to rear its ugly head spoiling our church services. Also, as we look deeper into this small package we discover "Groundhog Day". The tradition has been passed down that if the "Groundhog" sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of bad weather. Has this been true? Will it be true this year? We will see what happens on February 2, 2023. Digging a little deeper in this package we brighten up with the 14th, which brings back fond memories. Valentine's Day was a fun day in our early years of school. We made our own Valentines and slipped them to the girls we wanted to impress. The girls did the same with the boys. I can remember some of the very ones that had caught my eye. Unfortunately, they have moved on to their eternal home. Geneva and I continued this in our older years. You are not too old, and it is not too childish to express your love to your spouse, children, and grandchildren – even if you must draw a heart and write a joyful note as you did years ago. By the way, it is believed to have gotten its start from a "Saint Valentine." It stems from Christian faith so it is a way to express love to those with whom you share life. Paul wrote, "There is faith, hope, and love but the greatest of these is love." Looking a bit further into this small package, we find "The President's Day" on February the 20th. This was established in 1885 in honor of George Washington. Then Abraham Lincoln was included when it was moved from February 12th to the third Monday in February. The most important

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item we find in this small package is Ash Wednesday on February 22. This is the day when Lent begins and continues to April 3rd – forty days from the 22nd of February. Some have the custom of keeping the branches from live Chrismon Tree and burning them. These ashes are placed on people foreheads during a service on Ash Wednesday. So don't be surprised to see ashes on the 22nd, especially with our Roman Catholic friends and Episcopal friends. I have always believed the ashes should be on our hearts as we repent of our sins with repentant lives. The Tuesday before is not celebrated as much here as it is in New Orleans. There on the day before Ash Wednesday they celebrate "Fat Tuesday". You can eat whatever you desire before you begin to deny yourself during lent. There are some meats and other items people are to refrain from eating during lent. All of this is to remember how Jesus denied Himself to die for us. Denying ourselves of something we thoroughly enjoy is a way of causing us to feel the pain He experienced during those days leading up to the crucifixion when He died on the cross – the most painful way to die. Following Good Friday on the first day of the week, He rose from the grave. The Resurrection brings to us the greatest and most wonderful belief our faith can bring. Believing in Jesus as your personal Savior, you will always have a wonderful Easter to remember!

Blessings, Bob

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
<i>Ushers:</i>	Eddie Eubanks Eric West	Will Eubanks Mitchell Jenkins	Kevin Horres Martin Morrow	Ricky West Robbie Pettit
<i>Children's Moment:</i>	Allison Morrow	Kevin Horres	Barry Pettit	Robbie Pettit
<i>Children's Church:</i>	Taylor Thomas	Ashley West	Taylor Brady	Erin Rollins
<i>Nursery:</i>	Donna Thornton	Erin Rollins	Ashley West	Taylor Thomas

February Birthdays

- 8 Mike West
- 11 Marlee Pettit
- 14 Dee Daniels
- 20 George Hill
- 23 Jeff Boatman
- 24 Jay Keith
- 26 Jeff Casey



Prayer Requests: Matthew McLeskey, Gail & Sunny Vincent, Atlee Pettit, Wayne West, Kay West, Connie Jackson, Joretta Gilbert, Daryl Smith, Ray Switzer, Barbara Eubanks, Stephanie Malone, Dennis Thornton, Anne Miller, Katherine Smith, Pat West, Bruce Sanders, Jacob Casey, George Banks, Susan Wilson, Jeff Casey, Phil Cantrell, Dawn Pitcher, Scott Pitcher, Angel Flower, Sharon Peck, Jan Vassey.

Homebound: Jerry Powell – RM Campbell Veterans Home, Anderson, SC



“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”
James 5:16

Third Sunday Lunch

Money raised from the third Sunday lunch goes toward our Family Life Center Building Fund. Ten percent of the profit goes as a monetary donation to the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen. Leftover food is delivered to them as well. By having lunch with us each month you not only enjoy a great meal and wonderful fellowship, but you also help support our growth and help feed those in need around Spartanburg County.



THIRD SUNDAY JANUARY 2023

Sales	\$	1,346.00
Expenses	\$	545.57
Profit	\$	800.43
Soup Kitchen	\$	80.00

DONATIONS

We have three funds that you can donate to **In Honor of** or **In Memory of** someone special. Just mark your donation with which fund you want to apply it to. We have our **Building Fund** in which money donated goes to upgrades and future expansion projects related to our church buildings. We also have a **Cemetery Enhancement Fund** which will go towards future enhancements to our cemetery. And now we have a **Community Outreach Fund** that will support the projects undertaken by the Community Outreach Program.

Donations made **In Honor Of** or **In Memory Of**:

- *Dianne King in Memory of Geneva Pettit*
- *Dianne King in Honor of Bob Pettit*

General Donations:

Building Fund (BF), Cemetery Enhancement Fund (CEF), Community Outreach Fund (COF)

Bob Pettit (CEF), Bob Pettit (BF), Mr. & Mrs. Barry Pettit (BF), Aldon Knight (BF), Barry & Susan Smith (BF), Kevin Welch (BF), Marianna McKeown (CEF)

Donations that did not make this newsletter will be included in the March edition.

Bible Study: We will start another Bible Study to prepare us for Easter called *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. This is the same study we did in 2020, but were not able to finish because of Covid. We will be offering the study for two different sessions in hopes of attracting more participants. The sessions will begin on Sunday afternoon, Feb 26 from 4:00-5:30 or on Monday morning, Feb 27 from 10:00-11:30. Lessons will continue for the next 6 weeks ending on Sunday, April 2 or Monday, April 3. You may participate in either session that works for you. If you would like to participate, please let Linda Wilson (864-680-3334) know which session and if you need a study guide by Sunday, February 5.

Talent Card Insert: Please consider contributing your time and talent to one or more of the opportunities to serve listed on the talent card or bulletin insert. We ask that you look over the items of service to the church, check the ones you are interested in sign your name and place it in the offering plate.

Unity Poinsettia: \$4480.00 was raised for the Community Outreach Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Watch our Sunday services live on YouTube Live

The best way to access the service on Sunday mornings is by going to our website, www.glennspringspres.org and clicking on the **Watch Our Service Live!** button at the top of the page.

Church Mail

Please note that any mail, including memorials coming to the church, must go to the
PO Box 279, Pauline SC 29374.

Mail will not be delivered to the street address of the church.



The next Newsletter deadline is the last **Sunday in February**. Please have all newsletter submissions turned in by this date.