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Minister's Minute

The year of 2023 introduces a New Year with days that haven't been seen. Regardless of who we are, what our heritage may be, our names or our condition, we all have three ways to describe the days before us. Time as we call it has three different ways of being divided. We speak of the past, the days that have been and then there is the present, the days we are living "one day at a time." The third way is the future, our thoughts of what may be. The Apostle Paul's personal way of saying this was, "...I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead I press on toward the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ." The past often gives us troublesome days. Paul seemed to say he is just forgetting what he had done that was against God and Christians. Remember he was persecuting Christians and no doubt standing by when Stephen was being stoned. Do you think he had days that brought thoughts of these terrible sins? Whether he did or not, if you are like me, I have times when I think of the past regretting things I have done and things I failed to do. I do not believe this is God speaking. I believe it is Satan trying to build doubt about God's forgiveness. He would like for us to believe that Jesus did not die to forgive our sins and one day we will be punished for them. How many times have I said, "Get behind me Satan." I tell myself, "God has forgiven me telling me in his word that sins have been forgiven as far as the east is from the west." Don't let our days be upset by Satan but continue "forgetting what lies behind" knowing that God gave His very Son to cleanse us from the smallest sin to the largest. This brings us to the present. Paul's cure for dealing with the past was "straining forward for what lies ahead." This indicates that he was so busy doing what God wanting him to do he did not let the past slow him down. I have often found the cure of a dreary day when there were thoughts, I should not have. I found that trying to do something to help someone will bring a sense of peace. Days go by quickly and yet there is always time when a telephone call can be

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made, a good word to those you meet and a smile given to someone who is wearing a frown. Too frequently we look back at yesterday wishing we had done something we failed to do. I pray daily the child's prayer, "Now I wake from pleasant sleep, I pray Thee Lord Thy child to keep, to guide my feet throughout the day, For Jesus blessed sake, always." The future is before us. We do not know what each day will bring. We may be called to walk in the "valley" or trudge through some paths that calls for all our strength. God has told us, "I will be with you." We can trust the Holy Spirit to lead us each day until our little day on earth has been completed. As it has been said and is worth repeating, "We do not know what the future holds but we do know who holds the future." The Bible is clear in assuring us of life after death. Jesus has promised that all who believe in Him will be where He is. Revelation spells out the fact that in the new heaven and new earth there will be no more mourning and crying and pain. These will have passed away. God is the Sovereign Ruler of the universe He is our Shepherd "surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." The past has been forgiven, the present is walking with God and the future is beyond our highest beautiful thoughts.

Happy New Year, Bob

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Ushers:	Eddie Eubanks Eric West	Will Eubanks Mitchell Jenkins	Kevin Horres Martin Morrow	Ricky West Robbie Pettit	Barry Pettit Danny West
Children's Moment:	Barry Pettit	Kevin Horres	Robbie Pettit	Jennifer Eubanks	Chris Olson
Children's Church:	Taylor Thomas	Ashley West	Taylor Brady	Erin Rollins	Chris Olson
Nursery:	Donna Thornton	Laura Olson	Erin Rollins	Ashley West	Laura Olson

January Birthdays

- 1 Frank Oglesby
- 8 Patsy West
- 12 Frank Wilson
- 13 Erin Olson
- 19 Terry Horres
- 20 Stephanie Daniel
- 20 Nick Olson
- 31 Mary Woods



Prayer Requests: Connie Jackson, Gerald Padgett, Joretta Gilbert, Daryl Smith, Ray Switzer, Barbara Eubanks, Stephanie Malone, Dudley Strange, Mike McArthur, Emerson Crawford, Dennis Thornton, Anne Miller, Katherine Smith, Pat West, Bruce Sanders, Jacob Casey, George Banks, Royce Camp, Susan Wilson, Jeff Casey, Phil Cantrell, Dawn Pitcher, Scott Pitcher, Daryl Smith, 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 DECEMBER 2022

Sales	\$	1,140.00
Expenses	\$	260.80
Profit	\$	879.20
Soup Kitchen	\$	90.00



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**:

- *Richard and Faye Waters in memory of GH Thornton and Helen Thornton (BF)*
- *\$1,010 was donated to the Thornwell Home*

General Donations:

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

Bob Pettit (CEF), Bob Pettit (BF), Aldon Knight (BF), The Daniels Family (BF), Marianna McKeown (BF)

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

Community Outreach Program: The Community Outreach committee would like to thank everyone for participating in the Christmas charity events. Your contributions provided the Carolina Pregnancy Center with 25 blankets and 28 jackets. We also provided Rosewood Assisted Living with 59 angel bags for their residents. Instead of the white gifts for Thornwell Home that we have given in the past, the committee decided to give a cash donation along with the contributions raised from the congregation. The committee thanks you all for your generous contributions and we look forward to continuing our outreach in 2023.

If any donations were made to the unity Poinsettia and those were not included in this edition of the newsletter, they will be published in the next version.

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.glenspringspres.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 January.** Please have all newsletter submissions turned in by this date.

Unity Poinsettia Contributions

The Unity Poinsettia you see in the sanctuary represents the unity of our lives in the Church Militant and our close unity with the Church Triumphant. As Christians we are united as the Body of the Living Christ. Thank you for the remembrances of those who have now entered the Church Triumphant and for those dear love ones whom you honor. We can rejoice because the Lord God Omnipotent Reigns!

Given by: Dr. Bobby Earl Pettit & Family

Given in Memory of: Mrs. Geneva West Pettit

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred West; Mr. & Mrs. John L. Pettit

Mr. & Mrs. S. Curtis Pettit; Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Pettit

Mrs. Lukeva Pettit; Mr. & Mrs. Harold (Allie Pettit) Skinner

Mr. John Wayne Pettit

Given in Honor of: Mr. & Mrs. Bobby E. Pettit, Jr. (Anna Barry)

Mr. & Mrs. John Barry Pettit (Marlee); Little Miss Lottie Lee Pettit

Mrs. Ann Pettit Sander; Miss Ashley Ann Sander

Mr. Preston Davis Sander

Given by: Chris & Lori Morrow

Given in Memory of: Mr. John Wayne Pettit

Mr. & Mrs. Jones T. Morrow

Given by: Jesse & Taylor Thomas

Given in Honor of: Ella Grace & Olivia Thomas

Given by: Gordon & Patricia DePoint

Given in Memory of: Parents: Jacob & Mary DePoint and

Richard & Nancy DeFisher

Given by: Frank & Susan Wilson

Given in Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wilson, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. James Hill; Mr. Terry Olson

Given by: Bob & Shirley Barnett

Given in Honor of: Nancy Rogers &

The Westminster Sunday School Class

Given in Memory of: Terry Hines; Terry Olson

Given by: Elaine Olson

Given in Honor of: Sunny & Gail Vincent

Given in Memory of: Terry Olson; Tommy Alexander

Given by: Phil & Joan Atchley & Family

Given in Memory of: Guy & Juanita Atchley

Given by: Bob & Donna Bodie

Given in Honor of: Danny West

Given in Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. S.L. Montgomery, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. H.D. Bodie, Jr.

Given by: Joyce H. Littlefield

Given in Memory of: R.V. Littlefield

Given by: April F. Smith

Given in Honor of: Dr. Bob Pettit; Stephanie Eubanks; Kevin Horres

Given in Memory of: Bernard Smith & Bernie Smith

Given by: Wilbur & Mellie Groce

Given in Memory of: Bethany Groce

Given by: Marion & Barbara Eubanks

Given in Memory of: Tommy Alexander; Charlie & Ruby Eubanks

Given by: Robbie Alexander

Given in Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. William K. Thompson, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. C. Bernard Alexander; Tommy Alexander

Given by: Robbie & Anna Pettit
Given in Honor of: Dr. B.E. Pettit (Poppy); Mr. & Mrs. Barry Pettit
Miss Lottie Lee Pettit
Given in Memory of: Mr. William Kenneth Barry; Mrs. June Mullins
Mrs. Geneva Pettit; Mr. & Mrs. James Little
Mr. & Mrs. John L. Pettit; Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. West

Given by: Nancy Rogers
Given in Honor of: Marie, Jeff, Terry, Kevin, Austin,
Allison & Martin; Westminster Sunday School Class
Given in Memory of: Tommy Rogers

Given by: Etta Jenkins
Given in Honor of: Abby Jenkins

Given by: The Adult Choir
Given in Memory of: Terry Olson

Given by: Eddie, Jen, Will & Thomas Eubanks
Given in Honor of: Rita Eubanks, Chandler Alexander
Given in Memory of: Naamon & Jewell Duty; Charlie & Ruby
Eubanks; Edith Thornton; Johnny & Kyrene Hill

Given by: Rita Eubanks
Given in Honor of: Eubanks Families
Given in Memory of: Ruby Eubanks

Given by: Mary Woods
Given in Honor of: Grandchildren

Given by: Nancy Smith and Family
Given in Memory of: Bob Smith

Given by: Kevin & Terry Horres
Given in Memory of: Tommy “Pop” Rogers
Linda Sue “Nana” Horres

Given by: Darryl Smith
Given in Honor of: Nancy Smith
Given in Memory of: Bob Smith & Jimmy Smith

Given by: Wayne & Kay West
Given in Memory of: Louise West
Mr. & Mrs. James Hicks Lovelace; Woodrow H. Warlick

Given by: Jo-Anne Welch
Given in Honor of: Kevin Horres; Stephanie Eubanks
Given in Memory of: Harold & Ruby Welch; Roberta Sims Welch

Given by: Danny C. West
Given in Memory of: Charles & Mary John West; Annie Mae Smith

Given by: Nelson & Myra Smith
Given in Honor of: Community Outreach Fund

Given by: Faye & Richard Waters
Given in Honor of: Community Outreach Fund

Given by: David Hart
Given in Memory of: Carolyn Hart Hedgepath; Elsie McElraft

Please Note: The names used are those which were placed on the forms in memory of or in honor of someone. Every effort was made to accurately interpret the form as it was filled out. Please forgive if you find that a mistake has been made. Thanks