



**FEBRUARY 2020**



Wednesdays  
5PM

Happy Valentine's Day  
February 14



Soup Supper  
Fundraiser  
February 15  
5-7 PM



February 26  
Service and Meal  
6PM



February 29<sup>th</sup>  
LEAP DAY!!

# Leap Year with 2020 Vision

According to the internet, “The length of a year on Earth is defined by the time it takes our planet to complete a full orbit around the Sun. Called a tropical year, solar year, astronomical year or equinoctial year, it is approximately 365.242189 days long on average. Its length changes slightly over time. Because a common year has 365 days in today's Gregorian calendar, a leap day is regularly added to bring it in sync with the tropical year.” In 100 years, we would be off by 24 days.

So... this year we have an extra day at the end of February so that our calendars can be kept on track. What else in our lives seems to get off track without our really noticing it until something is completely out of sync with our goals?

In my January article I talked about how we needed to enhance our witness for Christ as a New Year's Resolution. How is that going? I must admit I worked really well on that goal for a short time, then life got in the way. I got lazy. But if I want my witness to be about Christ instead of my own personal life I need to reset and get back on track.

This morning I was reminded of the start of the Lord's Prayer in conjunction with Ezekiel 36. “Hallowed be Thy name”, “My name is holy”, God was telling the Israelites, through Ezekiel that they had profaned His name by their disobedience to Him and their searching for “other” gods to worship. I would never purposely use the Lord's name in vain. But to realize that through my attitudes I profane the name of God. An attitude of defeat. An attitude that says I cannot instead of saying “with God all things are possible”.

A self-focused attitude which is more concerned about what members of the



congregation think of me is profaning the name of God. We each must trust that God has a perfect plan for our lives. We may not understand every step of the way, but we trust that God will lead us to an eternity with Him through His Son, Jesus the Christ. I, we, need to hallow the name of God in our thoughts and deeds.

In this Leap Year of 2020 may our focus be on glorifying Jesus instead of being blind sided by the status quo.

Your sister in Christ,  
Pastor Grace



## **Weekly Bible Studies** ***Study of the Gospels***

Sundays at the Delphi Church  
Office 4PM

***Study of 1 Samuel***  
Thursdays Home of Pastor Grace-  
5PM

## **Christian Education**

*by Barbara Pearce*

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In doing some research I have discovered dwindling Sunday Schools are a trend in most churches, through-out our country. This is a reason for worry. As we all know, our country is falling further and further from God. The best way to stay in touch with God and his individual cares for each of us, is to make ourselves accountable. Coming to Sunday School or a Small Group Study on Sunday mornings is an excellent way to keep us accountable to each other and to God, while enjoying good fellowship with each other. PLEASE SPEND SOME TIME WITH GOD, and examine your current relationship with him. Do you need to reconnect with Him? Please take some time and let me know what issues, in the bible or our communities and world, you would like to study. There will be a sign-up sheet at Church for all your ideas.

### **OASIS**

Oasis has 3 special events in February. The Soup Supper and Bake Sale will be February 15, 2020 from 5-7 PM. Please help up raise money for sending our Oasis children to Camp by bringing Soup and/or Baked Goods no later than Saturday (Feb 15) at 2:00 PM.

Please pass the word to your families and friends by word of mouth and Facebook. The next event will be a Bowling Party on Sunday, February 23 from 3-5PM. The last special event will be our annual Ash Wednesday

Worship Service. The evening will begin with the normal meal at 6:00 PM followed by the Worship Service to include the Oasis Children, our congregation, Cutler Presbyterian, and Delphi First Presbyterian Churches. Everyone is welcome to come for the 6:00 PM meal.

### **SOUP SUPPER AND BAKE SALE**

February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soup Supper and Bake Sale. The Soup Supper (with corn bread) will be a Free Will Offering and in addition we will be selling Baked Goods. There will be an assortment of soups. Come, eat and be merry. There will be plenty to eat here and take home. Bring you family and friends. Share this information on Facebook.



## **Presbyterian Women**

*By Jane Bishop*

The Mary-Martha Circle will not meet until March

### **THRIFT SHOP WORKERS**

Register-Feb 8th Barbara P.  
Sally S.Jane B.  
Sorting-Feb. 13. Marlene S.

### **FOOD PANTRY-MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

We need to remember that February is the month that our church is to help at the Food Pantry as well as provide needed articles.

#### **FOOD PANTRY-NEEDED ITEMS (BRING TO THE CHURCH)**

**Shampoo, Conditioner, Dish Soap, Toilet Paper,  
Paper Towel, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste  
Items Needed for Pick Shelf: Cakes, etc.**

#### **TWO MEMBERS NEEDED EACH**

#### **MONDAY AND FRIDAY FOR**

#### **THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

#### **FROM 10-12 AM, ALSO ON**

#### **TUESDAY FEB. 11 TWO MEN**

#### **NEEDED TO UNLOAD TRUCK.**

**KEVIN CLARK & GERRY HOLLIS  
HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS.**

These members have volunteered  
for Mondays and Fridays;

FEBRUARY 3 JANE B. &??

FEBRUARY 7 JANE B. &??

FEBRUARY 10 JOAN M. & MARLENE S.

FEBRUARY 14 SALLY S. & JOAN M.

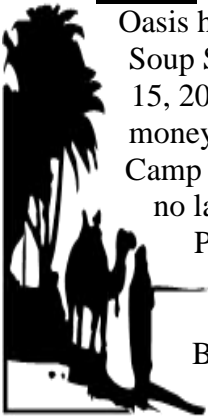
FEBRUARY 17 BARBARA P. & JANE B.

FEBRUARY 21 JANE B. &??

FEBRUARY 24 BARBARA P. & JANE B.

FEBRUARY 28 BARBARA P. & JANE B.

**Please make the ????? go away!!!**



### **My Faith Story**

*By Deloris Pitts*

My faith story doesn't begin like most I'd say. Mine begins with me setting in jail during a bible study (to pass the time) and the lady leading it was a former atheist. She said "God has you where he wants you right now." At the time I didn't understand what she meant. However it was there that my life turned around.

I was there because I used drugs and alcohol and made some poor choices. I was surrounded by people that didn't always have my best interest at heart. Sitting there in jail I did self-reflection. When I got out I had several court ordered things I had to follow through with. I had to cut people off in my life, some of them were harder than others.

I made new friends. Attended AA and NA meetings. I found Jesus. Made God my higher power. Within a few months I was saved and a year later I was baptized. Til this day I remain clean and sober, just over 10 yrs now.

### **God Calls Us All to Ministries**

*By Barbara Pearce*

I have been part of two Bible Studies within our Church. In going through the Old Testament, we have looked at God's commands and God's rewards. One particular book in the Old Testament, Joshua, tells a story about what happens when people follow God's commands. After Moses's death, Joshua led Israelites to the "Promise Land". Starting with crossing the Jordan on dry land (just like crossing the Red Sea) through their valiant overthrowing and destroying the cities God gave to them. Some do not like this book because of all the destruction and killing, but God made sure his people received the land he promised them. Yes, the Israelites had to fight for the land they received, but God was there every step of the way, giving them specific instructions for their next gain. In the end he divided the land between all the tribes of the Israelites. Even though our end result in getting to Heaven is only by God's Grace and faith in Jesus Christ. God always gives us rewards for doing his work. Our rewards come in various forms. It might be in money, in increased material wealth, it might be in moral strength, in faith, in God's peace and many more spiritual rewards. As God called on

Joshua and the Israelites to do their Work, he calls on us to complete our works for him.

I have always felt God has given me the Gift of Serving. Along with Serving, Giving and Compassion are included. You might think that is easy, everyone has those gifts. Not Really. Not everyone has the heart to really meet other's needs, to take the time to help others fill expectations, to actually carry out plans and help other to carry out their needed plans, to accommodate others, to improvise as needed, to witness, to truly accept others as they are, to crusade for the needy, to show mercy for anyone who knowingly made mistakes and the list goes on. I've been trained in teaching, and areas of management and administration. I have even directed, encouraged and influenced others to choose activities that would improve their lives. However, I always fall back on, I find what comes naturally, the Gifts God has giving me to Serve, to Give and have Compassion for others. Joshua led the Israelites to conquer the land God gave them and for the next year I will lead our congregation by teaching, showing and giving God's Love to Flora Presbyterian Church and our worldly neighbors by using my God Given Gifts and the attributes I have been taught through the People God has put in my path.

During this upcoming year I would like to see some kind of Playhouse or Theatrical Club for Oasis Children throughout the summer. Kids could learn God's Stories and God's ways by acting out the thoughts and actions of others via a skit or play. These skits or plays could be performed in front of an audience but definitely would not be necessary. Just putting their thoughts and actions into the plays would help them grow towards God. I would like to see the adults at Flora Presbyterian Church fellowship with Delphi First Presbyterian Church, family members and friends. A group could be formed to dine at a fellow Presbyterian's home or at a restaurant followed by a religious study. Other activities could include Bike riding or hiking followed by a religious study. Let's all come together, using the Gifts God has given each of us to improve our walk with others and with God.

**If you would be interested in being a  
Worship Volunteer Please see Toni Brewster  
or Melvin Matos**

**USHERS**

*February 2 Barbara Pearce*

*February 9*

*February 16 Sally Schmidt*

*February 23*

**Scripture Readers for February**

*February 2 Sally Schmidt*

*February 9 Barbara Pearce*

*February 16 Sally Schmidt*

*February 23 Barbara*

**Coffee Fellowship for February**

*February 2*

*February 9 Sally Schmidt*

*February 16 Martha Clark*

*February 23*

**Acolytes for February**

*February 2 Judah Pitts, Shawn Ross Pitts*

*February 9 Haylee Randolph, Janessa Pitts*

*February 16 Judah Pitts, Kolton Pitts*

*February 23 Shawn Ross Pitts, Janessa Pitts*

**Session Leaders**

Michelle Matos- Clerk

Barbara Pearce – Personnel

Melvin Matos – Worship

Martha Clark-Stewardship

Kent King-Bldg and Grounds

Deloris Pitts- Missions

Sally Schmidt-Cong. Life



*The LORD your God...*

will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love.

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B=Birthdays

# FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Bible Study 4PM	3	4  B=Reagan Catron	5 Kid Bells 5PM  Oasis 6PM	6 Bible Study 5:30 B=Laraine Mac. B=Joe Moss	7	8  8:30 Bells 9:30 Choir
9 Bible Study 4PM	10	11	12 Senior Lunch Delphi 12PM Kid Bells 5PM Oasis 6PM B=Donna Sholty	13 Bible Study 5:30	14 	15 8:30 Bells 9:30 Choir  <b>SOUP SUPPER FUNDRAISER</b>
16  Bible Study 4PM	17	18	19 Kid Bells 5PM  Oasis 6PM	20  Bible Study 5:30	21	22 8:30 Bells 9:30 Choir
23 Oasis Bowling Party  Bible Study 4PM	24	25	26 Kid Bells 5PM  Ash Wed 6PM B=Gerry Hollis	27 Bible Study 5:30	28	29 8:30 Bells 9:30 Choir  