

# *The Tidings*

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### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

In recent months since my hospitalization we have been watching the bills roll in. Trying to keep up with all of them, plus the regulars and Christmas stuff can get your brain swirling. The other day my wife was looking at the power bill and was confused that there was no due date. After looking at it a moment, there was no amount due either. We figured out that the power company was returning our deposit after a year. I can't recall any other time, we have gotten free power. The blessing came at a great time, Christmas.

The new year is here, and we have power. The power of choice. What will this next year look like for you? What choices will you make this coming year? The choices are not all big, but they can be cumulative. The choices made each day can add up over time. You always have the power to make a choice. What you choose to do each day or through the year will have an impact on your life and others.

We all have a certain amount of power. The question isn't if but how we will use the power or opportunities we have. Jesus who was God's Son, had all the fullness of God dwelling in him. Jesus had the power to heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, make the lame to walk. He could walk on water. He could calm the storm. He could raise a man from the dead. He could feed thousands and play with children. He was even raised from the dead.

Jesus had all the power of God in this world, and yet he didn't abuse it. Jesus exercised power under restraint. This is what is known as meekness. In our world today, not too many would restrain their power. When Jesus uses his power, it is rarely for his benefit and always for the benefit of others. You may not think you have power, but what power you do have, please use it in such a way that it is for the benefit of others.

In the new year you have a free power called choice. What you do with this power could hurt or help others and yourself. Bless when you can. Sit with others who suffer and grieve. When you have the power to control or retaliate, choose meekness and grace. There will always be someone who is in a position of power over you. Whatever we do for the least of these we do for Christ.

I do not have a magic crystal ball that can tell us all that will happen in 2018. I do know we can trust God and through our power to choose we can change a lot for the better. What does 2018 hold for you? Trust God and choose wisely.

God Bless,

Greg

### **SENIOR'S MEETING**

Seniors meet on the second Monday of each month (except July and August) at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. A short business meeting and an interesting, informative or entertaining program is followed by a delicious covered dish luncheon. Invite your friends and neighbors!

- January 8, 2017 – Speaker, Jelisa Turner, Henrico County's Advocate for the Aging.
- February 12 – It's Abe Lincoln's birthday! He might just show up to celebrate!
- March 12 – A celebration of the hymns of Fanny Crosby who wrote over 10,000 hymns including favorites like *Blessed Assurance* and *To God Be the Glory*.

We welcome our church members as well as friends and neighbors in the community who are 60 years old and enjoy fun and fellowship with other seniors.

Mary Dick

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**Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in the month of JANUARY: Daniele Adams (1), Michael Vaughan (1), Chris Gordon(2), Beverly Parady(4), Joyce Corey(5), Irene Powers(6), Aubrey Adams(7), Ashbey(Dickey)Lane(8), Doug Meador(8), Bud Sanders(9), David Parsons(11), Christina Fant(12), Patricia Chalkley(14), Travis Gouldin(14), Barbara Cottrell(14), Shirley Harwood(16), Arthur Eberhard(17), Kenneth Elgert(17), Marcie Gouldin(17), Bradley Bickerton(18), Richard Mosley(21), Amanda Brown (23), Sharon Carlton(24), Dominic Powers(26), James Burton(27), Annell Crews(28), Randy Vaughan(29), James Hardee(30), Lynda Cooke(31)**

(If your birthday has been inadvertently left off the birthday list or entered incorrectly, please contact the Church Office.)

### **WMU – WOMEN’S MISSIONARY UNION**

**OUR MISSION: ... TO INFORM AND INSPIRE Christians to influence their world for Christ.**

**WATCHWORD: “I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings”.  
(1 Cor. 9:22b-23 NIV)**

Do you know we have the opportunity to pray for our missionaries on their birthdays each month?

Please pray for our missionaries celebrating their birthday on January 1, 2018. The focus passage is Matthew 4:19 – NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS BOARD – Robert Blake, Casey Bushman, Santa Ramdam, Donna Hasedine, Meshak Kabwa, Andrew Haynes, Puma Ramdam, Dee Poudyel, Lia Potter, Luis Soto: INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD – ES, KL, DN, SB - chaplains & volunteers –RETIRED MISSIONARIES Vicente Ca, Charles Danley, Donald Overstreet, Vanita Brooks, Amy Cooper, Helen Day, Mary Langford and Sue Wilson. (Those with just their initials are serving in dangerous areas and we don’t know their full names. They especially need our prayers) Let’s show our love and support by praying for them.

Our Mission project for January will be to help with CARITAS (CONGREGATIONS AROUND RICHMOND INVOLVED TO ASSURE SHELTER) at Sandston Baptist Church on January 22 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to help with this, please contact Pat Chalkley

The Woman’s Missionary Union wishes each of you a healthy and love filled 2018 and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR –

Joyce Adams, Reporting for WMU

### **YOUTH**

Starting January 5, the Youth Group will meet every Friday night from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm. This is an effort to get more young people interested in joining our youth group and coming to church. If you have friends or family who have youth that may be interested in joining our group, please invite them to come out.

Amy Moretz, Youth Leader

### **WORDS OF WISDOM**

Full usefulness depends on new thoughts and new horizons. Life must look to the future, not to the past.

Take time to live – it is the secret of success.

Take time to think – it is the source of power.

Take time to play – it is the secret of youth.

Take time to read – it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time for friendship – it is the source of happiness